

Nanovic honors professor for research

Jerrold Seigel will accept \$10,000 prize and give lecture in the fall

By **JACK ROONEY**
News Writer

The Nanovic Institute for European Studies and a panel of jurors featuring two Notre Dame professors awarded the annual \$10,000 Laura Shannon Prize in Contemporary European Studies to Jerrold Seigel for his book "Modernity and Bourgeois Life: Society, Politics and Culture in England, France and Germany since 1750."

Last Monday, the Nanovic Institute announced the winner of this fifth annual prize. Nanovic manager of operations Monica Caro said the award goes to "the author of the best book in European

studies that transcends a focus on any one country, state or people to stimulate new ways of thinking about contemporary Europe as a whole."

Peter Holland, an associ-

Jerrold Seigel
Laura Shannon Prize winner



ate dean in the College of Arts and Letters and one of the jury members for the prize, said the young award has quickly gained prestige in the field of European

Studies.

"Its reputation has grown very quickly indeed," Holland said. "One of the ways that one can measure that, if you like, is that we ended up with a very distinguished international committee of jurors. The fact that people are willing to do it is a sign that they want to find a good and deserving winner for a major prize."

A. James McAdams, director of the Nanovic Institute, said the prize is now the most prestigious of its kind.

"There is no doubt about it, we have created the leading book prize in European studies in the country," McAdams said.

A press release on the

Nanovic website said the jury also included Notre Dame professor emeritus Alasdair MacIntyre as well as professors from Yale, Stanford and the University of Amsterdam.

The jury praised Seigel's book as an influential and significant work in the field of European Studies.

A statement from the jury said, "A work of erudite detail and stunning originality, Jerrold Seigel's "Modernity and Bourgeois Life" offers a magisterial account of the development of networks in terms of economy, politics and aesthetic culture. Here is a work of scholarly synthesis

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Professor studies Arab Spring protests

By **KATIE McCARTY**
News Writer

Notre Dame psychology professor Laura Miller described her new line of research on the effects of extreme trauma on children and adults involved in the Arab Spring as "a marriage

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Belles around the world showcase class rings

By **VERONICA DARLING**
News Writer

The website for Saint Mary's College now features the page "Belles Ring Around the World," a site of alumnae and current Belles wearing their class rings in locations around the globe.

Alumna Caitlin DeCoursey (Class of 2012) said she wears her Saint Mary's class ring for important occasions as she sees it is as a symbol of strength and accomplishment. On the Saint Mary's webpage, DeCoursey wears

her ring during her first round of chemotherapy.

"I was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma one month ago and just started treatment," she said. "I shared my picture to show other Belles who may be going through a difficult situation that we are strong. We are fighters. We can get through anything."

Since her diagnosis, DeCoursey said the Saint Mary's family has acted as an incredible source of love

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(From left to right): Carol Knych Stephens '83, Kathy Knych Dapper '87, Chris Knych Ugo '97, Katie Dapper '11 and Sarah Dapper '15 are wearing their Saint Mary's class rings for a family photo.

'BeaUtiful' event promotes self-esteem in teenagers

By **CHARLIE DUCEY**
News Writer

Shades of Ebony, an organization of female African-American students at Notre Dame, sought to empower local South Bend high-school students with their BeaUtiful event in the Coleman-Morse student lounge on Thursday.

Shades of Ebony vice-president Deandra Cadet said the BeaUtiful event

brought together Shades of Ebony members, guest speakers and around 50 female African-American students from Washington High School for an evening of group discussion and presentations centering on individuality and self-esteem.

"This year the theme is "Believe in Your Beautiful." We will focus on believing in the beauty of yourself, of others and your future," Cadet

said. "Our goal is to mentor and support the girls and provide them with tips and advice for self-esteem, image and the future through the words of exceptional speakers and discussion."

Cadet said planning for the annual high school outreach event involved community engagement on and off campus.

"We reached out to the guidance counselors from

various South Bend schools and visited to send permission slips, flyers and waivers," Cadet said. "As far as funding, many dorms have generously donated to support the success of this event." Sophomore Lena Madison, the club's treasurer, said this year's event focuses on promoting individuality.

"It's important because it's empowering women to

be who they are," Madison said. "The goal is to make sure that these young women know that they can decide who they want to be, as opposed to having society decide who who they ought to be." Freshman Arielle Flowers, a committee member of Shades of Ebony, said the event's focus on individuality is much needed.

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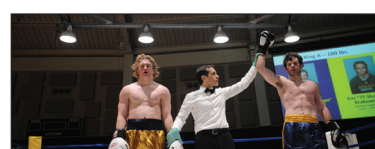
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“Afro.”



Lisa Slomka

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“Pocahontas hair, super natural-looking, long straight and dark.”



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“French braid.”



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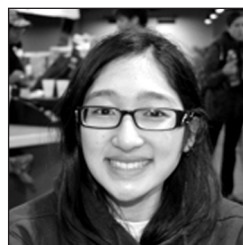
“Reverse Mohawk.”



Dani Grover

sophomore
Cavanaugh Hall

“Curly side ponytail.”



Jennifer Doan

senior
off-campus

“Really short layers with red highlight.”



MICHAEL KRAMM | The Observer

Brian “Rowdy” Roddy and Eric “P-Rex” Palutsis square off in the quarterfinal round of Bengal Bouts, the annual men's boxing tournament, on Thursday. Roddy won the match, the proceeds of which will fund Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

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Women's Tennis

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4 p.m.-6 p.m.
Match against Georgia Tech. Free admission.

Memorial for Akash Sharma

LaFortune Ballroom
5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Memorial service for graduate student.

Saturday

Men's Lacrosse

Loftus Sports Center
3 p.m.-5 p.m.
The Irish take on the Penn State Nittany Lions.

Indian Film Night: “English Vinglish”

LaFortune Student Center
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Refreshments provided.

Sunday

Women on Weights Workshop

Rolfs Recreation Center
10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Reserve spots online.

Women's Basketball

Joyce Center
1 p.m.-3 p.m.
The Irish take on the Duke Blue Devils.

Monday

Revolution in Ukraine

LaFortune Student Center
4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Current political turmoil discussed.

Swing Dance Performance

Washington Hall
7:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m.
On the evolution of swing dance.

Tuesday

International Tax Assistance

LaFortune Student Center
All day
By appointment only.

Men's Boxing: Bengal Bouts

Joyce Center
7 p.m.-8 p.m.
Semifinal round.

SMC Dance Marathon supports children's hospital

By **RONI DARLING**
News Writer

In preparation for the Dance Marathon at Saint Mary's, scheduled to take place April 5, the team of Belles organizing the event is working on spreading awareness and raising money throughout the South Bend community. The Dance Marathon is a student-led fundraiser, benefitting Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

President and senior Ellen Smith said a group of young women who wanted to bring the pure magic of Dance Marathon to campus started the event nine years ago.

"So far we have almost 130 girls registered for the Marathon," Smith said. "We are hoping to at least double that number by the date of our Marathon."

Smith said one of her major goals for this year's Dance Marathon is to continue to increase the knowledge and awareness of the event's cause to her classmates.

"I believe that raising all the money that we can is incredibly important to saving the lives of children who cannot help the cards that they were dealt," Smith said. "In addition to raising that money, I believe that it is equally important that we convey to the

best of our ability why we do Dance Marathon. In addition to money, we can send the children and families at Riley our love, positive energy and support."

Co-fundraising executives and seniors Erin Nanovic and Christa McColl are in charge of raising awareness for Dance Marathon through various events and fundraisers, such as the For the Kids 5K in the fall semester and Riley Week in the spring semester, Nanovic said.

She said one of the fundraisers took place last week, an event called Stop the Bop. "Hoedown Throwdown" played on repeat in the Noble Family Dining Hall during lunch on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of Riley Week, Nanovic said. Nanovic said the main goal of Riley Week is to make as many people aware of Dance Marathon and Riley Hospital for Children as possible.

"Most of the students react well, and they will even sing along. I saw a few people dance, I may have been one of them," Nanovic said. "When we play, what we call 'annoying' songs in the dining hall on repeat, we receive a lot of attention. If we raised \$350, we would turn the song off."

"Of course, we always have a handful of people who

complain, but we just do our best to remind people that we do all of this for the kids. My hope is that most people understand that and are willing to support our efforts."

Nanovic said along with Stop the Bop, Dance Marathon also teamed up with Chipotle for a giveback night.

"We love to do giveback nights because these types of events get the community more involved," she said. "For this giveback night, we were so blessed to find out Chipotle was not only willing to participate, but they were willing to give us 50 percent of any proceeds on Thursday night of Riley Week."

"I went around 6:30 p.m., and I waited in line for over 30 minutes. I was so excited to see so many people waiting to get their Chipotle. There were even points where the line was wrapped around three times and still out the door. It was insane but so great to see everyone coming out to support Dance Marathon and Riley."

Another upcoming fundraiser is "canning" at Sam's Club, Nanovic said.

"We are so grateful that Sam's Club allows us to do this. We take our red Riley buckets and stand outside the doors of Sam's Club to take donations," she said. "We

meet so many people from the community who either have a personal connection with Riley or are simply incredibly supportive of the cause."

Canning at Sam's Club will occur this Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Feb. 28 from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and March 2 from 10:00 a.m.

"It is an indescribable feeling to see the smiling faces of children who you have helped by dedicating much of your time into raising money and awareness for Riley."

Erin Nanovic
Co-fundraising executive

- 6:00 p.m.

Nanovic said each person on the executive board aims to raise at least \$750, but the team harbors more than monetary goals.

"Personally, I want to exert all of my efforts into planning the best Dance Marathon yet," she said. "It is an indescribable feeling to see the smiling faces of children who you have helped by dedicating much of your time into raising money

and awareness for Riley.

"There are so many times when I can get caught up in my own issues and problems, but as soon as I focus on Dance Marathon, I remember that my homework that is due the next day is such a minor issue compared to a child fighting an illness in a hospital."

Nanovic said she also looks forward to the good food and company associated with the event.

"Everyone who participates in Dance Marathon is full of life and so happy to be there. The feeling is contagious," she said.

Vice president and senior Hannah Karches said the team will advertise all upcoming events on the Saint Mary's Dance Marathon Club website and Twitter accounts as well as through flyers on campus.

Karches said her personal goals for Dance Marathon are to increase attendance at the event and to raise awareness for Riley Hospital.

"Although we hope to raise money to support the hospital, I want other students to experience the marathon and to understand why the committee members work so hard to make Dance Marathon a success," she said.

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"The problem is that society propagates stereotypes about being an African-American, and a woman on top of that," Flowers said. "But this event is about being what you are, saying what you feel and fitting in

the skin that you're in."

According to Madison, the role of beauty and image formed another focus of the event.

"Right now in society, it's easy to think that you need to be perfect in every way. So when we look at body image, we're trying to say that you're in the skin that you're

in and the things that matter are what people don't see at first glance," Madison said. "Appearance is nothing compared to what someone can be inside and as a person."

Guest speakers and Notre Dame graduates Arienne Thompson (class of 2004) and Jocelyn Allen (Class

of 1991) helped impart the group's central message of individuality and self-esteem. Thompson, who helped found Shades of Ebony in 2004, and Allen spoke on the themes of believing in self, others and destiny.

In addition to the BeaUtiful event, Cadet said Shades of Ebony hosts other events targeting community engagement, inclusion and sisterhood.

"Our biggest event, started last year, is Women's Week and is co-hosted by the Gender Relations Center," Cadet said. "It is a week-long event in celebration of Notre Dame women focused around spirituality, service, discussion and community."

The club also meets routinely every other Wednesday in the Walsh Hall basement to discuss issues such as those focused on high school students.

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Rings

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and support, and she said she feels especially connected to them when she wears her ring.

"I haven't seen many of them since graduation because I live in Southern California, but they have still found ways to show they still care through cards, messages, gifts, or phone calls," DeCoursey said. "I wouldn't trade my fellow Belles for anything." Junior Sarah Dapper said all the women in her family attended Saint Mary's and their class rings symbolize their time at the College. In her photo, Dapper is seen with four fellow Belles, showing off their golden rings.

Dapper said she has waited to receive her class ring since freshman year and was excited to order and receive it in the mail her junior year. "The ring is beautiful, and because it is such a significant tradition, I enjoy wearing it all the time," she said.

Even while traveling through airports, Dapper said people have approached her mother after noticing her

Saint Mary's class ring.

"It is great to see how such a small symbol means so much to all the women who attend or have attended Saint Mary's," she said.

Alumna Stephanie Cherpak (Class of 2013) said her website photo was taken at the Grotto during her engagement photo session with Notre Dame fiancé Matthew Clary (Class of 2013).

"The Grotto is a special place for us and not only because it is the location where we became engaged," she said. "Matt says that it was a place at which he always found himself spending time after walking me back to Blinkie."

The Grotto often served as a meeting place for the two throughout their college years, Cherpak said. The couple's class rings are as symbolic to their relationship as is the Grotto.

"A relationship with God has always been a part of Matt's and my relationship with each other, so lighting a candle together at the Grotto during the early months of our engagement serves as an outward symbol of the commitment to God we hope will

always be central to our relationship," she said.

The collection of lit candles at the Grotto and our SMC and ND rings remind us of the wonderful communities to which we belong, Cherpak said.

"Some people may think the SMC ring is a materialistic, money-making gimmick, but for those of us who have experienced what it means to be a Belle, we know that the Saint Mary's ring is much more than a nice piece of jewelry," Cherpak said. "It symbolizes a common experience among us, lived out in different ways; a community that will support, challenge, applaud, and console us when appropriate; and a place that will always make us feel at home."

Cherpak said she wears her Saint Mary's ring as it is a reminder of the institution and people who played a significant role in forming her into the woman she is today.

"It is comforting to always have a tangible piece of Saint Mary's with me, an outward symbol of the many 'pieces' of Saint Mary's that are always in my heart and mind," she said.



Courtesy of saintmarys.edu

Caitlin DeCoursey, Class of 2012, holds up her class ring while receiving chemotherapy treatment.

"In much the same way that religious brothers and sisters wear a specific pendant or pin to symbolize the community to which they belong, I wear my Saint Mary's ring so that people will know I am a Saint Mary's woman and proud of it."

Cherpak now attends the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, a graduate school of theology and ministry, where a high percentage of

students belong to religious communities. Many of them where rings, pendants, or pins that symbolize the religious community they belong to. since the Saint Mary's ring looks unique, especially with its French Cross on top, Cherpak said she is often asked about the ring and its background.

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between [her] interests."

The Arab Spring, a wave of demonstrations and protests across the Middle East, began in 2010 and has since

"Universities in the area also reported the need for resources to help their students manage grief, as there have been a large number of student deaths that have greatly affected university communities."

Laura Miller
psychology professor

left its mark on the people of that area, Miller said.

"The nature of what the Arab Spring has looked like and the enduring effects of initial protests have been quite different in each country," Miller said. "In the case of Egypt, the Arab Spring began with an amazing surge of hopefulness and the removal of long-time dictator Hosni Mubarak from office, but has tragically devolved over time into military rule and pervasive instability."

Miller said her interest in the Middle East began in her undergraduate years at Notre Dame, when she studied abroad in Cairo. She wrote her senior thesis

on political involvement and perceptions of mental health care among university students in Egypt. She said she then focused her graduate studies in clinical psychology on the effect of violence on children. From there, her research on the events in the Middle East took flight.

Miller, who teaches the class Psychology of Peace at Notre Dame, said her research is still in its early stages.

"My collaborators and I have identified some university partnerships that will be critical for facilitating our research," Miller said. "We are starting by engaging in some academic forums that will identify the key issues, needs and research priorities."

"I think that it is likely we will start with some preliminary online surveys to identify some of the cultural adaptations. We will need to make commonly used treatment methodologies and to identify ways that we can make treatment more accessible."

The effect of the Arab Spring on the mental health of those in the Middle East will be forthcoming, but Miller said the results will almost certainly indicate a need for trauma services in the region.

"From the discussions I have had with colleagues so far, there is a very high need for trauma services, paired with a shortage of people available to provide these services, and much

difficulty with intergroup relations," she said.

Of specifically high need for trauma resources are university students in the Middle East, she said.

"Universities in the area have also reported the need for resources to help their students manage grief, as there have been a large number of student deaths that have greatly affected university communities," Miller said.

Once the need for trauma resources is validated empirically by research, Miller said the ultimate goal of the study is to help psychologically-affected Middle Easterners on the road to recovery.

"After we do some survey research to identify basic needs, we are hoping to test a few intervention methodologies," Miller said. "But what that will look like will depend on feedback we receive from the communities."

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Prize

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and narrative power capable of informing many disciplines for decades to come."

Caro said Seigel will travel to Notre Dame in the fall to accept the prize and give a lecture, which is a contractual requirement of the prize designed to benefit Notre Dame students.

"It is an integral, contractual part of the prize that [the winner] must come to campus," Caro said. "Anything that the Nanovic Institute does, we always want to contact the students. So just having a book prize wouldn't be the kind of [award] that the Nanovic Institute would do. We're not just giving the book prize, they have to come to campus to lecture, and we also ensure that during that visit, they're visiting classes or meeting with student groups."

Caro said the prize further benefits students by providing them with free copies of the submissions.

"All of the books at the end of the process, we give to graduate students at an annual graduate student social ... which is a nice perk for graduate students," Caro said.

Caro said the prize accepts nominations from publishers and individual authors. The award alternates between books in the humanities and the social sciences, with Seigel's work winning for the humanities.

Holland said Seigel's book not only stands as an important scholarly work, but remains easy and enjoyable to read.

"It was a delight to read. I'm delighted that one of the qualities we were recognizing in this work that great scholars can write in an accessible and engaging way," Holland said. "I think it's one of those books that the curious phenomenon called the 'general reader' will actually enjoy. It's on my list of books to give out at Christmas."

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Ukrainian protesters clash with government

Associated Press

KIEV — Protesters advanced on police lines in the heart of the Ukrainian capital on Thursday, prompting government snipers to shoot back and kill scores of people in the country's deadliest day since the breakup of the Soviet Union a quarter-century ago.

The European Union imposed sanctions on those deemed responsible for the violence, and three EU foreign ministers held a long day of talks in Kiev with both embattled President Viktor Yanukovich and leaders of the protests seeking his ouster. But it's increasingly unclear whether either side has the will or ability to compromise.

Yanukovich and the opposition protesters are locked in a battle over the identity of Ukraine, a nation of 46 million that has divided loyalties between Russia and the West. Parts of the country — mostly in its western cities — are in open revolt against Yanukovich's central government, while many in eastern Ukraine back the president and favor strong ties with Russia, their former Soviet ruler.

Protesters across the country are also upset over corruption in Ukraine, the lack of democratic rights and the country's ailing economy, which just barely avoided bankruptcy with a \$15 billion aid infusion from Russia.

Despite the violence, defiant protesters seemed determined to continue their push for Yanukovich's resignation and early presidential and parliamentary elections. People streamed toward the square Thursday afternoon as other protesters hurled wood, refuse and tires on barricades.

"The price of freedom is too high. But Ukrainians are paying it," said Viktor Danilyuk, a 30-year-old protester. "We have no choice. The government isn't hearing us."

In an effort to defuse the situation, the national parliament late Thursday passed a measure that would prohibit an "anti-terrorist operation" threatened by Yanukovich to restore order, and called for all Interior Ministry troops to return to their bases. But it was unclear how binding the move would be. Presidential adviser Marina Stavnichuk was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying the measure goes into effect immediately, but that a mechanism for carrying it out would have to be developed by the president's office and the Interior Ministry.

At least 101 people have died this week in the clashes in Kiev, according to protesters and Ukrainian authorities, a sharp

reversal in three months of mostly peaceful protests. Now neither side appears willing to compromise.

Thursday was the deadliest day yet at the sprawling protest camp on Kiev's Independence Square, also called the Maidan. Snipers were seen shooting at protesters there — and video footage showed at least one sniper wearing a Ukraine riot police uniform.

One of the wounded, volunteer medic Olesya Zhukovskaya, sent out a brief Twitter message — "I'm dying" — after she was shot in the neck. Dr. Oleh Musiy,

"The price of freedom is too high. But Ukrainians are paying it. ... We have no choice. The government isn't hearing us."

Viktor Danilyuk
Ukrainian protester

the medical coordinator for the protesters, said she was in serious condition after undergoing surgery.

Musiy told The Associated Press that at least 70 protesters were killed Thursday and over 500 were wounded in the clashes — and that the death toll could rise further.

In addition, three policemen were killed Thursday and 28 suffered gunshot wounds, Interior Ministry spokesman Serhiy Burlakov told the AP.

The National Health Ministry said a total of 75 people died in the clashes Tuesday and Thursday, but did not give a breakdown. Earlier Thursday, however, it said 28 people had died.

There was no way to immediately verify any of the death tolls.

French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius, along with his German and Polish counterparts, said after a five-hour meeting with Yanukovich and another with opposition leaders that they discussed new elections and a new government, but gave no details. The three resumed meeting with Yanukovich late Thursday.

"For now, there are no results," said an opposition leader, Vitali Klitschko.

Video footage on Ukrainian television showed shocking scenes Thursday of protesters being cut down by gunfire, lying on the pavement as comrades rushed to their aid. Trying to protect themselves with shields, teams of protesters carried bodies away on sheets of plastic or planks of wood.

Democrats look for success in upcoming elections

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats, facing fewer opportunities to pick up seats in the Senate and House, see a more fertile playing field in the three dozen governors' races across the country this year. As a bonus, there's even the potential of scoring an early knockout against a potential 2016 Republican presidential contender or two.

In campaigns with broad presidential implications, Democrats see encouraging signs in their fight against Republicans' hold of 29 of the nation's 50 governor's mansions. Republicans will have a large map to defend — the GOP controls 22 of the 36 seats up for election, including six in states that President Barack Obama carried twice: Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Florida, Wisconsin and Maine.

"We know how to win national elections," Obama said Thursday at a fundraiser for the Democratic Governors Association. But he said all too often, Democrats get into trouble by ignoring state races "because I guess we don't think it's sexy enough. But the fact of the matter is that's where a lot of the action is."

Part of the strategy aims to undercut a group of prominent Republican governors first elected in 2010 who have presided over improving economies and billed themselves as reformers in contrast to the dysfunction in Congress. Democrats have sought to tarnish New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who was re-elected last year, as he deals with home state scandals and hope to extend the scrutiny to Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and Ohio Gov. John Kasich. All three are potential contenders for the GOP presidential nomination in 2016.

"The myth of Republican governors as reformers is dead," said Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin, who leads the Democratic Governors Association.

Obama's allies jumped on the release of thousands of emails this week involving former aides to Walker. The emails appeared to mix official and campaign business while Walker was serving as a county executive and running for governor in 2010. The approach drew comparisons to their focus on investigations involving Christie, including emails indicating that former aides and allies participated in a decision to shutter access lanes to the George Washington Bridge as political payback.

Despite the ongoing home-state scandal, Christie plans to maintain an aggressive national travel schedule as the top fundraiser for Republican governors. But he was expected to keep a low profile this weekend as

governors gather in Washington, D.C., for the annual National Governors Association meeting.

Walker is facing voters for the third time in four years. He escaped a recall election in 2012, when Democrats and unions sought revenge after a bitter fight over collective bargaining rights for state workers.

In the investigation involving his former aides, Walker was never charged with any wrongdoing. The probe closed last year with convictions against six of his former aides and associates. A second investigation is ongoing and reportedly looking into fundraising and other activities by Walker's campaign and conservative groups.

In Ohio, Kasich is up for re-

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election in the perennial presidential swing state. Recent polls suggest he holds a narrow advantage over Ed FitzGerald, a little-known Democratic county executive. A former House Budget Committee chairman, Kasich was humbled by an expensive battle with labor unions in 2011 that overturned restrictions he championed on unions representing police, firefighters, teachers and other public workers. Kasich briefly sought the presidency in 1999 and Republicans say he could pursue it again if he wins re-election.

The GOP is waging a broad campaign to highlight improving economies and optimism under Republican governors from South Carolina to New Mexico. Republican strategists view Obama as a liability for Democrats, particularly in a number of Rust Belt states that elected GOP governors four years ago. But they acknowledge that the fall elections could influence the 2016 presidential race, when the GOP field could include Christie, Walker, Kasich and outgoing Govs. Bobby Jindal of Louisiana and Rick Perry of Texas.

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our party."

The state campaigns represent an anomaly for Democrats, who face daunting challenges this year in trying to retain their Senate majority and recapture the House. In gubernatorial races, Democrats hope to go on offense.

In Pennsylvania, Republican Gov. Tom Corbett has struggled to recover after supporting deep cuts to public education, making a number of verbal gaffes and lingering questions about the Jerry Sandusky child abuse investigation at Penn State, which happened while he was attorney general. Republicans hope a competitive Democratic primary might produce an overly liberal nominee who will struggle in conservative parts of the state.

A tea party favorite, Maine Gov. Paul LePage has drawn a rash of negative press over his first term for making controversial statements. Polls suggest he is unpopular, but the Republican could benefit from a divided Democratic electorate in a three-way race.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott faces a comeback attempt by former GOP Gov. Charlie Crist, who is now running as a Democrat with the blessing of top Democrats. Scott, a wealthy health care executive before he entered politics, could spend up to \$100 million defending his seat.

Elsewhere, Democrats are bullish on races in Arkansas, Michigan and South Carolina.

Republicans want to bind Democratic candidates to Obama on the economy and the health care rollout. They plan to challenge Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn, who avoided a primary challenge against former White House chief of staff Bill Daley, but could run into problems against the winner of a GOP primary field that includes wealthy businessman Bruce Rauner and state Treasurer Dan Rutherford.

Other potential trouble spots for Democrats include Connecticut, where first-term Gov. Dan Molloy may face a rematch against Tom Foley, a former Republican ambassador who nearly defeated him four years ago.

"They want to talk about our governors because they don't want to talk about their own," said Phil Cox, the executive director of the Republican Governors Association. "They've got some very vulnerable incumbents."

Democrats say their candidates need to explain the benefits of the health care law, noting that Obama would benefit from more allies in the states. The president's health care overhaul was largely implemented in states with Democratic governors while their GOP counterparts tried to block it in court.

Venezuela opposition movement stages protests

Associated Press

CARACAS — Venezuelan opposition leaders condemned the government Thursday for its heavy-handed attempt to subdue a protest movement with night-time sweeps that have turned many parts of the country into dangerous free-fire zones.

Police, National Guard troops and members of private militias have swarmed through streets in the capital and elsewhere firing volleys, at times indiscriminately, in repeated spasms of night-time violence in recent days.

Henrique Capriles, the two-time presidential candidate of an opposition coalition, said the government has engaged in “brutal repression” as it goes after students and other protesters, in some cases breaking into apartment buildings to arrest those it accuses of taking part in a attempted coup.

“What does the government want, a civil war?” Capriles asked at a news conference.

David Smolansky, an opposition mayor of a district in Caracas, said the country is passing through the harshest wave of political persecution in decades with the response to the protests and the jailing of opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez.

“If this isn’t a totalitarian system then I don’t know what can explain what is happening in this country,” Smolansky said.

A week of protests, beginning with a mass opposition rally on Feb. 12, has resulted in at least six deaths and more than 100 injuries.

While several large demonstrations by thousands of people have been peaceful, smaller groups of protesters have lobbed gas bombs and rocks and blocked streets with flaming barricades of trash. Troops and police have responded with tear gas, rubber bullets and blasts from water cannons — as well as raids by gun-firing men on motorcycle.

Jose Leon, a 20-year-old business student who took part in a demonstration in the Altamira neighborhood of Caracas on Wednesday night, said authorities who roughly detained students and fired tear gas overreacted to a peaceful protest.

“We’ve spent years trying for peaceful dialogue. How can you talk with a government that hunts down its own citizens like criminals?” Leon said as he took part in a small protest on Thursday in the same spot.

The clashes with authorities as well as the pursuit of anti-government activists by troops

and militias take place in darkness. During the day, the capital has largely operated as normal, with businesses and schools open and people going about their business, while stocking up on groceries in case of further unrest.

President Nicolas Maduro and his supporters say the escalating protests against his socialist government in the oil-rich but economically struggling country are part of an attempted coup sponsored by right-wing and “fascist” opponents in Venezuela and abroad, particularly the United States.

Maduro has vowed to crack down on the protests, particularly in Tachira, on the western border with Colombia, where the unrest has been particularly strong. The interior ministry said Thursday it would send a battalion of paratroopers there to the area restore order.

Interior Minister Miguels Rodriguez Torres said that sending troops to the border city of San Cristobal, an opposition stronghold where Maduro has said he would consider imposing martial law, is necessary because unrest has prevented people from going about their daily business. “It’s not about militarization, it’s simply meant

to restore order,” he said.

San Cristobal Vice Mayor Sergio Vergara, a member of the opposition, said parts of the city have been without public transportation and the Internet has apparently been shut down in recent days. The presence of some 3,000 troops in a city of 600,000, he said, is “effectively part of an effort at repression being played out by the government across the country.”

Earlier Thursday, a judge ruled there was enough evidence to detain Lopez, the opposition leader who surrendered to authorities a day earlier, on charges that include arson and criminal incitement stemming from a massive Feb. 12 rally.

Prosecutors decided not to pursue more serious charges, including homicide and terrorism at a court appearance on a military base outside Caracas. The 42-year-old politician could face at least 10 years in prison.

In a message from his Twitter account, the opposition leader’s wife, Lilian Tintori, urged his followers on as she announced the court decision. “Change is within us all,” she wrote on his behalf. “Don’t give up. I will not.”

Throughout Wednesday night, anti-government protesters in Caracas and other cities set trash

fires in streets and threw rocks at National Guard troops, who fired tear gas, water cannons and rubber bullets.

Gunfire was heard in downtown Caracas while Maduro was on television and videos and photos on social media showed several people with serious injuries and unconscious, but the circumstances and conditions could not be verified.

The crackle of gunfire mixed with the roar of swarms of motorcycles, a combination of police and National Guard troops as well as the pro-government paramilitaries known as “colectivos.”

In videos circulating on social media, police and guard troops can be seen pursuing protesters in the streets and firing weapons, the shots competing in the night with the sound of citizens banging pots outside their windows in protest and shouting insults.

The opposition is planning marches across the country Saturday to protest the jailing of Lopez as well as the rampant crime, shortages of consumer goods and inflation rate of more than 50 percent that has made life difficult for many in the country of nearly 30 million people.

Native American tribal items return to Arizona

Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF — Two dozen ceremonial items bought last year at auction in France are

set to return to Arizona in a way that pays reverence to the beliefs of American Indian tribes.

The masks and hoods invoke the ancestral spirits of

the Hopi and Apache Tribes — who consider them living beings in keeping with tradition — and the expectation is they will be treated as such. That means shipping the sacred items free of plastics, bubble wrap or other synthetic material that would be suffocating. The items also should face the direction of the rising sun, have space to breathe, and be spoken to during their journey.

The shipping reflects the deeply sensitive nature of the items that the Los Angeles-based Annenberg Foundation quietly bought for \$530,000 at a contested Paris auction two months ago with the goal of sending them back to their tribal homes in eastern Arizona.

The Hopi and two Apache tribes believe the return of the objects, kept largely out of public view, will put tribal members on a healing path and help restore harmony not only in their communities but among humanity.

“The elders have told us the reason we have the ills of society, suicides, murders, domestic violence, all these things, is we’re suffering because these things are gone and the harmony is gone,” said Vincent Randall, cultural director for the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

The tribes say the items — 21 pieces are headed to the Hopi, two to the San Carlos Apache and one to the White Mountain

Apache — were taken from their reservations in the late 19th and 20th centuries at a time when collectors and museums competed for sensitive items from Western tribes. Tribal archaeologists say the objects also could have been traded for food and water, or unrightfully sold.

In Hopi belief, the Kachina friends emerge from the earth and sky to connect people to the spiritual world and to their ancestors. Caretakers, who mostly are men, nurture the masks as if they are the living dead. Visitors to the Hopi reservation won’t see the masks displayed on shelves or in museums, and the ritual associated with them is a lifelong learning process.

The San Carlos Apache recount a story of ceremonial items being wrenched from the hands of tribal members who were imprisoned by the U.S. military at Fort Apache. Journal entries from the time showed that hoods, as well as medicine bundles and other prayer items akin to crosses and holy water were taken, said Vernelda Grant, director of the Historic Preservation and Archaeology Department for the San Carlos Apache Tribe.

“Of course you’re going to be emotional, and of course it’s going to have an effect on your health, the welfare of your people,” she said. “It kills them, it killed us emotionally. Those

items were taken care of until those times came. We were forced to hand them over so we could get what? A box of rations, a blanket?”

For the San Carlos Apache, the hoods represent the mountain spirits reincarnated in men who make and wear them in ceremonial dances for healing or when girls reach puberty. Each is fashioned by a tribal member endowed with a gift of being a spiritual leader. Once the hoods have been used, they are put away in an undisclosed location in the mountains, known only to the spiritual leader through a revelation from the “ruler of life,” or God.


If they are disturbed or removed, a curse of sorts can be placed upon humanity, Randall said.

Although the Apaches are among the most successful tribes in getting items within the United States returned to the tribes, they could do little to stop the sale in France.

The auction house argued that the items rightfully were in private collectors’ hands. A judge hearing the Hopi’s plea to block the sale said that unlike the U.S., France has no laws to protect indigenous peoples.

In a similar dispute in April, a Paris court ruled that such sales are legal. Around 70 masks were sold for some \$1.2 million, despite protests and criticism from the U.S. government.

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Why do men have nipples?

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Spring break is rolling right around the corner. I'm sure you've been lifting hardcore to perfect your physique, preparing yourself for beach time and lying in the sun, but are you prepared for the potentially awkward conversations you could have with complete strangers?

Don't be scared, there is a solution to your problem! My friend, who was unimpressed with my inability to have interesting conversations, bought me the book "Why Do Men Have Nipples?" by Mark Leyner and Billy Goldberg.

Even the title makes you want to ask more. (Seriously, why do guys have nipples though). The book is full of answers to a collection of big questions about the oddities of our bodies and minds.

Questions range from ones you never thought to ask such as "Can I lose my contact lens inside my head forever?" to ones you never questioned such as "Does warm milk help you fall asleep?"

Don't worry about the legitimacy of the book, it was co-written by Billy Goldberg, an emergency physician who compiled answers to questions his patients asked him over the years (he's a doctor = what he says is right).

This book is extremely useful in improving your social skills. I can confirm this on a personal account. If you ever come to an awkward pause in a conversation, instead of chatting about the weather, pull one of these: "Anyway, did you know that morning breath is caused by the combination of anaerobic bacteria, the xerostomia and volatile sulfur compounds that build up in your sleep?" That will surely get the conversation rolling.

Study the questions before spring break and you will be prepared for any situation on the spot. You will never have to talk about that one calculus test you killed freshman year or how you lost your bike in the snow ever again.

Get online (don't drive anywhere, you will never escape the snow filled parking lot labyrinth) and order "Why Do Men Have Nipples" by Mark Leyner and Billy Goldberg right now. This could possibly be the best choice you have ever made.

You'll be more confident than ever when you see that cute girl on the beach, I'm sure she's extremely curious as to why you can ignite a fart.

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Love your body this week

THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL

What does it mean to love your body?

We asked this question of each other Wednesday because this week is Love Your Body Week at Notre Dame, and because Saint Mary's will celebrate it next week. We wondered whether loving your body means actively pursuing fitness and a balanced diet or whether it's about accepting yourself, flaws and all.

We realized it means both.

Love Your Body Week matters to us because, as often-stressed and exhausted college students, loving our bodies is far from easy. It's difficult to schedule time to exercise and sleep when we have dozens of upcoming deadlines at any given time. It's tempting to distract ourselves from anxiety with greasy food and sugar. And it's easy to fall into the trap of criticizing ourselves, over and over, for not being perfect.

Loving our bodies, though, doesn't mean trying to be perfect. It's about seeking to be healthy, whatever that might look like. And the truth is, 'healthy' looks different for everyone because no two bodies are the same. Taking care of our bodies is a learning process that necessitates experimentation and an open mind. We need to try new ways of eating and exercising to figure out what makes us feel healthy, instead of adhering to cookie-cutter regimens. Simply put, we should seek out good habits that make us happy.

Luckily for us, Notre Dame purports to educate the mind, body and spirit. The "body" part of that triad can get lost, in all of our University's emphasis on academics, research, extracurricular engagement, service, travel and other opportunities. But, we also have club and interhall athletic teams, RecSports classes and two

workout facilities at our disposal, so it's not hard to find activities we love that also show respect for our bodies and what our bodies have the potential of doing.

Think about it this way — professional athletes are healthy because they do what they love. Professional athletes also have teams of doctors and experts on their sides to help them find the right balance, but most of all, professionals know that you have to listen to your body, especially when it needs a change of pace, a new challenge or rest for an injury. Fitness is most easily attained when it's the result of being passionate about something and committing to it daily.

We sometimes lose perspective, though, on the other half of what it means to love your body: embracing every part of yourself, even the parts you wish looked different.

Truly loving your body means appreciating your sky-colored eyes equally as much as the fold on your stomach you wish you could get rid of.

It means being as content with your endearing smile as you are with the spatter of acne on your forehead.

And it means coming to peace with not being perfect.

We all have our own struggles and insecurities. But we could lessen our own loads significantly if we took to heart the idea that we are far more than the sum of our parts, that we are uniquely beautiful individuals and that our worth is not tied to our appearances. Loving our bodies means seeing ourselves as somehow perfect in our imperfection, and it means perceiving others that way, too.

Maybe this week and every week, we could go easy on ourselves, take a few deep breaths and choose to embrace our appearances — perfect imperfection and all.

Ann Coulter and tolerance?

Sarah Morris

Viewpoint Columnist

"Attacking those who have different opinions from you is not only intolerant, but it is the disease plaguing liberal America." This sweeping declaration is an excerpt from a Viewpoint column published in Wednesday's Observer that was written by the president of College Republicans, Mark Gianfalla. Although I was tempted to engage further with the predictably ignorant and incendiary piece on its own, a related matter has arisen which deserves far more attention than Gianfalla's latest rant. It was announced, via the Notre Dame College Republicans Facebook and Twitter accounts, that Ann Coulter will be speaking at this year's Lincoln Day Dinner on April 10. At first, I took the news to be a hilarious joke. Within 24 hours of condemning all American liberals for "attacking people's views," Gianfalla and friends proudly announce the upcoming visit of Ann Coulter. The irony was literally too much to bear with a straight face.

However, my pained laughter soon succumbed to queasy feelings of deep disturbance. Put simply, Coulter has no place at Notre Dame and the decision on the behalf of College Republicans to feature her at their annual dinner is a disgrace not only to Abraham Lincoln in whose honor it is held, but to our University itself. Regardless of your political affiliation or level of involvement, every Notre Dame student, alumnus, faculty member and administrator should be disgusted at the notion of Ms. Coulter stepping foot on our campus, and I invite you to join me in urging the College Republicans to reconsider their invitation.

If you are unfamiliar with the style and tenets of Ann Coulter, I strongly encourage a trip to YouTube immediately. For

space's sake, I present only a few of her most heinous quotes on a variety of issues. On widows of September 11th victims: "These broads are reveling in their status as celebrities ... I've never seen people enjoying their husband's death so much." On terrorism and Islam: "If only we could get Muslims to boycott all airlines, we could dispense with airport security altogether." On black Republicans: "Our blacks are so much better than their [Democrat's] blacks. To become a black Republican, you don't just roll into it. You're not going with the flow..." On National Coming Out Day: "Last Thursday was national 'coming out' day. This Monday is national 'disown your son' day." On liberals: "Even Islamic terrorists don't hate America like liberals do. They don't have the energy. If they had that much energy, they'd have indoor plumbing by now."

And finally, on Notre Dame's decision (yes, our Notre Dame) to have President Obama deliver the 2008 commencement address: "I don't think he was speaking to people who have any objections to abortion ... they should have had the administrators of Notre Dame onstage taking a polygraph test on whether they believe in God ... No, I don't believe these people are serious, genuine, practicing Catholics ... How about for next year's graduation ceremony Notre Dame have an abortionist perform an abortion live on stage? They could have a partial birth abortion for the advanced degrees."

I hope these snippets produced the same intense, visceral anger that they did in me. As previously mentioned, it truly does not matter whether you are Tea Party or Green Party; this type of hate speech, racism, ignorance and complete disrespect for humanity should be found unacceptable by all. Fordham University found itself in an identical situation with Coulter just last year. We should emulate the response from its students

and administrators, and I encourage Fr. Jenkins to read and reflect upon the remarks issued by Fordham president Rev. Joseph M. McShane, in which he stated: "There are many people who can speak to the conservative point of view with integrity and conviction, but Ms. Coulter is not among them. Her rhetoric is often hateful and needlessly provocative." Although the university did not formally ban Ms. Coulter from their campus, for Fr. McShane appropriately added, "To prohibit Ms. Coulter from speaking at Fordham would be to do greater violence to the academy. ... Preventing Ms. Coulter from speaking would counter one wrong with another," Fordham's College Republicans chose to rescind Coulter's invitation after reconsidering their initial decision to host her.

The Notre Dame College Republicans are better than Ann Coulter. And as a Catholic university, we are all better than honoring a woman who so clearly contradicts Notre Dame and all that it stands for. Mr. Gianfalla, your generalized statements about liberals' intolerance were both offensive and incorrect, but I agree that greater levels of tolerance should be encouraged not only in politics, but in all of our daily proceedings. However, there are some things for which I have no tolerance. I have no tolerance for someone who wishes we could revoke women's suffrage. I have no tolerance for someone who makes her living inciting hate for the sake of being controversial. Finally, I have no tolerance for bigotry. And neither should you.

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With classes, less is more

Alex Caton

Modest Proposals

I love this University. But lately I think I've discovered a serious flaw.

In writing this I asked as many people as I could the question "What is the biggest problem with Notre Dame?" The answers were many, and I list the most frequently-cited ones here in no particular order.

It turns out that Notre Dame is both too conservative and too liberal. Notre Dame is too Catholic and simultaneously failing to live out its Catholic founding. Our rigid sexual mores stifle everyday interaction with the opposite sex, as evidenced by our rampant hook-up culture. Notre Dame students are too shy and too arrogant. Notre Dame students don't care enough about politics, and Notre Dame shouldn't be suing the federal government. Notre Dame students are busy, but not truly involved. Notre Dame students are so involved they can't really concentrate on learning. And SAO is a suffocating bureaucracy that overcomplicates extracurricular involvement. Admittedly, nobody argued for the other side on that particular point.

These are all legitimate criticisms in the

sense that the students who expressed them believe as they do for reasons that are logically valid and based in personal experience and perceptions. But I will counter that the real problem with Notre Dame is that the space necessary to sort these issues out — to debate them, discuss them and act on them to make the University better — is currently occupied, not by Facebook and Twitter or drunken hook-ups or even athletics, but by the time and mental energy necessary to balance five different classes at once.

I wanted to get a sense of whether students at our peer institutions have the same predicament. I did what I could on the research end within the limits placed on me by midterms week and Olympic hockey. What I can tell you is that for those pursuing a degree at Harvard, Yale, Brown, Cornell, Michigan or Emory, taking five classes per semester is the exception, not the rule. Most of the students there take four and they seem unharmed. Other institutions such as Stanford, Northwestern, Dartmouth and University of Chicago have quarter or trimester systems that have their own costs and benefits. The point is that the common practice of taking five or even six classes in a semester is really not all that common outside of Notre Dame.

That so many of our peer institutions do

something does not make it the right path for Our Lady's University. A vast majority of our peer institutions are not Catholic, but I don't believe we will (or should, for that matter) oust the Virgin Mary from the Golden Dome any time soon. But I think in this case it might be best to take a page out of our secular peers' playbook. To me this is a clear-cut instance of "less is more".

I have had this thought since I took a class in American intellectual history last semester. The layout of the class was simple — midterm, 10-page paper on an important American intellectual, final exam. That picture was complicated, however, by the actual content of the course. In addition to intense lectures that consistently yielded a sore right wrist and about six sides of notes, we had to read four books outside of class. Each was separate in content from the lecture notes but provided relevant contextual background (and were tested on accordingly), and a bare minimum of four books or 16 long articles (or some combination of the two) written by the person you chose for your topic (not to mention secondary sources), in order to meet the threshold of "well-researched".

This was also one of the three most interesting courses I have taken here, and I

recommended it to friends of mine with the following caveat: Don't take the class unless you're only taking three other classes this semester.

I'm not suggesting that we'd all be better off with four classes like the one I just described. Rather, I'd like to communicate that in my six semesters here I always felt I had four core courses and one that I cut corners on out of necessity. This diminishes the value of the class that a student skates by in as well as the four core subjects that he or she tries to really engage in. It's no good for the instructors either. No one wants to grade a half-baked essay from a half-committed student.

In short, the students and professors will benefit if Notre Dame streamlines our current workload into four classes per semester rather than five. I think everything from class participation to outside research to sleep patterns to the robustness of our student newspaper would improve. And we don't even have to say we got the idea from Michigan.

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Reframing GOP's American Dream

JC Sullivan

Prologue to a Farce

The Republican Party has a rhetoric problem. The general rhetoric of the party reflects a deviation from fundamental party principles and, I believe, is part of the reason the GOP has had difficulty pushing independents to the right in recent elections. I think this problem starts with the present Republican approach to one of its oldest allies: individual achievement and the American dream.

Now, I must qualify this problem. The Republican Party encompasses a vast range of the political spectrum and therefore this problem reflects a general trend, not an all encompassing, concrete shift. Also, a Democratic president makes it difficult for Republicans to frame their own narrative.

President Obama has spent his tenure as President arguing that the American dream is out of reach for too many Americans and immense government action is required to extend its reach. In response, the general tone of the Republican Party has been defensive and combative. While this tone has caused problems for Republicans, the content of this response, not the tone, is where the true problem lies.

Republican rhetoric has reframed the American dream as a radically individual concept. The second sentence of the GOP's "Restoring the American Dream" platform reads, "Prosperity is the product of self-discipline, work, savings and investment by individual Americans." Such rhetoric represents an approach to the American dream that is too individually centered. Further, it does not recognize a number of Americans do not have the opportunity to reach this definition of prosperity. It paints the American dream as no more than a dog-eat-dog, social Darwinist ideal. In an attempt to negate the President's claim that an

individual needs the government to achieve success, Republicans have held that all you need to make it in America is more blood, sweat and tears than the next guy.

I believe the President's progressive approach to the American dream is fundamentally incorrect. The Republican vision correctly recognizes that government involvement and dependence is a poor strategy in expanding an American's access to prosperity. However, I think the Republican answer to this progressive conception also misses the mark. A reaffirmation of the power of the individual is unappealing to voters who fear their share of the American Dream is shrinking and does not recognize the reality that achievement is directly correlated to a set of preconditions out of one's control.

Republicans should stop arguing for a strict schism between the government and individual on the grounds of individual self-sustenance, but rather should advocate for the merits of the institutions that exist in the space between the individual and the government.

As described by Yuval Levin, the space between the individual and the government is made up of the free market, civil society and the family. Such institutions provide individuals with the assistance and resources that prerequisite individual achievement. These institutions establish a shared, political character that prioritizes individual achievement but recognizes that the common good is served by such individual efforts. This space is characterized by cooperation and a shared objective of success, not individual competition. Senator Mike Lee reminds that, "The vision of America conservatives seek is not an Ayn Rand novel. It's a Norman Rockwell painting." It establishes an environment of interdependence, not government dependence or independence, that grows economic opportunity and secures a civil society in which success depends on one's contribution to this

interdependent structure. In such a space, a society establishes communal values that direct individual behavior, not government incentives or competition. In such a space, the American dream is fully actualized.

Government action that restricts this space and replaces it with government involvement debilitates the institutions that secure the American dream. Entitlement policies that disrupt family structures, government activity in the private sector and the replacement of civic organizations with state programs are a few examples of government actions that deteriorate the space between the individual and government.

Republican rhetoric should seek to champion these intermediary institutions. It should recognize that an individual stripped of all resources will have difficulty achieving the promise of the American dream, but argue the institutions that exist beyond the public square is where one can find such resources and catalyze economic mobility. Therefore, the best Republican response to government overreach is a defense of these intermediate institutions. Republican rhetoric should describe what the government could do to allow such institutions to grow and prosper as opposed to repeating the tired cry against progressive inadequacy or an unrealistic appeal to the individual.

Republican rhetoric should mimic Levin's call to "restore an idea of the government as a preserver and protector of the space in which our society thrives." A change in Republican rhetoric is crucial in appealing to future Republican voters and realigning the Republican Party platform with its ideological basis.

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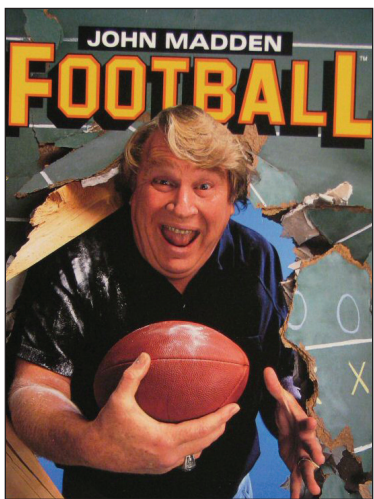
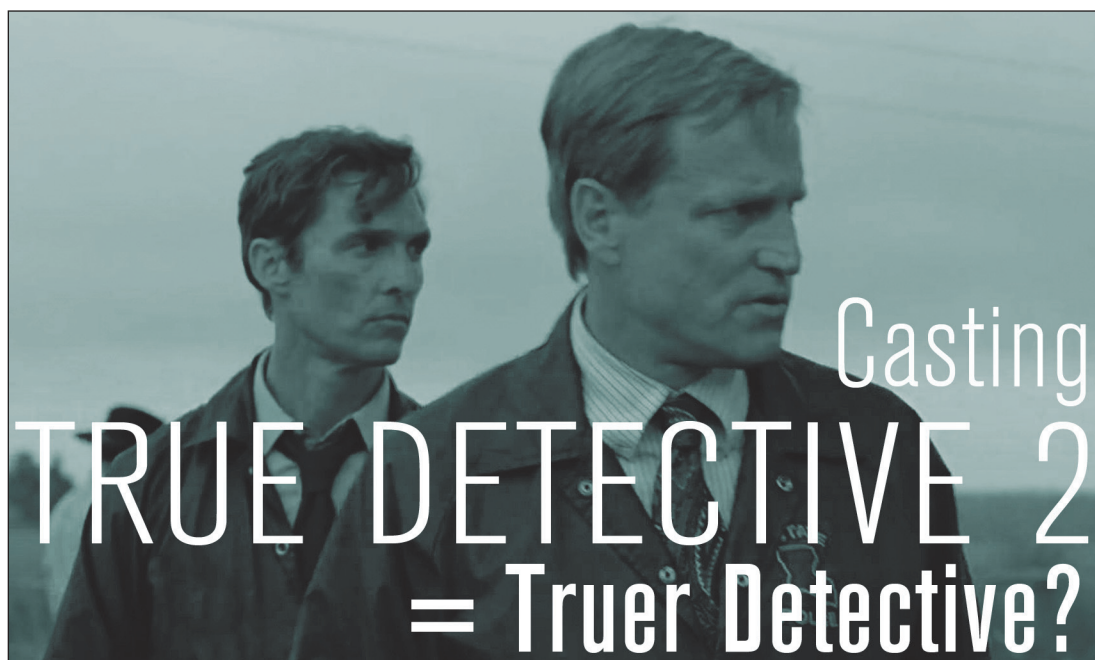
The greatest rector of all time turns 75 today, and we think all of Notre Dame should know about it.

Ever since our forefathers were exiled from the illustrious Flanner Hall in 1997, Brother Jerome Meyer has fearlessly led the Knott Hall Juggerknotts to glory. Brojo, as he is affectionately known throughout the hall, is a jack-of-all-trades, a Renaissance man if you will. Year after year, when we battle Siegfried Hall for the coveted Flanner Cup, Brother Jerome strolls into the dining hall sporting the latest in blaze orange, Knott Hall fashion and thoroughly dominates the rector of Siegfried in a match of arm wrestling. Not to be limited to purely physical prowess, Brother Jerome maintains an impressive repertoire of musical knowledge. At a recent hall government meeting, he informed us that he listens to 2 Chainz each night before bed.

When stress rises and temperatures fall during finals week each December, Brojo puts everyone at ease with a batch of world-famous Brojo Chili, announced by the requisite, "Cold today, chili tonight" email. Indeed, he is man of wit.

Brother Jerome's greatest skill by a long shot is his genuine care for all the residents of our fine dormitory. For many Juggerknotts, Brother Jerome's warm, jolly "Hullo!" encapsulates their time in Knott Hall. He is committed to creating a Christian community where all Juggerknotts can thrive. From the freshman struggling to find his place to the senior superstar, Brother Jerome truly loves every one of us. On behalf of the many Juggerknotts blessed to have lived under his guidance, happy 75th birthday to Brother Jerome!

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Kevin Noonan
Scene Editor

Leave your hate at the door, because I love HBO's "True Detective." The eight-episode murder mystery mini-series stars Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson as two present-day former detectives reflecting on their investigation of a serial killer nearly 20 years earlier, as a new and eerily similar killing looms.

Five episodes into the series that has dipped its toes into serial killers, hallucinatory drug flashbacks, murderous bikers, Satanism and Louisiana accents, and it's safe to say I'm sleeping with the lights on.

With a million theories but no real answers as to where the show might go in its final three episodes, there's really only one thing we know about "True Detective" — the show is coming back, but McConaughey and Harrelson aren't. HBO developed the series as an anthology, a show that would run for multiple seasons but with a new story and cast of characters in each installment.

With Twitter running wild with theories on Thursday about who might be cast as next season's detective, I figured Scene could take its own shots in the dark.

Jay-Z and Beyonce

Is there anything they can't completely conquer? I feel safe in guessing no. Beyonce hasn't had much opportunity to redeem herself for taking part in the third Austin Powers movie, and I assume she must be bored dominating the charts every time she opens her mouth. I like to imagine Jay-Z as the straight-laced detective just wants to keep his head down and the cases simple, but his apprentice (Bey) is a firecracker who just won't let a seemingly open-and-shut go without a fight.

Jason Segel and a Muppet

Who says the partner has to be real? I see Segel as a brilliant caseworker forced to check himself into a mental institution after constant visions of a Muppet affect his ability to work with other people. But when the biggest catch of his career escapes from maximum-security prison, the police have no choice but to turn to the one man who knows how to catch him again — one man and his Muppet, that is.

Also, James Franco will voice the Muppet, and will spend 15 months getting into character by erecting a life-sized puppeteering structure and allowing a fourth grader on a sugar high to control all his movements and actions.

John Madden and Joe Buck

A newly-minted lieutenant trying to fill in the massive shoes left by his father (Buck), the former police chief and city hero, is forced to work with the office kook (Madden) while Internal Affairs looks into bogus corruption charges dreamed up by colleagues jealous of his seemingly unearned promotion. It seems like a sentence to purgatory, but turns out the old grouch still has a trick or two up his sleeve and the young buck has a few lessons to learn.

Kevin Hart and anyone over 6-feet tall.

This will happen in real life.

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ANGEL OLSEN



FEELS THE FEELS

By **MATT McMAHON**
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Angel Olsen opens "Burn Your Fire for No Witness" briefly crooning about a newfound love. She reacts with a truly human response — she wishes everything could immediately end now so she could find herself happy within the vacuum of this new relationship.

However, the (Observer-censored) title of the song reads "Unf***theworld," and the sentiment here is fleeting, so maybe this narrative is mere wishful thinking from the artist, rather than reality. Over the course of her second studio LP, Olsen explores the many facets of personal relationships, especially relationships with oneself as much as with others.

In 2012, Angel Olsen released her debut studio album, "Half Way Home," featuring a handful of quiet, enigmatic folk tunes. The singer's guitar work was not immediate, but the largely acoustic album presented a skilled artist. Her dynamic vocal work and songwriting on that debut, however, hinted at Olsen's brooding need to break out.

A combination of folk-singing you might come across in a publicly accessible library archive with the wild shrieking from contemporary experimentalists, on "Burn Your Fire," the singer-songwriter expands upon her slightly more reserved, but foreshadowing, past works.

This development of sound comes in part due to Olsen enlisting indie veteran John Congleton for production duties. Congleton has previously worked with two of Olsen's most esteemed contemporaries — St. Vincent and Joanna Newsom — and his influence can be heard all over the album. The artist and the producer's shared fascination with fuzzy recording quality brings about garage rock tinges and helps accentuate Olsen's own gritty persona. When Olsen subjects "Are you lonely, too?" on album highlight "Hi-Five," she shines in front of her newly formed band and fleshed out sound.

And the singer performs throughout from a place of empowerment. Congleton allows the band's instrumentation to resonate behind Olsen's lyricism and

strong voice. Singles "Forgiven/Forgotten" and "Hi-Five" drive as hard as any punk track, while maintaining Olsen's command. Even the slighter, more understated tracks on the album — like "Enemy" — showcase Olsen's talents on the guitar and behind the microphone. Closer "Windows" equally gives Olsen a chance to show off her vocal range and diversity, including beautifully laid, heartbreaking harmonies. Meanwhile, every song's subject matter puts another facet of Olsen's perspectives on display.

Especially so in the simmering, album centerpiece "White Fire." With phrasing that reminds of folk rock epics "The Ghost of Tom Joad" and "Master of War" and nuanced guitar line undercurrents, Olsen uses the medium to reflect on a relationship falling apart. She has such an acute way of portraying these sentiments — the earnest beauty to her songwriting and her expertise at conveying her emotions pits her in the ranks of a leading actress. She allows her audience not only to understand, but also empathize with her outlooks. With honest, stark writing Olsen masterfully evokes connection through her music, in a way similar to that which only Fiona Apple can.

Angel Olsen knows what it feels like to find new, exciting love. She is also fully aware of how loneliness feels. Above everything, though, she knows how to celebrate both, joke about both, and see the mindsets that come as a result of either. Her songwriting puts this immediately and consistently on display, never losing sight of the implication of human dynamics, but nevertheless allowing herself to get caught up in individual cases just the same.

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"Burn Your Fire for No Witness"

Angel Olsen

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By **KEVIN NOONAN**
Scene Editor

Abbi Jacobson and Ilana Glazer are taking off, even if the fictionalized versions of them aren't quite. Jacobson and Glazer star in Comedy Central's breakout hit "Broad City," a show they also created and write for as well as serving as executive producers.

The half-hour comedy, born out of the duo's popular YouTube series of the same name, features dramatized versions of the actors themselves as they struggle through their post-college lives and dealing with the day-to-day problems that come with living in New York like scrambling for enough money to buy tickets to a secret Lil' Wayne show, figuring out where to spend the night when your apartment is bug-bombed and even doing your own taxes.

Jacobson and Glazer, who met in 2007 while training at New York's Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre, sat down Thursday for a conference call with a number of college newspapers to discuss their show, its web series origins and the upcoming tour.

The show, which is five episodes in and halfway through its first season, formed out of Jacobson and Glazer's own experiences, the pair said.

"We try and base the scenes in every episode on stuff that's happened to us or friends of ours or the writers that write the show with us or their friends," Jacobson said. "Somewhere within the episode is some inkling that's happened in real life. For example, on [this week's] episode, we're at this crazy rooftop party that Abbi and Ilana felt very uncomfortable at and that was based on a party that Ilana and I went to and felt that way. We have a spreadsheet that we share where we keep track of all this stuff that's happened to us and then we're writing the story we try to add a lot of that stuff in."

The show's loosely structured format and realistic portrayals of everyday life draw comparisons to everything from Larry David's "Curb Your Enthusiasm" to HBO's classic "Sex and the City," but with two young women trying to make it in New York in the lead, television critics have drawn links to Lena Dunham's girls, an association that doesn't speak to the complexities and differences of the two

shows, but which Jacobson and Glazer aren't turned off by.

"We are just straight-up honored to be compared to these successful, established shows with their own clear voices," Glazer said. "I think women get compared a lot but it also makes it easier to understand something when it's compared to something that you already know. But first of all, to be compared to a TV show, meaning that we get to have a TV show is dope no matter what, you can say whatever you want. Also to be compared to a show like 'Girls,' which is a brilliant vision and a clear voice and a beautiful product is an honor. It's just awesome to be in the same sentence as somebody like Lena."

The pair said, unlike much of the comedy on television today, their senses of humor draw from sincerity and good nature instead of snark and sarcasm. That sensibility is apparent early on in their web series, which ran on YouTube in 2010 and 2011, and deals with the same kind of everyday problems and struggles as their new show. That sincerity allowed Jacobson and Glazer to make web episodes that featured them asking a homeless man to break a \$10 bill or using a guy

for his washer and drier (a rarity in New York apartments, apparently) without coming off as awful people. That web series, and ultimately the show, came out of some of the friendship the two developed as they struggled to make it in the New York comedy scene.

"Abbi and I were on an improv team for two years before starting the web series, and we kept auditioning for house teams, like theatre companies," Glazer said. "And we could not get on a team. We wanted to create material for ourselves, and it really does afford more opportunities, you know, getting yourself in front of the camera. We already had that friendship going, and then we introduced the idea of using our friendship it worked and we went with it."

"Broad City" airs every Wednesday at 10:30 p.m. and co-stars stand-up comedian Hannibal Burress as Glazer's drily hilarious sort-of-boyfriend.

Catch Jacobson and Glazer live when they perform at Lincoln Hall in Chicago on March 13.

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Most holiday traditions involve food. Last week, we celebrated Valentine's Day, a day that in some shape or form revolves around food and not just any kind of food, but delicious, sugary treats.

Whether you are indulging in chocolates gifted to you by your significant other or indulging in chocolates, heart-shaped sugar cookies or pints of ice cream purchased by your happily single self, Valentine's Day basically begs for unrestrained sweet consumption.

After wholehearted participation in this sugar spree, one's heart and entire body may beg him or her to steer clear of desserts, at least for a few days.

Luckily, the only holiday on the calendar this week is Presidents' Day, and nobody celebrates Presidents' Day with sweets (unless, of course, your family is unique like mine and makes President Washington's cherry cobbler and chocolate "Lincoln Logs").

So, if you feel like your body is asking for a break from candy, try out the following desserts inspired by the European tradition of fruit and yogurt after dinner.

Microwave Baked Apples:

This recipe can be attempted with either apples or pears.

First, slice a pear, apple or use the pre-sliced apples at South Dining Hall. Place them in a bowl that will survive the microwave.

In a separate bowl, mix a spoonful (or two) of white or

brown sugar and a pinch of cinnamon. Sprinkle this mixture over the apples. Place a small spoonful of butter on top of the apples.

This will melt and combine with the sugar and cinnamon into a gooey coating on the apples.

Cover the bowl with a microwavable plate, and microwave for three to five minutes or until the apples are tender.

After removing the apples, stir and drizzle with maple syrup (to taste).

Tips: To make a homemade apple crisp, sprinkle a handful of granola (the kind without raisins) over the apples. And, if you find that you really cannot have apple crisp without vanilla ice cream melting over the delicious warm apple mixture, grab a scoop or two of frozen yogurt.

Fruit Sundae:

Invite a friend to help you pick out a few pieces of fruit. (I suggest an orange, kiwi and banana.)

Peel and slice the fruit and divide the pieces evenly between you and your friend.

Fill a bowl with vanilla yogurt and put the fruit slices on top. Drizzle a spoonful of honey over the fruit and sprinkle a bit of coconut (from the ice cream topping bar) on top. Enjoy!

As always, if you want to see your own creative recipes featured next week, send me an email!

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Oscars season arrives for NBA



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With the All Star break just behind us, the NBA season has reached its midpoint, and that's more than enough time to assess the league's performances thus far. Since the 2014 Academy Awards are right around the corner, it seems appropriate to conduct this midseason review using the Oscar's traditional methods. Each category will examine the merits of five nominees, before awarding the winner an Oscar, which maintains its name in honor of NBA Hall of Famer Oscar Robertson. So now, the first annual NBA Midseason Oscars.

Best Coach:

Nominees: Tom Thibodeau, Gregg Popovich, Rick Carlisle, Frank Vogel, Terry Stotts
It seems inevitable that Popovich will be in consideration for this award every season, since his Spurs keep playing ruthlessly efficient basketball despite their advancing age. This year is no different, as the Spurs once again have a top-two record in the Western Conference. Meanwhile, Carlisle and Thibodeau earn their nominations for installing systems that allow the Dallas and Chicago, respectively, to contend for playoff spots without overwhelming talent. The Bulls have Thibodeau's defensive strategy to thank for their post-Derrick Rose success, and Carlisle's ability to pull quality performances out of aging veterans like Vince Carter and Shawn Marion is nothing short of impressive. Indiana's Frank Vogel gets nominated for masterfully running a Pacers defense allowing just 90.7 points per game. Finally, Terry Stotts has taken Portland from a 33-49 record last season to a 36-18 mark at this season's halfway point. Despite some defensive concerns, Stotts has the Trail Blazers offense scores a league-leading 107.9 points per game behind forward LaMarcus Aldridge and Damian Lillard.

And the Oscar goes to...

Stotts. No one expected the Trail Blazers to be a playoff team this season, much less a top-four team in the West at midseason.

Best Player:

Nominees: Kevin Durant, LeBron James, Paul George, Aldridge, Stephen Curry
As the MVP winner three of the last four years, James's nomination needs no explanation, but he somehow continues to improve. His 57.4 field goal percentage is a career high. Durant, meanwhile, has played well enough this season to challenge James' crown as the preeminent player in the NBA. He once again leads the league in points with 31.5 points per game, and has

Oklahoma City in first place in the West despite Russell Westbrook's injuries. Back in the East, George, the league's newest superstar, has led Indiana to the NBA's best record with stellar play on both sides of the ball. George routinely hounds the opposing team's best player on defense, and is averaging a career-high 22.5 point per game. The final two nominees, Golden State's Curry and Portland's Aldridge, act as the lynchpins of two of the NBA's most intimidating offenses. Curry can comfortably claim the title of the league's best shooter, while Aldridge has been nearly unstoppable in his career season, averaging 23.9 points and 11.4 rebounds per game.

And the Oscar goes to...

Durant. His 12-game streak of 30-plus points was one of the greatest stretches for a player in NBA history, and that gives Durant the slight edge over James at midseason.

Best Supporting Player:

Nominees: Lance Stephenson, Klay Thompson, Chris Bosh, Roy Hibbert, Lillard
The nominees in the supporting category also play essential roles, but without the same fanfare or recognition as their peers in the leading category. The biggest name in this group is Bosh, who, while once a top-tier player with the Raptors, has settled into a complementary role with the Heat. His ability to stretch the floor all the way to the three-point line draws opposing centers out of the paint and creates huge driving lanes for Wade and James to exploit. The Heat's main rivas, Indiana, has two nominees in guard Stephenson and center Hibbert, both of whom perfectly demonstrate the Pacer's grind-it-out identity. Stephenson leads the league in triple doubles with four, while also playing relentless defense on the perimeter. Hibbert anchors Indiana's league-best defense with 2.5 blocks per game, and his 7-foot" frame provides matchup problems again undersized teams like Miami. Golden State's Thompson and Portland's Lillard are two of the league's top sharpshooters with three-point percentages over 40 percent, and punish any teams foolish enough to sag off them on defense.

And the Oscar goes to...

Hibbert. A leading candidate for defensive player of the year, Hibbert's steady play in the middle has allowed the Pacers to jump from good to great.

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Bouts cont.

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James "The Iceman" Hodgens def. Justin "Shady" McGrady

The sophomore McGrady stumbled in the opening moments of the fight, but recovered quickly to land several successful punches. The first round consisted mostly of blocking and parrying with only a few punches making an impact. The second round was much more physical, with Hodgens briefly knocking McGrady into the ropes and the referee having to separate the two a few moments later. Hodgens landed a few solid shots to the head, though McGrady was able to get away from many jabs to the body. Spirited chants from the crowd seemed to energize Hodgens in the third round, as he connected on several hooks to the face of McGrady. The sophomore's frustration was evident as the referee had to separate the fighters again, though McGrady landed a jab or two. In the end, it was not enough, as Hodgens won by a split decision.

Melchior "Il Lupo" Perella-Savarese def. Justin "Penta" Tabit

The grad student Tabit held nothing back at the start against Zahm freshman Perella-Savarese. Tabit landed several hooks to the head of Perella-Savarese in the first exchanges of the bout. Perella-Savarese recovered and was able to parry some of Tabit's powerful right hooks at the beginning of the second round, but Tabit had a few straight rights that hit home, and startled the freshman with a sudden left hook to the head just before the bell. Perella-Savarese came out in the third round with a vengeance, landing successful hooks and jabs to the grad student's head. The comeback effort proved to be enough, as Perella-Savarese won by a split decision.

190-pounds: Michael "The Uncle" Smoljan def. Lucas Sullivan

In a cautious, tentative fight, the senior Smoljan came away with the split decision win over the junior Sullivan. The fight got off to a slow start, as Sullivan spent most of the first round ducking and weaving the hard jabs of Smoljan with only the occasional counter-punch. Smoljan did not press the attack until the second round, when both fighters came out more aggressively. Smoljan succeeded in fighting past Sullivan's defense for a few right hooks to the head, while Sullivan failed to sustain any offensive attack. In the third round, Sullivan came out swinging hard and landed multiple jabs to Smoljan's head, while Smoljan stayed on the defensive and preserved his advantage for the win.

Evan "Heavy Duty" Escobedo def. Jack Corrigan

In a hard-hitting affair from start to finish, Escobedo's technical prowess proved to be too much for the freshman Corrigan, and the referee stopped the contest and awarded the win to Escobedo. Both boxers came out swinging early, trading punch for punch. Escobedo used his technical advantage in the first round to stay in control as Corrigan began to flail wildly, allowing Escobedo to land several hard hooks to the face. Corrigan came out on the defensive in the second round as Escobedo continued to use multiple combinations to back Corrigan into a corner and pound his head and body. Escobedo came out burning on all cylinders in the third, using several vicious combinations to knock Corrigan to the ground early and force the referee to stop the contest.

Ricky "Scooter" Neville def. Phil "Bald Eagle" Mannelly

Both fighters landed their share of punches in the first, with the senior Neville using his right hook to gain a slight advantage in a round full of brief flurries of punches. Mannelly was more aggressive in the second round, but the law student was unable to connect on most of his punches. Neville countered with enough left jabs to maintain his advantage. In the final round, both boxers opened up, but Mannelly could not overcome Neville's early advantage, as the judges gave the senior the victory by unanimous decision.

Hank "Team Pup 'n Suds" Duden def. Cassidy "I'm No Lady" Laux

Both fighters swung early and often, with Laux taking control of the match by putting his senior foe on the ropes twice in the first round. Duden managed to respond by catching the law student with a couple of good left jabs in the second round to work his way back into the match, as the law student failed to keep his hands up on defense. In the final round, Duden put Laux into the ropes early, but Laux came back with three straight left hooks. When the dust settled from the back and forth battle, Duden walked away with a hard fought, split-decision victory.

202-pounds: Brian "Long Arms of the Law" Ellixson def. Matthew "Don't Tell My Mom I'm Boxing" Freda

Ellixson made use of his long reach early to land a number of combinations to the head of the sophomore Freda, drawing blood midway through the first round. That would end the match, as Ellixson was awarded the victory after the referee stopped the contest

in the first round. Freda left the ring immediately before the referee declared the fight.

Keith "Chief Keef" Marrero def. Robbie Hammer

Hammer put together a string of jabs as he pursued Marrero across the ring early in the first, but the graduate student responded well, putting Hammer on the ropes and connecting with the senior's head with hooks with both hands. Hammer used his long reach early in the second, but Marrero cornered Hammer multiple times to take away the advantage as the round wore on. Both fighters showed signs of exhaustion in the third round, leaning on each other for the final minute of the fight in order to stand. The judges awarded Marrero the victory by unanimous decision.

Ryan "Drama" Lindquist def. Joseph "Mowgli" Comer

Utilizing his heavy right hook, the junior Lindquist took the unanimous decision victory over the sophomore Comer. Both fighters were content to slug it out early and often, as Lindquist used several hard head-body combinations in the first round to slow Comer. The fight continued at a fast pace in the second period, as Lindquist continued to land big hits, but Comer continued to go inside and counter with strong hooks of his own. Lindquist did not let up in the third round, working Comer's body as the sophomore tried to mount a rally. But in the end it was not enough and Lindquist emerged with the victory.

Tyler "Gerald from Hey Arnold!" Sonsalla def. Ernie "Spider" Soto

In a bruising battle that went down to the wire, Sonsalla overwhelmed Soto with combinations to take the win by split decision. Sonsalla came out aggressive early, but Soto responded a sharp counterpunch to Sonsalla's head that caused him to back off and work his length advantage. Soto managed to work inside several times and landed a hard right hook to Sonsalla's head. The second round began more tentatively, as both boxers danced outside of each other's reach. Soto picked up the pace midway through the round, working in short rapid bursts that included a vicious right jab to the head that knocked Sonsalla down. Sonsalla came out aggressively in the third round and attacked Soto, getting inside and hammering his head with multiple hooks. As the round wore on, Sonsalla began to tire but continued to land jab after jab, which proved to be enough for the win.

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING | ACC CHAMPIONSHIP

Irish fall to sixth place in conference championship

By KIT LOUGHRAN
Sports Writer

The Irish find themselves in sixth place after the second day of the ACC Tournament, at the Greensborough Aquatic Center. Notre Dame has earned 264.5 points over the past two days of competition, trailing Virginia (516), North Carolina State (362), Florida State (357), North Carolina (346) and Virginia Tech (273). Heading into the third day, the Irish are still ahead of Duke (202), Miami (194.5), Pittsburgh (192.5), Georgia Tech (174.5), Boston College (98) and Clemson (17).

As the Irish prepare for the next day of events, the team is working on remaining mentally focused, junior Emma Reaney said.

"We have to carry the momentum from good swims onto the next one," Reaney said. "As long as we all stay engaged and invested in each other and everyone's swims, I know we will stay focused and have fun."

Recently, the Irish have seen improved results across the board.

"[Sophomore] Genevieve Bradford did amazing today in her 200 IM," Reaney said. "She dropped almost two seconds



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Irish junior Suzanne Bessire swims the freestyle during the Shamrock Invitational on Jan. 31.

and has improved her technique tremendously."

Reaney said her 200-meter medley relay, which consists of freshman Catherine Mulquin, junior Courtney Whyte and senior Kelly Ryan, is still the race she is most proud of at this tournament. The relay team finished with record-breaking time of 1:37.61.

"The 200 medley relay has been the best race of the meet in my opinion," Reaney said. "It was the first event, and all four of us were on our game right out of the gate. "It was so cool to see us all click with each other and get an NCAA cut and a school record."

Reaney and the rest of the

Irish might use this race as motivation to continue to push the team through its first-ever ACC-tournament appearance.

"Our coach made a point to say [to us] that our most important swim is our next one, meaning here at the conference level, everyone and every race matters," Reaney said. "I am so happy with our relays last night and can't wait to share the NCAA experience with those girls."

The Irish head into the third day of the ACC Tournament tomorrow at Greensboro Aquatic Center in Greensboro, N.C.

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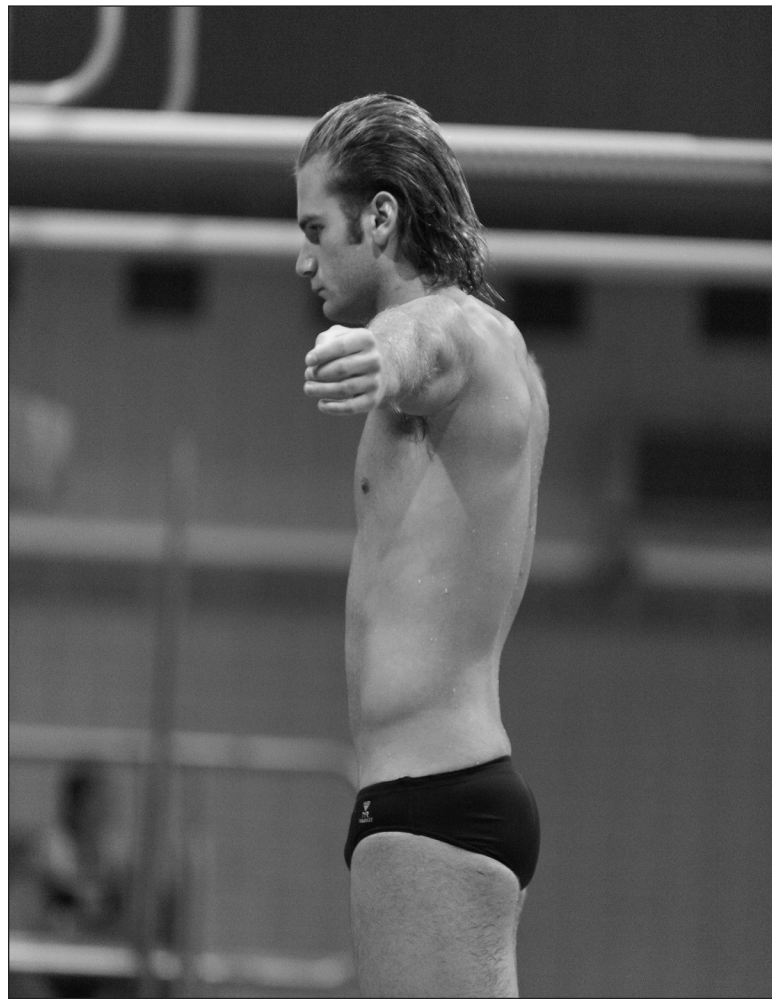
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ND struggles in ACC diving



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Irish junior Michael Kreft prepares for a dive during the Shamrock Invitational on Jan. 25, 2013.

Observer Staff Report

After the first day of competition, Notre Dame stands in seventh place in the ACC diving championships held in Greensboro, N.C. The Irish failed to qualify any divers for the final round of the three-meter competition, which was held Thursday night.

Five divers are slated to represent Notre Dame in its inaugural performance at the

ACC diving championships. The meet is spread out across three days, with each day featuring the prelims and championship round for each diving event. Competing this weekend for the Irish are freshmen James Lichtenstein and Joe Coumos and juniors Nick Nemetz, Michael Kreft, and Ted Wagner. Coumos, Nemetz, Kreft and Wagner are slated to represent the Irish in all three dives. The three-meter was held Thursday, with the one-meter, and platform will be held on Friday, and Saturday, respectively.

In Thursday's three-meter contest, Coumos set the high mark for the Irish, earning 345.5 points in the preliminary round. That total left him in 11th place, just short of the top eight required to qualify for the final. Coumos is not unfamiliar with leading the Irish. He placed first 12 times this season in the one-meter and three-meter

competition, including sweeps of both events four times.

Finishing three slots behind Coumos was Kreft, who earned Most Valuable Diver honors for the Irish in the 2013 Big East Diving Championships. He had no such luck in Thursday's events, claiming 331.0 points, 36.45 points shy of qualifying for the finals rounds.

Nemetz and Wagner rounded out the Irish performance. Nemetz earned 296.60 for 22nd place and Wagner finished just more than six points behind, claiming 290.05 points and finishing in 25th place.

Notre Dame will get back to work in Greensboro, N.C., tomorrow for the one-meter competition. They are currently tied with Pittsburgh for seventh place out of ten teams in the ACC Swimming and Diving Championships. With 71 points, Virginia Tech remains firmly in the lead after the first day of competition, while Miami is in second place with 54 points.

The Irish swim team will seek to build on their point total over the next five days of competition, two of diving and three of swimming. The results of the diving portion of the meet will combine with the swimming and On March 1, after the conclusion of the swimming portion, the ACC will crown its 2013-2014 swim and dive champion.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame to face Penn State for home opener



LEAH BILLION | The Observer

Irish junior midfielder and face-off specialist Liam O'Connor goes for the groundball during Notre Dame's scrimmage against Bellarmine on Feb. 1.

By **BRIAN PLAMONDON**
Sports Writer

No. 4 Notre Dame will take the field Saturday when it hosts No. 12 Penn State in its home opener. Notre Dame (1-0) will try to keep its momentum after a 19-7 rout of Jacksonville Sunday in which 13 different players notched goals for the Irish.

"The biggest thing that impressed me [against Jacksonville] was our energy level," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "The variety of different plays that we made — we scored goals out of at least seven different scenarios over the course of the day. I felt like it was a total team contribution more than us riding one or two guys."

After a decisive victory in their opener, the Irish will turn their attention to the Nittany Lions, a team that has taken Notre Dame to overtime the last two times they met. Notre Dame won last year's meeting 10-9, and has won 10 of the last 11 meetings. This will be the 18th straight year the teams have met.

Penn State (1-1) comes into the game having won 12 straight road games.

"They're scoring goals in a lot of different ways,"

Corrigan said. "You've got to defend them the entire game and defend them the full field, because they do a great job of getting out and creating breaks."

The Nittany Lion offense will feature four players that scored at least two goals in their most recent game, a 12-11 overtime loss to Loyola. Senior attackman Shane Sturgis and sophomore attackman TJ Sanders have led the way so far, with nine and seven goals on the season, respectively. The Penn State defense, however, is the team's strength, led by senior goalie Austin Kaut, a 2013 first team All-American and winner of the Ensign C. Markland Kelly, Jr. Award, honoring the nation's best goalie. He boasted a .610 save percentage and a 7.37 goals-against average during last season's campaign.

"You have to be smart and selective about the shots you take [on Kaut]," Corrigan said. "You can help their transition by taking poor shots. I don't think we're going to get away with as many turnovers as we did last week."

Notre Dame will look to get after Kaut early and often, trying to duplicate its performance against Jacksonville when they took

56 total shots. The Irish offense, although balanced, will look to sophomore attackman Matt Kavanagh and junior attackman Conor Doyle to lead the charge. Kavanagh tallied a game-high seven points on three goals and four assists against Jacksonville, while Doyle netted three goals of his own. Not to be forgotten is senior midfielder and face-off specialist Liam O'Connor, who won 19 of his 25 draws while adding a goal.

"I thought [O'Connor] was terrific," Corrigan said. "Draws are always important. If you're ahead and you win them it puts a lot of pressure on the other team. If you're behind, it's the key to catching up."

With games against No. 3 North Carolina and No. 6 Denver on the horizon, Corrigan said it was important to focus on one game at a time.

"We watched Penn State's games against Michigan and Loyola," Corrigan said. "They're a dangerous team."

With a game under their belt, the Irish will take on Penn State in their home opener at 3 p.m. Saturday at Arlotta Stadium.

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Irish extend winning streak



ZACHARY LLORENS | The Observer

Irish sophomore catcher Casey Africano waits for the pitch during Notre Dame's during a scrimmage on Oct. 9, 2013.

Observer Staff Report

With two thirds of the Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic left to play, the Irish have made a strong showing during the first day of action in Cathedral City, California. Thrown into a doubleheader to start the tournament, the Irish (8-1) defeated Pacific by a score of 1-0 and followed that win with a convincing 6-0 victory over BYU. The pair of victories extends the Irish winning streak to seven games.

During the first game against the Tigers (2-5), the Irish were only able to come up with one run on an RBI hit from freshman left fielder Karley Wester, who is the current ACC Player of the Week. That would be all they needed, as the Irish received a dominant pitching performance from sophomore starter Allie Rhodes and freshman relief pitcher Rachel Nasland. Though the southpaw Rhodes received a no-decision for her 91-pitch outing, she struck out four batters while scattering five hits over 5.1 innings. Nasland then came in to pick up the win in relief with 1.2 innings of shutout ball.

The victory marks the first of Nasland's (1-0) Irish career. In the second game the

Irish were able to open up with six runs against the Cougars (5-7), but once again lights-out pitching would dictate the outcome of the contest. This time, the game belonged to Irish senior Laura Winter, who over seven shutout innings struck out eight batters and only allowed two hits and one walk, while retiring the final thirteen batters she faced. Winter (4-1) picked up her fourth victory in a row, and in the process lowered her season ERA from 2.40 to 1.85. The shutout was the sixteenth of her career, which moves her into eighth place in Notre Dame program history.

Though strong pitching carried the Irish through the day, there were several key offensive performances as well. Wester led all batters with three hits over two games, drove in a run and scored a run of her own. Junior second baseman Jenna Simon and Junior center fielder Emilee Koerner scored a pair of runs each, while sophomore first baseman Micaela Arizmendi and junior third baseman Katey Haus knocked in a pair of RBI each, pacing the team.

The Irish will resume play on Friday against UC Davis (4-9, at 3:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

ND to face Stony Brook after loss



EMILY MCCONVILLE | The Observer

Irish sophomore attack Rachel Sexton races upfield during Notre Dame's 15-10 loss to Boston College on Saturday.

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

After dropping their first ACC game to Boston College 15-10 on Feb. 18, the No. 15 Irish face non-conference opponent No. 12 Stony Brook on Saturday at the Loftus Center.

Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said it didn't take Notre Dame (1-1, 0-1 ACC) long to put the loss to Boston College (1-0, 1-0) behind them.

"On Monday in a team meeting we were able to regroup and come right back to the drawing board," Halfpenny said. "It was really exciting to see what this team is made of. That's typically when you find out what you're made of, when things don't go your way, and our team was focused, energized, and ready to get right back at it."

The Irish face a difficult opponent in Stony Brook (2-0) this weekend. Halfpenny said the team out of Long Island tends to play rougher than many of the teams Notre Dame is used to.

"They are really aggressive," Halfpenny said. "They run some schemes and strategies that we've seen on films and that we've known about in the past years, so we're preparing for what they're going to throw at us."

The Sea Wolves' arsenal includes a returning standout in senior goalkeeper Frankie Caridi, who earned the first shutout in Stony Brook history last weekend

against Monmouth. Notre Dame will also have to face a unique defensive style from a team that doesn't play typical zone defense.

"We're continuing to do what we do," Halfpenny said. "However, we need to prepare adequately for what they throw at you. They run a different style of defense. ... They have some outstanding players, [Caridi] in goal ... we obviously have to pay attention to that and we'll do that as a team."

The Irish, meanwhile, will be relying on a wide array of players to lead the charge against Sea Wolves.

Irish junior goalie Allie Murphy started against Boston College and had five saves. Junior midfielder Caitlin Gargan tied her career-high with four goals, and sophomore attack Rachel Sexton scored three goals against the Eagles.

Halfpenny said the Irish aren't so much changing their game for Stony Brook as they are finding their identity on the field.

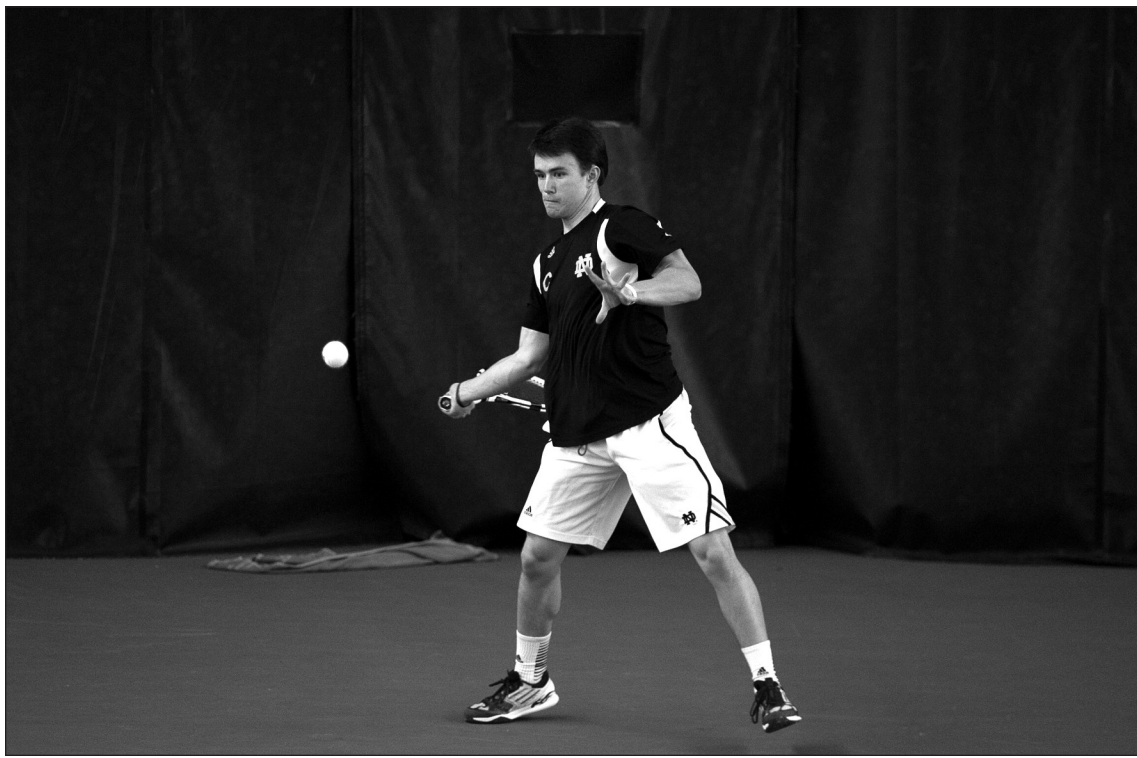
"I don't think there are any changes, it's just continuing to develop," Halfpenny said. "It's still early in the season. We're a spring sport and it's only February, so we're continuing to add to what we've done, which was our plan for the whole season."

The Irish are back in action on Saturday when they take on Stony Brook at 8 p.m. in the Loftus Center.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish to host top ranked Ohio State over weekend



MICHAEL YU | The Observer

Irish senior Greg Andrews lines up a shot during Notre Dame's 4-3 victory over Kentucky on Feb. 2. Andrews is currently ranked No. 37 in the nation in singles play.

By RENEE GRIFFIN
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The No. 10 Irish will face No. 1 Ohio State and Ball State this Saturday on their home court.

Notre Dame (9-2, 0-1 ACC) has great respect for the Buckeyes (13-0), Irish coach Ryan Sachire said, but will not be intimidated by their spotless record.

"Obviously Ohio State is undefeated on the year," Sachire said. "They just won the National Indoor Championships [on Monday]. They've been a great team for a little over a decade, but we're a pretty good team, too, so it should be fun to watch two great teams going at it."

Though Ball State (4-1) will be one of Notre Dame's few recent opponents who is not in the ITA top 25, Sachire said the Irish will be ready to face a good team in the Cardinals.

"Ball State is a very competitive team, as well," Sachire said. "Phil Richards has been their coach for a very long time and does a very good job. They've got their best player from last year back so it should be a good match."

After losing to then-No. 1 Virginia at the ITA National Indoor Championships on Feb. 14 by a score of 4-2, this will be the second consecutive week where Notre Dame faces the top team in the country. Ohio State won its top ranking by defeating the Cavaliers on Sunday, so Sachire said his team will have to make some adjustments to pull off the upset.

"What we're going to

have to do is just execute at crunch time," Sachire said. "We were in a position to beat Virginia. The thing about great teams like Virginia and Ohio State is they don't give you many opportunities, so you have to be able to take advantage of them when they come. That's what we didn't do against Virginia, but hopefully we'll be able to do it this week."

The Irish certainly have extensive experience against high-quality competition, playing seven teams that were ranked in the top 30 at the time of the match. Notre Dame has on its resume wins at the National Indoor Championships last weekend over No. 9 Mississippi State and No. 12 Florida.

"I think the biggest thing that we gained last weekend in Houston was confidence, the idea that we can consistently beat great teams," Sachire said. "When you have four wins over top-15 teams, which we do this year, you really start to believe that you can beat anyone."

Ohio State is neither the first nor the last challenge the Irish will face this season, but Sachire said the tough schedule is more of a positive than a negative.

"It doesn't get any easier," Sachire said. "We play Virginia and USC in the coming weeks. We all came to Notre Dame to play against the absolute best competition, because it's our belief that that's how you get to be the best. We look at everything we do as an opportunity for success.

These are very, very challenging opponents we're playing against, but that's what makes it fun."

Notre Dame is undefeated at home this season but has only hosted four home matches while traveling for most of its contestd. Sachire says the team is excited to be back.

"We're hoping to get a great crowd," Sachire said. "Our guys feel very comfortable playing at home. This is, I think, our first home match since very early February so it should be nice for us to be on our own courts."

Senior captain Greg Andrews earned distinction as thC co-ACCPlayer of the Week after his performance at the National Indoor Championships. His play has been a contributor to the strong Irish start, but Sachire said it will be a team effort this weekend as always.

"There are nine matches being played, six singles and three doubles," he said. All nine count the sam". We talk to our guys everyday about being able to play in all nine spots. Nobody plays a lesser role than anyone else. When they get their chances to win, to take advantage of their opportunities, they'll do it. We keep a purely team perspective, and everyone's role is just as important as the next guy's."

Notre Dame will take on the Buckeyes at 12 p.m. Saturday, followed by a match against Ball State at 7 p.m.

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HOCKEY

Irish close out regular season by hosting Terriers



MICHAEL YU | The Observer

Freshman center Vince Hinostroza, center, and senior center T.J. Tynan jostle with Maine players during Maine's 2-1 win over the Irish on Feb. 7. A tying goal scored by senior left wing Jeff Costello was called off by the officials.

By CASEY KARNES
Sports Writer

No. 15 Notre Dame will honor its 11-man senior class this weekend when it hosts Boston University in the final games of the regular season at Compton Family Ice Arena beginning tonight.

The Irish (17-12-2, 6-9-2 Hockey East) currently sit in a tie for seventh in Hockey East with Vermont, while the Terriers [8-18-4, 3-10-3] occupy 10th place. Last weekend, Notre Dame made progress in climbing the conference tables with a 2-2 tie and 3-0 win on the road against No. 12 Providence. As the sun sets on the regular season, Irish coach Jeff Jackson said the Irish have to replicate the success they found against the Friars.

"Hopefully this last weekend wasn't an anomaly," Jackson said. "We need to build up some consistency here, especially with two home games coming up. Regardless of who we're playing against, this league is too good to take time off. We can't afford that anymore. If we want any chance of doing anything in the Hockey East playoffs, or making the NCAA tournament, we've got to win games. It's plain and simple."

Key to Notre Dame's success against Providence was the play of its senior class. Seniors scored four of the five Irish goals on the weekend, as center T.J. Tynan, center David Gerths, right wing Bryan Rust and left wing Jeff Costello all found the back of the net. The most impressive performance, however, was from senior goaltender Steven Summerhays, who stopped 83

out of the 85 shots he faced on the weekend and added his NCAA-leading sixth shutout on Saturday. Jackson said he believes Summerhays could carry the Irish far if he continues to perform at such a high level.

"I thought he was the difference [last weekend]," Jackson said. "[Providence] elevated their game, and he had to make some really good saves. When he's focused, there's a difference. If we're going to have any chance in the playoffs, he's going to have to play like that."

With Senior Night approaching this Saturday, Jackson said the gutsy efforts of Summerhays and the other seniors have shown as the season wanes is the perfect representation of their careers at Notre Dame.

"They've certainly put their imprint in the program," Jackson said. "I haven't had any issues with any of them off the ice. I think this past weekend was a pretty good example, I mean I don't think anyone played harder than that group of seniors. Some guys, you think of a few years back, might've checked out a little bit, since we weren't having the kind of season they expected to have. This group hasn't done that."

While the seniors had success last weekend, sophomore left wing Mario Lucia and freshman center Vince Hinostroza struggled and were held scoreless. Jackson said Lucia, who leads the Irish with 15 goals, and Hinostroza, second on the Irish with 21 assists, must be able to maintain their performance even as pressure mounts.

"The big thing right now is that we need to get Hinostroza going again with Lucia," Jackson said. "It's playoff hockey right now, and the young guys who haven't been through it have to find a way to grit their way through it. It's not easy. There's been times where those guys have had their way offensively, and right now they're not having that same level of success."

On the other side of the ice, Boston University is shooting for its first road win of the season. Sophomore forward Danny O'Regan and junior forward Casey Hohmann are tied for the team lead with nine goals each, and sophomore goalie Matt O'Connor has taken the lion's share of minutes in net. While the Terriers have a losing record, they have a number of quality wins this season, including over Providence, then-No. 2 Wisconsin and then-No. 17 Vermont. As such, Jackson said that Notre Dame can't afford to take the Terriers lightly.

"[Boston is] rebuilding," Jackson said. "They have a new coach, David Quinn, who I know pretty well. I think he's got to build that team in his own style of play. They're young, they've got some skill. From what I've seen they're a good transition team offensively. And as we've found out, there's not a weak link in this conference."

Notre Dame's seniors will take the ice for their final regular season home series at Compton Family Ice Arena at 7 p.m. Friday night against Boston University.

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Observer File Photo

Junior pitcher Matt Ternowchek throws a pitch to a University of Illinois-Chicago batter during a 6-2 home win on Apr. 2, 2013.

Baseball

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accompany his home run, and junior designated hitter Robert Youngdahl also collected two hits in his four at-bats, both singles.

Notre Dame added some drama to the matchup and put itself in position for a rally in the bottom of the ninth when Youngdahl knocked a one-out single into right field to place the tying run on base. However, the Irish could not bring him in as junior first baseman Blaise Lezynski popped out and junior pinch hitter Mac Hudgins grounded out to keep the score as it was and close out the contest.

The Irish will need to quickly turn around from the loss for their game Friday afternoon against Gonzaga.

The Bulldogs (2-3) enter the tilt fresh off a 6-1 win over Incarnate Word on Thursday. Freshman outfielder Sam Brown picked up three of his team's eight hits in the victory, which was the 300th in head coach Mark Machtolf's career.

Seeking its first win in the Irish Baseball Classic, Notre Dame heads back to the diamond to face Gonzaga on Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Nelson Wolff Stadium.

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continually double-teamed Irish graduate student center Garrick Sherman in the post, forcing both the ball out of his hands and turnovers.

Atkins said the Cavaliers' defensive success is partially mental.

"I think it's mental just in the fact that people overthink their defense a little bit," Atkins said. "They doubled Sherman in that game a lot. I think we thought about that too much. We thought about attacking that too many different ways when we could just kick it out and move the ball really quickly."

Even in a league with two top-10 teams, Brey, Atkins and Connaughton all said Virginia may be the best team in the ACC.

"They very well could be," Connaughton said. "They're in the argument. They run their stuff very well, they're a very good team and have a lot of good pieces. It's going to be a challenge for us."

Brey, however, was more blunt.



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Senior guard Eric Atkins looks to pass to a teammate during Notre Dame's 68-64 double overtime win over Clemson on Feb. 11.

"I don't think anybody's better," he said. "Matter of fact, I think they're the best, quite frankly, and we've played them all."

During their 71-64 loss at Miami on Wednesday night, the Irish may have gained something more valuable: solid play from freshman guard Demetrius Jackson.

Jackson scored a career-high 17 points in 27 minutes after missing two games for academic reasons. He added five assists and was

3-for-5 from the three-point line.

"It was very encouraging for him for the rest of the year," Atkins said. "I'm excited for him because we definitely needed it. Hopefully he can keep that going forward."

Notre Dame and Virginia tip off at 2 p.m. Saturday in Charlottesville, Va.

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Senior guard Kayla McBride takes a shot from the outside during Notre Dame's 79-52 home win over Miami on Jan. 23.

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She's just doing everything well in all phases of her game."

Lloyd leads Notre Dame in

scoring this season, and is also averaging 6.2 rebounds per game.

"At the beginning of the season, we were talking about how she might be able to be the leading rebounder on the team," McGraw said. "She's an excellent rebounder because she has some great instincts. Offensively, she recognizes where the ball is going to go and seems to be in the right spot at the right time. Defensively, she's been boxing out and really working to keep her man off the glass. She's just going after it."

Nonetheless, Notre Dame is still seeking perfection in all phases of the game to match its perfect record, McGraw said.

"We are just frustrated [that Wake Forest junior forward Dearica] Hamby scored 26 points," McGraw said. "She came into the game as the leading scorer in the conference and we had a plan to double-team her. We didn't execute it quite like we planned and she had a big game. That was frustrating."

The Irish will look to improve on defense when they host No. 7 Duke on Sunday. While the Irish were claiming their 26th straight win, Duke (24-3, 11-2 ACC) was simultaneously picking up its 11th ACC win over No. 14 North Carolina State, 83-70.

"It's going to be a battle against Duke, a great game," McGraw said. "We beat them down there and we're expecting it to be a great game here. They have some very good players, but we'll play them well. There is a lot on the line, so it's going to be a great game to see."

Earlier this season, Notre Dame traveled to Durham, N.C., to play the Blue Devils on Feb. 2. When all was said and done, the Irish claimed a decisive 88-67 victory.

"It helps when you win like that and can beat them at their place," McGraw said. "Now, we get to play in front of our crowd, which is always a plus for us."

On Sunday at 1 p.m., Notre Dame hosts Duke in Purcell Pavilion.

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second round with a strong 1-2 combination before both boxers began to trade punches. Hoffner seized the advantage early in the third period, landing jabs while Alvarez was able to connect on only a few hooks. Both boxers kept the fight close, but the decision went to Hoffner.

Patrick “Little Mae” Brennan Def. Conor “The Invisible Hand” Durkin

This bout began evenly, as Durkin's quick straights were met by a brutal straight from Brennan. The second round was much more reserved as neither fighter went on the offensive, although Durkin fatigued his opponent and gained the upper hand. The bout was still even going into the third, but a devastating straight left jab from Brennan grounded Durkin, which was enough to give him the win by unanimous decision.

Alex Bogucki-Baran def. Luke “Mickey” McCormack

McCormack began the fight energetically, moving Bogucki-Baran around the ring, but Bogucki-Baran's powerful jabs kept his opponent at bay. Bogucki-Baran struggled to pin down an elusive McCormack in the second, but when he did he began to dominate. Going into the final round Bogucki-Baran had the upper hand, and although McCormack connected on a few right hooks late, Bogucki-Baran took the fight by unanimous decision.

146-pounds: Chris “Hitman” Hinman def. Jack “Attack Jaiclet” Taiclet

In a tight, competitive fight from both boxers, Hinman outlasted Taiclet for a split-decision win. Hinman, a law student, countered Taiclet's height advantage early, blocking most of the sophomore's punches before landing a hook to Taiclet's head. Hinman continued to dodge most of Taiclet's punches in the second round before Taiclet was able to land multiple jabs to Hinman's body. Hinman responded by backing Taiclet into a corner and landing another hook to the head. By the third round, Hinman pressed his advantage by getting inside on Taiclet. Taiclet continued to fight back, relying on his jab. Hinman was able to land punches to Taiclet's core and ended the bout with a few shots to the face on his way to victory.

Garrett “Fedex” Schmelling def. Connor “Khalippur” Chelsky

Schmelling exploded in the first round of the bout firing devastating hooks to Chelsky's body, yet Chelsky's deadly straight left jab kept him in contention. Schmelling kept control of the fight the entire way, forcing Chelsky into corners where he was able to let loose with a flurry of body shots. Chelsky continued to connect on some well-timed jabs throughout the fight, but Schmelling was able to hang on for the win by split decision.

Danny “El Hombre” Espinoza Def. Edward “Armagetti” Smith

Espinoza started the bout in the driver's seat, deploying some lethal

hook combos. Smith began to gain some momentum towards the end of the first, connecting on jabs to Espinoza's head and body. In the second, Smith kept the momentum, getting inside Espinoza and connecting on jabs to the body. However, Espinoza quickly rebounded, using a jab to keep Smith away. He followed up with left hook combos in the final round, giving him the win by unanimous decision.

151-pounds: Ryan Dunn def. Sean Himel

This fight began closely with both fighters trading jabs, though Himel mixed in the occasional hook. But at the beginning of the second round Dunn pinned Himel into the corner and unleashed a devastating combo that stunned his opponent. Dunn then connected on a right hook that put Himel on the floor. The bout was stopped and Dunn was giving the win by TKO.

Jackie “The Forgetful House Cat” Garvin def. Austin “Don’t Believe Me Just Watch” Cartier

Cartier began this bout in dominant fashion, unleashing lethal jabs and hooks onto Garvin. Although Garvin struggled to land anything in the first round, he mounted counterattack in the second with a flurry of straight jabs that left Garvin stunned. As Cariter began to tire in the third, Garvin took full advantage and went to work on his opponent with successive jabs. The late comeback was enough to give Garvin the win by unanimous decision.

Ben “Danger Zone” Eichler def. Liam “Trooper” Chan

Using quick feet and a strong right hook, the senior Eichler dominated the bout to win by unanimous decision. Both fighters were cautious in the early going, but Eichler grabbed control of the bout with powerful hooks to Chan's head. In the second round, Eichler continued to evade Chan's jabs and used his own left jab to set up several forceful right hooks to the sophomore's head. Chan was aggressive in the final round but was driven back into the ropes as Eichler closed out the win with brutal uppercuts.

“Sloppy” Joe Guilfoile def. Chip Blood

Guilfoile's tactical fighting and powerful punches earned him a unanimous decision win in this battle of two freshmen. Both fighters came out hard in the first round, but Guilfoile dictated the early action with a strong left jab that kept Blood off balance. Blood was more aggressive in the second stanza, going after his fellow classmate with sweeping hooks, but Guilfoile was able to land several counter-punches of his own. In the final round, Guilfoile's strong jabs hounded Blood throughout the ring and ultimately sealed the victory.

162-pounds: Garrity “Biscuit” McOsker def. Conor “The Wild Rover” Douglass

McOsker, the defending champion, showed his top form tonight, moving on to the next round with a dominating unanimous-decision victory. The junior used his precise form and explosive hooks to control the first round, and in the

second drove Douglass into the ropes. Douglass attempted to elude contact as the bout wore on, but McOsker caught him with several jabs, making the grad student bleed from the nose. Douglas hung in the fight valiantly, but McOsker's quick style and strong body blows were too much to overcome.

Gage “The Heart-Break Kid” O’Connell def. Joe “Trix are for Kids” Brogan

O’Connell withstood Brogan's energetic fighting style, expending enough of his own energy to earn the victory by unanimous decision. O’Connell's hooks gave him a slight edge early on, and in the second round he landed a few powerful jabs that managed to drive Brogan into the ropes. The junior maintained his energy into the final round, but a final sequence of jabs and hooks was overpowering and gave O’Connell the win.

Paul “Pride of the 415” Toboni def. Joseph Sulentic

Toboni grabbed the bout by the scruff of the neck in the first round, delivering straight jab combos against Sulentic, who struggled to get any momentum going. Sulentic improved in the second round, working his way inside of Toboni. Toboni didn't back down, though, delivering well-timed combos when Sulentic would get too close. Sulentic dominated most of the third with successive straight jabs, but it was too late as Toboni held on for a win by unanimous decision.

Joel “The Supple Leopard” Hlavaty def. Matthew “The Bond Hall Brawler” Schaefer

Both fighters entered the bout with energy, but they were conservative when it came to going on the attack. When they did begin to attack, it was Hlavaty who had the upper hand, landing some well-timed straight jabs. As the fight went on, Schaefer began to creep back in with some lethal jabs of his own. Hlavaty began to come into his own late on in the third round with jab-hook combos, which was enough to give to him the win by unanimous decision.

166-pounds: Michael “Greasy” Grasso def. Calvin Hemington

Both fighters unleashed a flurry of punches in the first round, as the senior Hemington was knocked down when Greasy connected with Hemington's head on a number of consecutive hooks from both hands. The sophomore continued the barage in the second round, using heavy 1-2 combinations and a solid upper cut with his right to batter the senior. Hemington tried to mount a comeback in the third, ducking a number of Greasy's punches and countering to push the sophomore into the corner. Greasy's lead, however, was too much to overcome as he cruised his way to a unanimous decision victory.

Collin “Me Maybe” Corcoran def. Josh “Pride of the South” Whelan

The evenly-matched fight between two seniors hung in the balance until late in the final round, when Corcoran did just enough to earn the split-decision victory. The

two fighters exchanged lengthy jabs in the fight's opening stanza as each tried to set up combinations. The bout stayed in the middle of the ring in the second round as both fighters landed combinations of jabs, but neither took control of the fight. Both seniors were more aggressive in the closing action. Whelan attacked his opponent's body with vicious hooks, but Corcoran held him off with well-timed jabs and ultimately landed enough blows to Whelan's head to get the win.

Jason “Downtown” Ellinwood def. Scott “Bootstrap” Rousseau

The junior Rousseau began the fight with a series of punches to the midsection of the sophomore Ellinwood. That attack fizzled quickly and Ellinwood used the considerable height difference to lock up Rousseau in a bear hug. Ellinwood's length advantage continued to be a factor in the second round, as the sophomore landed some shots to the head of Rousseau. Rousseau consistently targeted Ellinwood's torso, forcing him against the ropes on multiple occasions before the sophomore clenched the junior to escape. In the third round, Rousseau controlled the direction and tempo of the exchanges, but again Ellinwood's height gave him the chance to land several hits to Rousseau's head, giving Ellinwood the win by a split decision.

Sebastian “El Papa” de las Casas def. David “No Way, No” Howe

The two seniors held nothing back from the start, as de las Casas began the fight showing off his power and quickness. Howe had a significant height advantage, but the technical prowess of de las Casas kept him in the fight. Several hooks of de las Casas hit home on Howe in the second round, though Howe bounced back with a series of vicious hits a few moments later. Though de las Casas was able to block or evade many of Howe's blows, Howe made him pay heavily during an exchange in the third round. De las Casas managed to hold on for the win by a split decision.

173-pounds: Patrick “Patty Cakes” Shea def. Charles “Chuck” Romano

The action began as soon as the bell to open the match sounded. The sophomore Shea was the more aggressive of the two boxers, getting inside on the lankier grad student and using right jabs to corner Romano. Shea continued to push Romano in the second, attacking his body and head with combinations. He found success late in the round with straight left jabs and continued the pressure in the third, never giving Romano any momentum on his way to a unanimous decision victory.

Mike “The Stache” Flanigan def. Alex “Turtle” Jirschele

This matchup of juniors started with lots of movement but few punches, until Jirschele got inside the longer Flanigan just past the midway point of the first round and used a dangerous uppercut to knock his opponent to the floor. Jirschele used effective dodges and counters for the first half of the second round,

but appeared to tire towards the end of the period as Flanigan's punches began connecting. Flanigan continued to pound away in the third, putting his opponent on the ropes and completing the comeback to earn a victory by a unanimous decision.

Zack “Bedrock” Flint def. Trevor “Sting” Stevens

The sophomore Flint showed off his speed in the initial exchange against the law student Stevens, evading many of Flint's shots and dealing back several of his own. However, only a few of the sophomore's quick punches made contact. The intensity picked up in the second round, with Stevens forcing Flint against the ropes with a flurry of punches before Flint did the same to him. Stevens seemed to tire near the midway point of the second round, as Flint landed a powerful 1-2 combination to the head of the law student. Stevens regained enough energy to land some solid shots on Flint at the beginning of the third round, but again wore out by the end of the period as Flint aimed more hooks at his face. The punches had a major effect, as Flint won by unanimous decision.

Brian “Rowdy” Roddy def. Eric “P-Rex” Palutsis

The junior Palutsis came out swinging against the junior Roddy immediately, backing him against the ropes and getting in a series of hooks before Roddy fought his way back. Later on in the first round, Roddy hit Palutsis with several straight right jabs to the stomach. Both boxers spent most of the second round sidestepping and blocking, with each landing an occasional hook to the head. In the final round, Roddy landed a few jabs to the midsection of Palutsis, but Palutsis used his height to land some shots on Roddy's head. In the end, Roddy won in a split decision.

180-pounds: Brett “Italian Ice” Sassetti def. Brian “Cheese” Willis

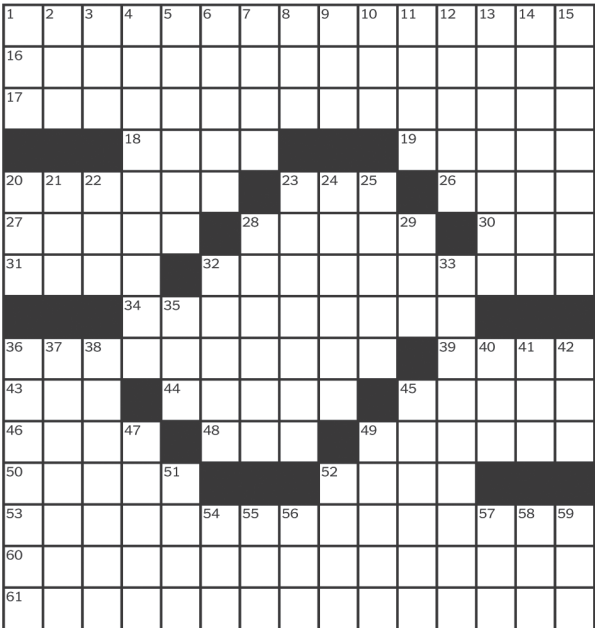
The senior Sassetti used left jab after left jab in the first round to establish himself over his sophomore opponent, but Willis was able to sneak in a few hooks in response. Sassetti knocked out Willis's mouth guard early in the second and the senior pushed his opponent into the ropes early in the third, connecting on another hook. He knocked out the sophomore's mouth guard again late to secure the victory by unanimous decision.

Eric “I Still Can’t” Reed def. Jack Considine

The taller Considine kept Reed at bay in the first round, but Reed worked his way into striking range in the second period. He began to have success with this strategy, connecting on several left jabs to the freshman's head. Considine fought back using 1-2 combinations as Reed began to tire in the third. Reed landed several of his own combinations early in the third but the freshman began opening up as the round wore on, just missing on several near-devastating right upper cuts. The closeness of the fight was reflected in the judges' split decision, which gave Reed the victory.

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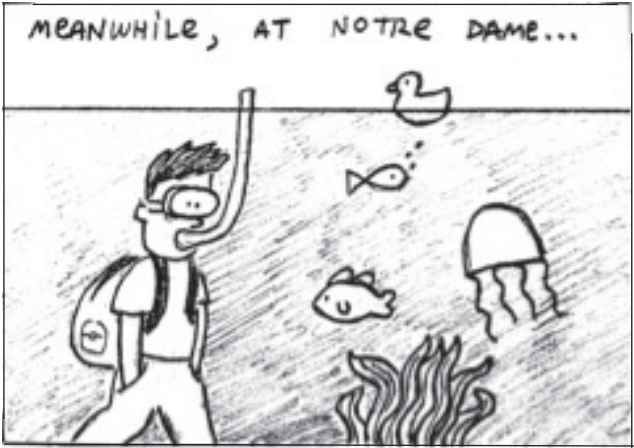
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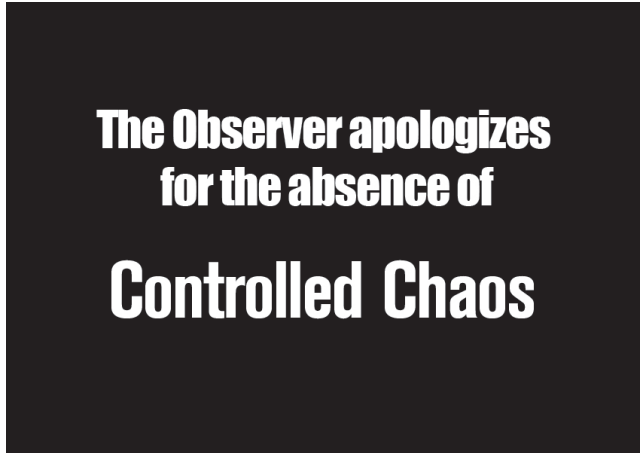
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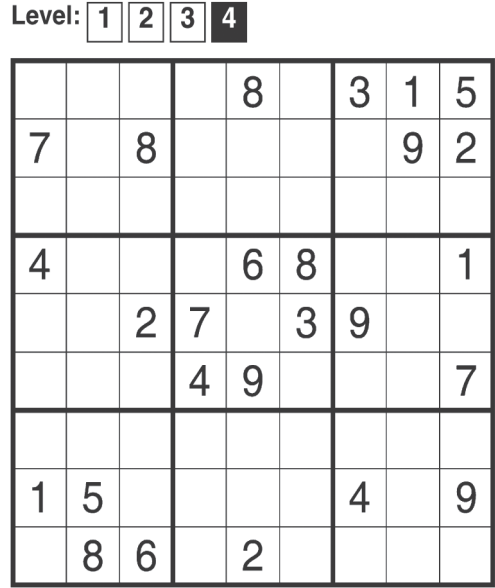
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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HOROSCOPE | EUGENIA LAST

Happy Birthday: You will find yourself in the middle of emotional matters this year. Some will be positive and some negative. You will have to balance your options and consider how your decisions will affect others. Your insight must not be cast aside. Follow what’s in your heart and you will make the changes that will bring the best results. Your numbers are 7, 16, 22, 27, 33, 39, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Protect your reputation. Put in extra hours or add more detail to the way you do your chores and your job. Help others and you will avoid being centered out. Less complaining and more production is the key to your success. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can improve your professional position if you add skills or services to what you are currently offering. Your peers, colleagues and superiors will consider you valuable if you keep up with technology and business trends. Innovation coupled with teamwork is required. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your investments may need a tune-up. Go over personal papers and any joint holdings you might have. A change regarding the person you do financial or legal business with will help you get your money matters in better shape. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Acceptance will help you maneuver through any negative encounter you face. The sooner you deal with responsibility, the quicker you will be able to move on to the people, places and things you enjoy most. Don’t let dead weight hold you back. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Taking action will allow you to show what you’ve got to offer and place you in a very cushy position when it comes to both your personal and professional connections. Don’t let an emotional issue cloud your vision or your progress. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Walk away from an argument. Love and romance are in the stars, and setting plans to enjoy time with someone you think is special will brighten your day. Children will play a positive role in your life. ★

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get out and about. The more you interact with people who share your interests or concerns, the further ahead you will get. A change regarding your relationships with others may be necessary if you are heading in a different direction. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do, rather than discuss, when it comes to domestic situations or decisions that must be made. By taking action you will confirm that you are willing to go the distance to make things happen. Explore friendships with people you find inspiring. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A misunderstanding can cost you, so choose your words carefully. Helping others will raise your profile, but don’t allow anyone to take advantage of your good nature. Keep your money in a safe place. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Rely on your business savvy and ability to outmaneuver others. Taking an unusual route to reach your goals will help you bypass some of the competition you face. An unexpected change in one of your relationships must not throw you off course. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Trust in yourself and put your time and effort into achieving your goals, not helping someone else advance. Make changes that will enable you to use your skills innovatively and you will surpass anyone trying to stand in your way. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Legal settlements, contracts, investments or any matter that can help you out financially should be dealt with. Money will come to you from an unusual source. Don’t feel like you have to share what you receive. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You are a helper and a participant. You are inventive and imaginative.

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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WULALF

Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday’s

Jumbles: YAHOO EAGLE AGENCY HYPHEN

Answer: When Beatles fans were asked if they liked the song “She Loves You,” they said — YEAH YEAH YEAH

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | ND 81, WAKE FOREST 63

Notre Dame stays perfect

By **AARON SANT-MILLER**
Sports Writer

Despite a night of cold shooting, No. 2 Notre Dame topped ACC rival Wake Forest on Thursday by 25 points, winning 86-61.

"Overall, we played a pretty good game on a night when we didn't shoot the ball that well at all," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "To be able to put up that many points in a game like this is great."

Notre Dame (26-0, 13-0 ACC) leads the NCAA in 3-point shooting this season, as the Irish have hit 41.6 percent of their shots from behind the arc. Against Wake Forest (14-12, 5-8 ACC), Notre Dame hit only three of their 16 3-point attempts.

"When we shoot like that, it does influence our offensive mentality," McGraw said. "I think we need to shoot a little smarter. We needed to step inside and get to the free-throw line a little bit more; we probably should have attacked the lane a little bit more."

Irish sophomore guard Jewel



EMMET FARNAN | The Observer

Senior forward Ariel Braker goes for a rebound during Notre Dame's 79-52 win over Miami on Jan. 23 in Purcell Pavilion.

Loyd shone as the lone bright spot on a rocky shooting night, hitting nine of her 17 shots. Against the Demon Deacons, Loyd scored 29 points and pulled down 10 rebounds.

"She has been playing so well

and has just been fantastic at both ends of the floor," McGraw said. "She's been rebounding, scoring, driving the ball, and getting to the free-throw line.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish face ACC-leading UVA

By **MATTHEW DeFRANKS**
Assistant Managing Editor

Play on the East Coast, return to South Bend in the wee hours, go to class, go to practice, head back east.

Repeat.

For the third time in seven days, Notre Dame will pack its bags and travel to an ACC opponent when it plays at No. 14 Virginia on Saturday.

"This is by far the most travel I've done in a week timespan," senior guard Eric Atkins said. "This has definitely been different for me and pretty hard."

Virginia (22-5, 13-1 ACC) sits atop the conference standings after previously undefeated Syracuse fell to Boston College on Wednesday. The Cavaliers have won 10 consecutive games, including a 68-53 win over the Irish (14-13, 5-9) on Jan. 28.

"This is the one team that really thumped us and a lot of respect with how they're playing and confidence they're playing with," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "I think it will be a heck of a barometer for us since last time,"

In that game, the Cavaliers

jumped out to a 32-12 lead 15:27 into the game and never looked back as they cruised past the Irish.

Notre Dame finished the game with 20 turnovers, leading to 29 Virginia points.

"The game when they played us here was one of those games when you could say we weren't in it as much as every other single game we lost," junior forward Pat Connaughton said.

Virginia will bring in the nation's top scoring defense, allowing just 55.5 points per game. The Cavaliers have held their last four opponents to fewer than 60 points.

"Everybody is always in position," Atkins said of Virginia's defense. "It seems like they never get out of position defensively. They all trust each other very well. It was a great defensive display while I was on the court, which was bad."

Brey said Virginia's length on the perimeter, especially 6-foot-6 sophomore guard Justin Anderson, caused problems for the Irish.

"They're going to guard the heck out of you," Brey said.

In the first game, Virginia

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BASEBALL | SANTA CLARA 2, ND 1

McCarty loses in pitching duel

By **MARY GREEN**
Sports Writer

Peter Summerville entered the game for only one pitch in Thursday's tilt between Notre Dame and Santa Clara, but that one pitch made all the difference in the Broncos' 2-1 win over the Irish at Nelson Wolff Stadium in San Antonio.

The Santa Clara senior catcher delivered a pinch-hit single on the first throw he saw from Irish freshman left-handed reliever Jim Orwick in the top of the seventh inning. The hit drove in Broncos freshman third baseman Max Kuhns for the go-ahead run in the opening contest of the Irish Baseball Classic.

Senior right-hander D.J. Zapata went the distance for Santa Clara (2-4), collecting eight strikeouts and limiting the Irish (1-3) to six hits.

The Broncos struck first on the scoreboard in the top of the third inning with senior center fielder Greg Harisis's

solo home run off sophomore right-hander Nick McCarty.

McCarty was tagged for the loss since he gave up the single that put Kuhns's winning run on base before exiting with two outs in the seventh.

The three Notre Dame pitchers — McCarty, Orwick and senior right-hander Donnie Hissa — combined for eight hits, three of them for extra-bases, and six strikeouts.

Despite not coming away with the win, McCarty threw 52 of his 69 pitches for strikes and did not allow a walk.

The lone score for the Irish came in the bottom of the sixth with freshman second baseman Cavan Biggio's home run, which flew down the first-base-side foul line and just made it over the right-field wall. The solo shot was the first of Biggio's collegiate career.

Biggio went 2-for-3 with a single and a walk to

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BENGAL BOUTS | QUARTERFINALS

Boxers battle to advance

By **GREG HADLEY, JOSH DULANY, BRIAN PLAMONDON, RENEE GRIFFIN, ZACH KLONSINSKI and CORNELIUS McGRATH**
Sports Writers

134-pounds: Jeffrey "JWeezey" Wang def. Stephen "M&M" Gaetano

This fight began with Wang dictating the pace and landing several jabs on Gaetano throughout the first. Wang went from strength to strength, bobbing and weaving to create some room for his lethal straight jab. Gaetano tried to establish himself in the fight in the third, but Wang countered with left hooks, taking the fight by unanimous decision.

Daniel "Jet" Lee def. Robert "One Man Wolf" Pak

Both fighters came out strong in the first. Lee delivered some strong straight jab combos, while Pak landed some well-timed right hooks. However, Pak's failure to get inside in the second round meant Lee was able to continue dominate with his deadly combos. In the third Pak fought valiantly, but Lee was just too strong, giving him the win by unanimous decision.

Andy Fausone def. Edward "Big Ed" Leppert

Fausone asserted his dominance early and stayed aggressive in the later rounds on his way to a win by unanimous decision. The sophomore opened the bout on the defensive, blocking multiple jabs before landing a right hook that Leppert answered with a hook of his own to Fausone's head. As the fight progressed, both boxers continued to lead with combinations while trying to get in close to throw hooks. Fausone cornered Leppert twice in the second round, before he finally knocked the sophomore Leppert on his back after a series of hard jabs. Fausone kept the pace up in the third round, maintaining his technique and finishing off the victory.

Matthew Muliadi def. Glen "G-Mac" McClain

Muliadi established control in the first round and never let up, taking the win by unanimous decision. McClain seemed to forfeit his height advantage early on in the bout when Muliadi stymied him every time he tried a straight right punch. But, Muliadi relied on a wide array of punches, including several hooks that found the freshman's head. In the second round, he backed McClain into a corner, landing solid punches while dodging McClain's hooks. The sophomore finished strong, throwing left hooks

throughout the third round on his way to the win.

140-pounds: Niels Seim def. Keith "The Chief" Loh

Seim, one of only a few left-handers in the tournament, relied on his defense to outmaneuver the sophomore Loh in a unanimous-decision victory. The boxers appeared to be well-matched early, trading punch for punch. Seim, a grad student, landed a few 1-2 combinations while Loh struggled to connect on almost all of his punches against Seim's strong defense. Seim continued his great blocking and dodging in the second round before Loh managed to land a few punches. Seim finished strong, however, landing multiple straight rights, and took the victory.

Ben "Bad" Hoffner def. Juan "Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish" Alvarez

In a close, back-and-forth match, the freshman Hoffner came out on top with a split-decision victory as Alvarez tired in the third round. Hoffner displayed his quickness early, but the senior was able to counter with a slew of straight-right punches. Alvarez opened the

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