

Boxers fight, raise funds for Bangladesh

86th annual Bengal Bouts kick off Sunday night, support Holy Cross missions for childhood education

By **JENNA WILSON**
News Writer

The boxers participating in the 2016 Bengal Bouts are fighting — not just in the ring, but also to eradicate poverty in Bangladesh, a country where most people make under \$2 a day, according to the Bengal Bouts website.

According to senior captain Mike Grasso, the combined efforts of the boxers participating in the bouts raises over \$100,000 every year, which goes to the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh. Grasso said that the boxers raise the money through a variety of ways including ticket sales, donations, sponsoring and ad sales.

“Besides [Bengal Bouts being a] display of all of our

hard work in the ring and our endurance and our strength, we really have a greater mission and a greater purpose in serving those less fortunate than us in Bangladesh,” Grasso said. “For example, a \$150 donation is the same as sponsoring a child’s tuition for a full year and their room and board at the school. With just a little money, we can really help these people.”

Freshman Cam Nolan agreed, and said that the most important part of Bengal Bouts is the mission behind it.

“I liked that there is a purpose behind the sacrifice — instead of just playing sports for the fun of it, it’s playing sports for the good of another,” Nolan said. “Knowing that the money

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Sophomore Matthew “Mr. January” Yoder defeated junior “Action” Jackson Lawlor by a split decision in the opening round of Bengal Bouts on Sunday. In its 86th year, the Bouts raise funds for children in Bangladesh.

Saint Mary’s highlights Girls and Women in Sports

By **ALEX WINEGAR**
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Saint Mary’s hosted a second annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day (NGWSD) clinic Friday in the Angela Athletic Facility. According to a College press release, the Women’s Sports Foundation established NGWSD 30 years ago as a way to celebrate extraordinary achievements of women and girls in sports.

Saint Mary’s director of athletics, Julie Schroeder-Biek, said the event is in celebration of a national day of sports. Colleges, universities and high schools are encouraged to do days like this and expose girls to sports, she said.

All eight varsity sports participated in the clinic, Schroeder-Biek said. College athletes volunteered their time to be counselors for the two-and-a-half hour camp.

The camp is free and open to girls between the ages of six

and 12 and around 70 girls attended the event, according to Schroeder-Biek.

Schroeder-Biek said she applied for a grant through the NCAA conference to fund the event. The event was designed to let the young girls participate in four 30-minute clinics, she said.

“They can choose which sports to play when they register,” Schroeder-Biek said. “They

Julie Schroeder-Biek
director of athletics
Saint Mary’s College



have the option of all eight sports, and they rank their top four. Then what we try to do is put them in at least their top three choices.”

She said the 30-minute clinics are basic and designed by the college athletes to be introductions into the particular sport.

The girls may not have been introduced to all of the sports prior to the clinic, such as lacrosse.

“A lot of the little girls have never played lacrosse before because it’s such a new sport to the midwest so it gives them introductory skills to lacrosse and all of the sports,” she said.

Schroeder-Biek said the goal of the event was to ignite the love of activity and sport in the girls. She said the event allows girls to dream big and interact with the college athletes and coaches.

“If girls are exposed to sport at a young age and they have fun with it and see the value in it, they’re so much more likely to carry on with an active lifestyle,” she said. “Even if it’s not an organized sport, just being active is so important.”

Schroeder-Biek said the clinic fits into the athletic department’s mission because it is about sharing talents and service.

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Professor examines gender



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Students discuss the definition of sex and gender as a social construct as part of Saint Mary’s weekly Justice Friday series.

By **ALLISON SANCHEZ**
News Writer

This week’s installment of the Justice Friday series focused on the definition of sex and gender, as well as the socialization of gender identity. The conversation was led by seniors Bri O’Brien and Vanessa Troglia.

Troglia said that biologically

speaking, gender is not a dichotomy. She said there are instances where a person’s chromosomal combinations can differ from XX and XY.

“No one can see sex, it is chromosomal,” said Troglia. “There isn’t one or the other [sex], there could be something in between.” Adrienne

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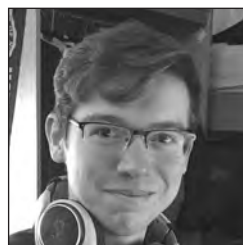
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“My computer.”



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Irish head coach Mike Brey and former players Eric Atkins, Pat Connaughton and Jerian Grant sing the alma mater after the men's basketball team defeated Louisville on Saturday night. The Irish knocked off the No. 13 Cardinals, 71-66.

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“The Alchemy of Vacuum”

Snite Museum of Art
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Seminar on light-matter states.

Core Curriculum Open Forum

McKenna Hall
3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.
Faculty and staff discuss proposal.

Tuesday

“Getting Started in Research”

Brownson Hall
4 p.m.-5 p.m.
Learn how to launch a creative endeavor.

Film: “Les Misérables”

LaFortune Student Center
7 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Snacks will be served.

Wednesday

“Christ for the Curious”

Coleman-Morse Center
7 p.m.-8 p.m.
Fireside chat series.

Violin Duo

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.-8 p.m.
Tricia & Taylor with Notre Dame musicians.

Thursday

Mindful Meditation

Coleman-Morse Center
5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
Open to participants of all faiths.

Chinese New Year's Gala

Washington Hall
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
Performances of Chinese songs.

Friday

Labor Café

Geddes Hall
5 p.m.-6 p.m.
Casual conversation on work, inequality and social justice.

Evening Adoration

Breen-Phillips Hall
7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
Join for worship music, reconciliation and a brief meditation.

Club Fever cracks down on fake IDs

By CATHERINE OWERS
Associate News Editor

After receiving two tickets from the Indiana State Excise Police for two counts of minor loitering, Club Fever announced in a Facebook post Saturday that two forms of identification will be required for entrance. The nightclub in downtown South Bend is a popular location with Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and other local college students on Thursday nights.

"From now on, we will be requiring two forms of identification. If your ID is from a state that is known for fraudulent

IDs, we may ask you to provide proof of address to accompany your IDs," the post stated. "This

"The students have been good to us through their support over the years, and we have tried to return the favor ..."

Dee Davis
owner
Club Fever

was triggered by an abundance of social media posts and blogs regarding a leniency by one or

more of our doormen regarding fake IDs. Excise saw enough bragging and gloating posts that they took action and ticketed us and arrested a few students for fraudulent identification."

Club owner Dee Davis said in an email the club has "always sought to provide a fun, yet safe place for a large number of local college students to gather off campus."

"The students have been good to us through their support over the years, and we have tried to return the favor by holding a fair pricing structure, tons of security, quality entertainment, shuttle busses and a large, safe venue. We will

continue as we have — and even have some big entertainment announcements to make — while being more diligent in our scrutiny of proof of age provided to us at the entrance," he said.

The post encouraged students to continue practicing safe drinking behavior.

"We know that many of you who will no longer be able to attend student nights will be going to more house parties and such. We hope you will remain safe and aware at these parties. Remember, you will not have a staff of 20 security personnel, professional bartenders, off duty cops and caring

management to look out for you. Please take care of yourselves as we don't want to see any of you hurt. Make sure you know exactly what goes into your glass, and don't ever let it out of your sight," it stated.

This isn't the first time Davis said the club would crack down on underage drinking. In March 2014, the club instituted new safety and emergency policies, after a shooting occurred near the intersection of Michigan and Wayne streets, and also raised concerns regarding patrons' use of fraudulent IDs.

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"It's kind of a give back night," she said. "We all have been given some wonderful God given talents and we want to share that with these little girls and show them all that they can be."

Teresa Guerrero, a senior lacrosse player, said she volunteered because it

gives the girls an opportunity to try out sports.

"I think sports promote teamwork and friendship among girls so its important to have those things but also helps them stay active and fit and healthy throughout their life," Guerrero said.

Schroeder-Biek said she hopes to continue holding this event every year.

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Lyles-Chockley, a visiting professor in the justice education program, listed several components of gender, and said this means that someone's gender identity may not match their biological sex.

"There are two components of gender," Lyles-Chockley said. "My internal sense of self — which you don't know — and the external, which is my performance ... gender expression is performance, identity is sense of self and sex is the biological aspect that nobody can tell."

O'Brien laid out different terms used for gender expression.

"If your gender identity, your gender expression and your bodily sex all align with each other and is what the expectation is for you, then you're cisgendered," she said. "If you deviate from that, then you're gender nonconforming."

O'Brien said people put expectations on others based on their biological sex.

"Gender is socially constructed," she said. "You're



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This week's installment of Justice Friday explored the concept of gender in a conversation led by seniors Bri O'Brien and Vanessa Troglia.

assigned a sex at birth, and from that, different gender expectations are put on you."

Troglia said the social construct of gender can have real consequences on society such as an equal distribution of both genders in jobs.

"Even though gender construction is made up by society and does not make any real sense, as a consequence, men and women are discouraged from going into certain jobs ... " Troglia said. "Because of social constructs, there not an equal distribution into

certain job fields."

O'Brien also said society could be different and less exclusionary if gender standards were eliminated.

"It's an interesting thing to think about," she said. "We don't know for sure, but if we eliminated gender constructs in society, it could lead to more opportunity."

The Justice Fridays discussions take place every Friday from 12:10 p.m. to 12:50 p.m.

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Boxing

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and the fight is for a good cause, and knowing that I am going this summer to see firsthand what that cause is, and knowing the reasons for our suffering, it's given me so much motivation to work hard and to suffer."

Grasso said he credits the greater mission with uniting the boxers into one team, even while participating in an extremely individualistic sport.

"We start off every week with our 'Mission Monday,' and that 'Mission Monday' really emphasizes the main point that we're here to serve those less fortunate than us," he said. "When we start off our practices with that tone, when every boxer knows that we are here [for that purpose], we use that as fuel for our workouts. And we know that the harder we work, the better shape that we're in, the more entertaining the bouts will be. And the more entertaining the bouts are, the more people will donate and come to the

bouts and the more money we'll raise."

Junior captain Alex Alcantara said while people may have entered Bengal Bouts because of their inter-

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Mike Grasso
senior

est in the sport of boxing, most people chose to stay because of the team bond that ultimately forms.

"Most people are drawn to the Bouts for the competition aspect of it," he said. "However, I think what

makes them stay up until senior year is the camaraderie and teamwork that they build, as well as becoming part of the mission."

However, Alcantara said the boxers do not just raise money for this far-off country and forget about it. They are invested in the work the missions provide in the country. Many boxers participate in an International Summer Service Learning Program (ISSLP) in Bangladesh, which is sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns.

Alcantara went to Bangladesh over the summer of 2015, along with three other boxers. The boxers stayed in Bangladesh for two months, teaching English during the day and helping during Mass at night.

"The best part of the experience, is knowing that we've supported [the people of Bangladesh] for 86 years," he said. "It really felt [like] we were family with the people we were helping, which was really the most rewarding part."

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Senior Ryan "Attila the" Dunn defeated junior Adam "Pasquatch" Pasquinelli in the preliminary round of Bengal Bouts on Sunday.



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Freshman Peter Loughran defeated junior Eoghan Flanagan in the first round of Bengal Bouts on Sunday. The annual boxing tournament raises funds for childhood education in Bangladesh.



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Senior Matthew "Yeoman" Schaefer defeated sophomore Jeff Graziano in Sunday's opening rounds of Bengal Bouts at the JACC.

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OSCAR DOCUMENTARY SHORTS HIGHLIGHT HUMANS AND PROBLEMS

By **SAM FENTRESS**
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The average viewer of this year's Oscars ceremony — now only two weeks away — might not recognize “Body Team 12” and “Last Day of Freedom” as Academy-nominated flicks, or even as movies at all. These two, dealing intimately with such grim subjects as Ebola and post-war trauma, push cinematic boundaries outward and forward, as do three other films nominated for Best Documentary Short.

All five films screened at Notre Dame's Browning Cinema last Thursday, and I must admit that viewing them in succession required a different disposition than watching, say, “The Martian.” Take “Body Team 12,” for instance, a 13-minute short that zeroes in on Garmai Sumo, a Liberian Red Cross worker in the heat of the Ebola crisis. Brief but wrenching, the film depicts the team's attempts to collect corpses destroyed by Ebola, often from the unwilling hands of family members who want to pay adequate respects to their lost loved ones. The short makes up for brevity with sheer relevance as the only of five shorts whose story demands and deserves to be told now. The choice of filmmakers David Darg and Bryn Mooser to adopt Sumo as the film's center of gravity also helps; she epitomizes the uncanny grit required of workers in dire medical fields and exudes compassion for the job she's called to do.

In fact, all five shorts put individuals at their center. It's a good way to accomplish the two things that all good doc shorts should do well: tell a human story and illuminate a problem. “Chau, beyond the lines,” directed by Courtney Marsh, puts full trust in its human subject. 16-year-old Chau suffers from a disability caused by chemicals in

Agent Orange, the herbicide U.S. military units sprayed over Vietnam throughout the '60s. Marsh, dedicated to the project and to Chau, followed him over the course of eight years as he faced artistic rejection from a slew of authority figures and himself. Admittedly, I too found myself doubting that Chau — who can barely walk, much less hold a paintbrush — could find a viable career as a painter. But he does, and as we share in his triumph in the film's final moments, we're reminded of the value of commitment and of the passage of time, and of people like Marsh who are willing to watch and wait.

Richard Linklater's “Boyhood” is the most recent great example of this long-term filmmaking, but even his work doesn't match the Herculean effort of “Shoah,” Claude Lanzmann's 1985 Holocaust documentary that took 12 years to make and lasts nearly 10 hours. Lanzmann himself serves as the subject of another short, “Claude Lanzmann: Spectres of the Shoah,” which depicts his efforts to create the 1985 film, which in his words was a “total war.” The new film focuses on Lanzmann's career, but I found it the least affecting portrait among the nominees. The short does more service to “Shoah” as a film than it does to Lanzmann as a filmmaker, who seems less alive and interesting than his 30-year-old film. Perhaps that's for the best. It's an important film.

HBO is distributing “Lanzmann,” as well as “A Girl in the River: The Price of Forgiveness,” another nominee by Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy, who won an Oscar for her 2012 documentary “Saving Face.” Obaid-Chinoy's 40-minute film follows an 18-year-old Pakistani girl whose uncle and father attempt to kill her after she elopes. It was no surprise to me that Obaid-Chinoy was a veteran of the category; “A Girl” is expertly produced and boasts the best production quality of the nominees, as well as a

deeply arresting story. Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of the subject is not how common these “honor killings” are in Pakistan, but how casually the girl's family treats the attempted murder — even after she manages to survive a gunshot.

Last and certainly not least is “Last Day of Freedom,” the most cinematically ambitious of the five shorts. The film animates an interview with Bill Babbitt, the brother of a diagnosed schizophrenic sentenced to death for killing an older woman. Directors Nomi Talisman and Dee Hibbert-Jones, in collaboration with a small animation team, drew over 30,000 individual frames to recreate the interview with Babbitt, which makes up the good majority of the film. Some are pencil, some are charcoal; some are colorful, but most are stark, as simple and raw as Babbitt's account, which ends in tears — he turned his brother into the police with the promise that his brother wouldn't face the death penalty.

I love “Last Day of Freedom.” It boasts beauty and importance equally, and at the same time, pulses at an excruciating pace. Talisman and Hibbert-Jones breathe palpable empathy into their animation, and Babbitt's internal conflict feels as real as the societal problems it reflects, those of a country unable to compassionately deal with men and women who suffer from mental illness, even sometimes as a result of service to their country (Babbitt's brother served extensively in Vietnam, the cause of his PTSD). Babbitt's urgency in “Last Day” is the urgency that saturates the best of its genre, an urgency to deliver the message in the clearest, most sincerely affecting way possible. “Last Day” — like all the nominees — delivers with pressure and poise.

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What's 'indie' anyway?

Adam Ramos
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The question “what kind of music do you like?” always elicits some blend of excitement and stress for me. For one, any opportunity to fanboy-out about an album I’ve been really digging, or discover a shared passion for a particular group is one I want to participate in. That being said though, it’s almost inevitable that some derivative of “I like indie music” will surface at some point during the discussion. While technically true, I hate the inherent condescension that comes with that phrase. In reality, my musical tastes are eclectic and diverse, and the phrase “indie” is just no longer suffice in covering all my bases — plus, it turns some people off from sharing their tastes, something I really detest.

The term “indie” began in the UK during the ‘80s, and became synonymous with the term “alternative,” another meaningless catchall for off-kilter, low budget acts. Even today, when placed in front of other genre titles, “indie” evokes a D.I.Y aesthetic, its not just pop, it’s indie pop — i.e “we’re not another mainstream corporate sellout act,” sick. Yet, when so-called “indie” acts rise in fame, are they still indie? Does the term “indie” suggest a type of music or just the level of fame?

In a recent issue of Under the Radar, beloved “indie” artist Father John Misty addressed some of the conflict in the term “indie” — and its coalescence with the term “mainstream”.

“It’s true. The lines really are blurring more and more. Sometimes, when I am on my way to an indie rock writing session with my indie rock producers who have been getting pressure from my indie rock label executives who are still not convinced we have that crucial indie rock single that’s going to break indie rock radio ... I can barely tell the difference myself.”

Misty went on longer describing his “indie rock workouts” among non-mainstream activities, but his point is clear. As the consumption and distribution of music warps and evolves with the times, labels and genres are becoming less and less relevant.

Chicago-based online music magazine Pitchfork Media, the current mecca for independent music, has long been regard as the epitome of this “indie” condescension. Yet more and more, Pitchfork has been covering a much wider scope of music. Of recent, acts considered by most as “mainstream,” such as Rihanna, Fetty Wap and Adele, have garnered attention on the niche music critique site.

What really ticks me is just how paradoxical it all is. If the term “indie” is suppose to suggest the purity of independent music and the unmitigated creativity available to those artists free from the fetters of a larger, more corporate label, shouldn’t the listeners of these acts be open to all types music? Sequestering your musical tastes to just the acts on smaller labels prevents attainment of a holistic appreciation of music in the context of our culture. If you’re constantly spending your time seeking music from small independent acts, shouldn’t you give more popular music a fair shot?

Now that the lines between indie and mainstream are beginning to blur, it seems like my gripe with the tricky little word will soon be gone. If Rihanna can cover a Tame Impala track on her latest album and Kanye can get away with sampling an Arca track on his “Yeezus,” can we drop the distinction now? The black and white separation of indie and mainstream albums from the record stores of day’s past is just no longer the reality, and music is better off.

At the end of the day, music and is just music — what we label the specific genres and subsets really just get in the way of enjoying it all. If it makes your head bob, don’t let cultural notions stop you. Next time I get inquired about my taste in music, I’ll just have to come with some cliché or something; it’s better then just saying “indie music.”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An immigration series

As the first part of the year-long course the Mexico-U.S. Border Immersion Seminar, students met in the fall to learn about various topics and perspectives about this border (especially the Arizona-Sonora area) and related immigration issues. Among other things, they read, wrote about and discussed different theories about why people migrate, the perils people face when crossing, the dynamics of faith-based humanitarian efforts and the consequences of border policy.

Then, during the first week of January, students traveled to the Southern Arizona borderlands to experience directly the realities of immigration. Their activities included talking with Border Patrol agents, trekking through the desert on a humanitarian trip, observing immigrant court proceedings, seeing everyday life in border communities and hearing stories about migrants’ difficult journeys and continued struggles for those who made it.

Now, in the spring semester, students are back on campus in the classroom to process and reflect on their immersion trip. They seek to better understand what they experienced through conversations, writings and readings. Students also desire to share their feelings, thoughts and perspectives with the larger Notre Dame community. Their Viewpoint article this week are one attempt to do so.

These pieces are very timely. Pope Francis is visiting the U.S.-Mexico border this week to highlight the gaping wound in immigration policy. This Wednesday, for instance, he will pray at the U.S.-Mexico border, where hundreds of displaced people continue to die every year. His trip to Mexico’s northern border will come at the end of a week-ago visit to Mexico.

Earlier in the week, he will travel to Mexico’s southern border region where many Central Americans cross on their way north. One of the Pope’s first stops will be the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City to highlight the faith that unifies people of Mexico and the Americas. The pope will also visit other areas to bring attention to the significance of family, young people, workers, indigenous communities and prisoners. To continue the central message of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis is expected to bring attention to the violence, corruption and indifference that disproportionately affects the poor and marginalized.

Pope Francis has said that he does not want his visit to gloss over the raw issues affecting Mexico and border communities. Rather, he wants to exhort people to fight against injustice. Students’ Viewpoint articles this week are in that spirit and aim to generate discussion and dialogue in the hope of promoting a more dignified system of immigration.

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Blue, gold and iNDifferent?

“We are part of the society, but not really.” This is how one Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) student, whom we will call Katherine, describes her life. DACA is an American immigration policy that allows certain undocumented immigrants who entered the country before their 16th birthday and before June 2007 to receive a renewable two-year work permit and exemption from deportation. Notre Dame began admitting DACA and undocumented students in 2014, and there are currently 10 sophomores and at least 20 first year DACA students now at Notre Dame.

Katherine’s family came to the United States when she was 8; they overstayed their visa. Since then, Katherine has faced constant uncertainty. “I did not know what was going to happen when I was applying for college,” she said. Sometimes it felt like going to college would not happen, she admits. Without a social security number, she could not apply for government financial aid, and private schools were her only hope.

Coming to Notre Dame has been a “blessing” for Katherine, but her experience is not without challenges. She candidly states that she is most frustrated by the lack of awareness on campus. In her words, “If the problem is not directly affecting [someone personally], people tend to not care.” Hearing this, we felt embarrassed. There are a wide range of opinions that can be taken about what the future of our immigration system as a country should look like. But when students most intimately familiar with an issue as important as immigration generally describe our student body as apathetic, ignorant or indifferent, we feel embarrassed, and we have to ask ourselves why.

It is true that today’s students have access to a wide variety of media sources, most of them biased in one way or another, and it can be difficult to seek out and find unbiased sources of information. Furthermore, it can be challenging to make an informed opinion about any issue without unbiased information. But aren’t these empty excuses? In the case of immigration, don’t we have a responsibility to push ourselves to learn more about individuals most affected by this system as well as the system

itself before we form an opinion?

In this election year, many of our peers list immigration as an important contributing factor in how they will vote. Deeper discussions, however, often validate Katherine’s experience and show that we have limited knowledge about immigration. Worse, these discussions can unintentionally dehumanize people like Katherine and her family.

Before forming an opinion about immigration reform and immigrants themselves, we would like to present a list of questions for you to consider:

- 1.) Do I know what it feels like to be unsafe in my home or country or unable to have the means to support my family?
- 2.) Have I read firsthand any peer-reviewed research or studies about the effect that the 11 million undocumented immigrants have on the U.S. economy?
- 3.) Am I aware of the avenues available to people seeking to legally enter the United States and how they vary based on an applicant’s country of origin?
- 4.) Have I met any undocumented immigrants and discussed with them what their family’s experiences have been like?
- 5.) Have I made a deliberate choice to take a class, attend a lecture or engage in discourse that challenges me to think about this issue from another point of view?

If the answer to more than one of these questions is no, we suggest that deeper investigation is required before an informed opinion can be made.

When discussing the vast topic of immigration, there is objectively no right opinion. The system is too vast, complicated, and obscure for that to be the case. There are, however, many wrong opinions and those are the opinions founded in ignorance or apathy.

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senior

Lily (Xiaoyu) Yu
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Feb. 14

A constitutional obligation

Jordan Ryan

Words of WisDome

President Obama recently released his final 2017 budget, which proposed a total spending of approximately \$4.1 trillion. Included in the budget was a request for \$582.7 billion in defense spending, a budget higher than the combined military budgets of the next seven largest military spending nations. In an era of limited resources, concerns about our growing national debt, worries about our nation's general economic outlook and the seemingly ever-increasing need for increased resources for social programs, it is both a legitimate and a necessary question to ask why we need to continue to allocate so much of our resources to our military. The answer is simple: we do so because it is the moral, practical and constitutional obligation of our federal government to provide for our defense.

Many of those advocating decreased defense spending and the diversion of additional funds to other aspects of the federal government, particularly entitlement programs, point to the fact that the U.S. spends a disproportionate amount on national security. However, our nation's defense spending has in fact dramatically declined in recent years, particularly as a function of total federal spending. Since 2010, our defense budget has actually been cut by 25 percent in inflation-adjusted dollars. Defense Department expenditures now account for only 15 percent of all federal spending, an amount less than that expended on national security prior to September 11, 2001. As a percentage of our GDP, our total national security spending has fallen from 4.7 percent in 2010 to only 3.3 percent in 2015. In fact, our present

investment in national security is substantially lower than that of other nations. For example, in 2014, Saudi Arabia, Israel and Russia spent approximately 10.4 percent, 5.2 percent and 4.5 percent of their GDP on national security, respectively.

Our \$18 trillion of national debt cannot fairly be attributed to military or defense oriented spending. Higher debt is the result of out of control federal spending, particularly on entitlement programs. From 2001 through 2015 spending on social and economic programs exceeded federal spending on national security by a margin of 61 percent to 38 percent in inflation adjusted dollars. For better or worse, our federal government has prioritized entitlement spending over dollars allocated for our national security interests.

Has our federal government fulfilled its constitutional obligation of providing for the common defense? A credible argument can be made that our government is not discharging this core mandate by the continued erosion of our military capabilities and presence.

The world obviously has become a more dangerous place over the last 15 years. Threats ranging from Islamic extremist organizations such as ISIS and al-Qaeda; the failed "reset" policy of President Obama with respect to Russia and Moscow's aggressive steps toward Georgia and Crimea; the destabilizing effect of the refugee crisis in growing list of countries including Syria, Yemen, Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan; the every-increasing threat posed by a nuclear Iran; China's increasing displays of aggressiveness, and specifically, cyber-warfare; and the growing threat of an irrational North Korea are but a few of the threats to our national security and reflections of the ever-deteriorating international landscape. Against this background, can it be rationally argued that the U.S.,

should have over the last six years, reduced its defense budget by 25 percent with a resultant degradation of its military capabilities?

Decreased defense spending also has a demoralizing impact on our nation's service men and women. Veteran's healthcare and retirement benefits have deteriorated to unacceptable levels. Deserving pay increases for our troops are being neglected. In fact, the 1.6 percent pay raise that is reflected in President Obama's current budget proposal is well below the estimated rise in private sector compensation in 2016.

The power and prestige of the U.S. on the world stage has hit an unacceptable low. We must send a message to our enemies that the U.S. will unwaveringly protect its citizens, its interests, and most importantly, its allies by allocating all necessary resources to combat threats to our national security. A strong Navy must be rebuilt, reductions to our ground troops must end, the visibility of our presence around the world must be restored and our international allies must be given assurances that the U.S. will not abandon its friends.

While the U.S. may not be obliged to act as the world's policeman, the fact remains that the U.S. must exercise its authority as a world leader in a responsible, coherent and trustworthy manner. U.S. hegemony cannot simply be ignored. With this power comes responsibility from which our government cannot run.

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The Revue in review

Charlie Ducey

English, Channeled

As an active participant in only one installment of the Keenan Revue (and an in-person attendee of two others), it's going to be hard for me to render any kind of justice to the now 40-year-old tradition of talent and satire for which Keenan Hall is well-known. I won't be able to provide much insight into the history of comedy and controversy the Revue has raised, nor will I be able to comment on what it feels like to dedicate months of preparation to its planning and funding. But I can offer a review, from both an outsider and insider position, of what the Revue means to me and what I think is its gift to the Notre Dame community.

It would be easy, but in no way untrue, to repeat what I have heard others say about the meaning of Keenan's annual comedy event. Within the dorm, the Revue brings together hundreds of men (this is no exaggeration) to perform in capacities that are alternatively sweat-inducing, laugh-generating and awe-inspiring — I mean, have you ever seen several human pyramids of underwear-clad men performing synchronized pushups before? The enterprise of putting on a show of this magnitude unites the creative spirit of the dorm certainly, yet it also serves the wider community in ways both obvious and unexpected.

Here, again, I feel the need to use words other than own. During the Friday performance of the Revue, the original creators of the show, Thomas Lenz and Richard Thomas, spoke about the impetus behind the event. They

shared this story with The Observer (and Newsweek):

"One of our classmates — he was hit by a car coming back from Michigan after having been at a bar," Lenz told The Observer last week. "It was one of those really shocking and sobering moments for our dorm, to really consider the role that alcohol played at a lot of social events and in the dorm's life. That was kind of the context for people saying, 'Okay, so getting wasted every weekend is one thing to do, but what else could the dorm do that would contribute to the growth of the dorm spirit and to the health of the community?'"

Community growth and engagement was the way Noel Terranova (Keenan rector and formerly unclaimed bachelor) framed the broader purpose of the Revue. This is true. With skits about the superficiality of campus diversity, not to mention the dubious paternity of Kylo Ren, the show is bound to incite conversation. I'm not sure if an irate series of Tweets about the cis-normative, white, male patriarchy is the kind of engagement Noel had in mind — oh, how they have played right into our hands — but I'm a believer in the adage that bad feedback is better than no feedback at all. I might need to pop a few Cultura before I offend anybody, though.

This leads me to the personal impact of the Revue. I first saw the Revue as a groveling, freshman resident of Alumni Hall, back before my turncoat days. It was February, probably, but who's expected to remember anything lucid from the iced-over blur that was the winter of 2013? Snow was not my thing. School was, similarly, not really my thing. I'm not about to tell some sob-story about how the Revue changed my life, but what it did afford me was the stark realization that Notre Dame could

actually be, well, fun. And funny. And side-shakingly hilarious.

Amid the talk of social change and the pressure of nearly constant examination, whether by professors or peers or potential employers, it can easy to forget the joy of good comedy. I'm not so much talking about the isolated humor of watching an episode of SNL in your dorm room. I mean comedy experienced personally. I watched a student-made documentary recently in which an Notre Dame comedian questioned why Notre Dame students — and I think college students more broadly — have to take themselves so seriously. The remarks had less to do with criticizing ambition and more to do with acknowledging the self-importance that arises from the inability to laugh at oneself.

Self-mockery, of Notre Dame students and Keenan Knights, lies at the core of the Revue. It reminds us of the folly involved in much of what we do and brings to mind the lighter-hearted side of university life. I had the privilege of taking part in this humorous reminder last week. I'd like to thank my fellow Keenanites for that fine honor. If we jarred a few people who take themselves too seriously, good on you. Here's to 40 more years of the Keenan Revue and then some.

Let the show go on.

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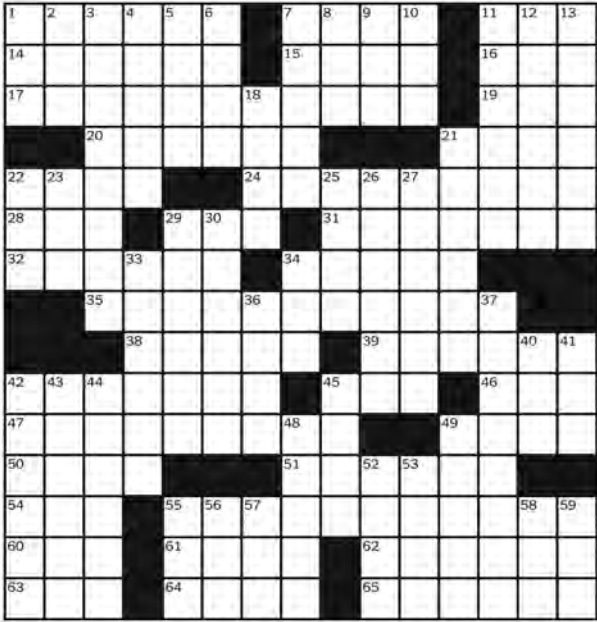
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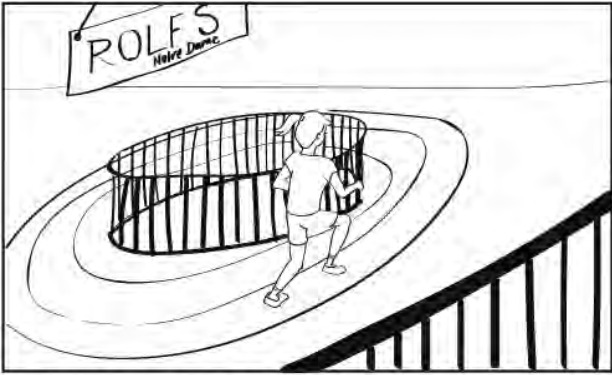


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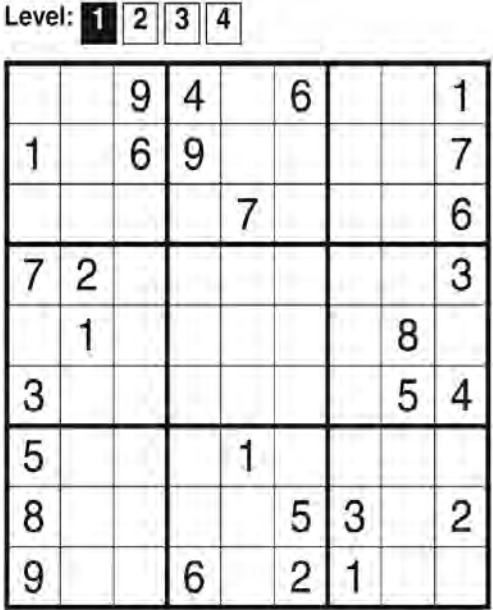
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267 laps in, Katie realized that the real challenge was overcoming dizziness, not endurance.

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SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE 9/11/12

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Happy Birthday: Show greater initiative and do what you can to improve your surroundings, environment and future prospects. Don't get too upset about anything. Instead, try to let your humanitarian outlook be your guide to better days ahead. You can make a difference if you honor your beliefs and are loyal to those you love. Your numbers are 3, 7, 19, 21, 26, 37, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Choose to make a difference. Use your intelligence and know-how to bring about important changes. Express how you feel and connect with the people you want to share your life with. Live in the moment. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): YBe the instigator when it comes to love and your personal relationships with others. Show how much you care through your actions, not promises you probably won't keep. Don't let anger take over when passion is what's required. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You won't be able to rely on anyone when things are going poorly. Motivation will be the key to your advancement, but divulging personal secrets will lead to your demise. Follow your dreams, not someone else's. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't be afraid to discuss your plans. The only thing to fear is rejection, and even that is better than living in limbo. Offer kindness and a willingness to compromise to ensure that everyone is happy with your plan. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't show emotional weakness or you will come under siege. You may feel forced to bring about changes, but in the end, the moves you make will help stabilize your life. Don't be afraid to start something new. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take control and everybody will look up to you. Romance, intrigue and travel are all favored. Plan your actions and follow through. Your strength and participation will take you on an adventure you won't want to miss. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take better care of your health, finances or any legal concerns you have. Don't rely on someone else to handle matters for you. Show discipline and don't procrastinate or someone else will take over. Deal with relationship issues now. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Offer physical but not financial help. Look for a new way to use your skills to bring in more money. Make a change at home that will give you the space you require to engage in a career that excites you. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Listen carefully to decipher what's true and what's false. Take a position that gives you the freedom you need to pursue your personal goals. Don't sell yourself short when it comes to your personal relationships. Choose partners wisely. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a unique approach to love and personal contracts. Your ability to combine practicality with incentives will help you get your way. A change in the way you live looks promising. Show affection and make someone you love happy. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep your emotions in check and don't take on a task that is beyond your capabilities. Be smart about what you can and cannot do, and focus on what is attainable. Anger solves nothing, but a consistent effort will help you reach your goal. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Self-help books or courses will bring you in contact with someone who can help you raise your awareness and improve your life. An opportunity to form a partnership with someone special will lead to interesting changes in the way you live. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are diligent, fearless and competitive. You are protective and loyal.

JUMBLE | DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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

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Answer here: ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

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Saturday's | Jumbles: AGENT THIRD SPRING INCOME
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For NBA, regular season matters

R.J. Stempak
Sports Writer

With Super Bowl 50 in the past, baseball long gone in hibernation and hockey impossible to imitate, now is the perfect time to watch the NBA.

The NBA is wrongly ignored until the playoffs, under the assumption that simply nothing matters until May and June. That could not be more untrue as this season finds itself with not one, but two transcendent, and possibly, record-breaking teams: Golden State and San Antonio.

Spurs and Warriors have net ratings of 14.1 and 13.9, respectively, meaning that on average they outscored their opponents by 14 points per 100 possessions, underscoring both their offensive and defensive prowess. The next best team in the league has a net rating of a mere 8.6, and after that, no one has better than six.

This Golden State team is not just the best team in the league this season, they may very well be the best team in the history of the league and in a time when the league is the more competitive than it ever has been. Everyone has heard of Michael Jordan's Bulls, Larry Bird's Celtics and Magic Johnson's Lakers. Well Stephen Curry's Warriors are right up there with these historically great squads, and Curry's team has the highest win percentage entering the All-Star break of any team, ever.

The Warriors should not be the only reason to watch the NBA, as two strong teams are right behind them in the Western Conference, the Spurs and Oklahoma City.

The Spurs, as well as the Warriors, are undefeated at

home this season and are tearing teams apart, left and right. This year the Spurs have 35 wins by double digits, while most teams don't even have 35 wins period. They have the best defense of the past decade and an offense that hums along and passes through defenses on a nightly basis, led by ageless veterans Tony Parker and Tim Duncan.

The Thunder have Kevin Durant coming off last year's foot injuries with a vengeance. Durant is averaging 28 points per game with an unstoppable jump shot, playing alongside the freak athlete Russell Westbrook who records a triple-double seemingly every other night.

The Eastern Conference may have less excitement, but it is definitely more competitive than last year, with Toronto and Chicago serving as potential challengers to LeBron James' Cleveland team.

Teams care about the regular season, and so should the fans. Players are so good that anyone can go off for 20 points in a quarter at any time, and overtimes happen on a nightly basis. Seeding is important because no one wants to play the super teams that tear everyone else to pieces. Every win matters and every game is exciting and fun to watch.

Curry is on pace to make 100 more 3s than anyone else ever has, so watch him make history.

Then go out with your friends and have fun trying to be like Curry, because not everyone can be like Mike.

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SMC BASKETBALL | KALAMAZOO 74, SMC 66

Saint Mary's falls to Kalamazoo on Senior Day

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Sports Writer

This past Saturday, Kalamazoo came from behind to defeat Saint Mary's, 74-66, dashing the Belles' hopes of getting a conference win on Senior Day.

Senior forward Eleni Shea, who finished the game with 15 points, got the Belles offense going in the first quarter, scoring the first two baskets of the game for Saint Mary's (1-23, 1-14 MIAA). However, Saint Mary's struggled with turnovers and offensive execution early, and the Hornets (8-16, 5-10) jumped out to a 19-12 lead by the end of the first quarter.

The Saint Mary's offense came alive in the second quarter, as the Belles went on a run to tie the game at 25 early in the second. With momentum favoring the Belles, Saint Mary's also began to force Kalamazoo turnovers and taking low-percentage shots. By the time the halftime buzzer sounded, Saint Mary's had built a 40-32 lead thanks to a 28-point quarter.

Belles head coach Jennifer Henley said she attributed the second quarter turnaround to a more confident offensive approach.

"I think we just got more aggressive offensively and started to attack the paint,"

Henley said. "It was the first time we got to the foul line. We didn't go any times in the first quarter. Basically, we got our footing, and we were more confident in our offense."

The Saint Mary's offense slowed down at the start of the second half as the Belles attempted to work the clock and preserve the lead. After a low scoring quarter, Saint Mary's lead was cut to just six, 54-48, headed into the final 10 minutes.

Saint Mary's went cold offensively to start the fourth quarter though, and the Hornets took advantage, tying the game at 58-58 three minutes into the quarter. Saint Mary's freshman forward Kelsey Ronan answered, putting the Belles back on top, 60-58. The Belles stretched the lead to four, but Kalamazoo responded. Hornet freshman guard Emily Kozal hit a 3-pointer to cut the lead to one, and junior guard Claire Slaughter scored on Kalamazoo's next possession to give the Hornets a lead they never relinquished. Saint Mary's fought until the very end, employing a full-court press and fouling in an effort to extend the game, but these efforts fell short.

Henley said the free throw disparity is what ultimately pushed Kalamazoo past the

Belles.

"We put them at the line 42 times, and we only went 12. So there was a clear unbalance in the foul situation, and that's hard to come back from," Henley said.

The Hornets shot 34-of-42 from the charity stripe, including a 15-of-17 mark in the fourth quarter, while Saint Mary's converted on nine of its 12 free-throw attempts.

Though it was another loss in what has been a difficult season for Saint Mary's, Henley said she was proud of the way her seniors, who suited up for their final home game Saturday, played this year. Guards Maddie Kohler and Sarah Macius and forwards Krista Knapke and Shea will all finish their careers with the Belles after their final regular-season game next weekend.

"You can't measure these kids on a scoreboard," Henley said. "You have to look at them in the whole. Retention in [Division-III] is tough, and these four have stuck together all four years, through ups and downs, and they're going to be very successful once they leave Saint Mary's."

The Belles will finish its season on the road against Albion next Saturday.

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NBA | WEST 196, EAST 173

West All-Stars send Bryant out with win over East

Associated Press

TORONTO — Kobe Bryant exited the All-Star Game for the final time to watch Russell Westbrook and Stephen Curry wrap things up with 3-pointers.

Bryant's gone, and these young guys are good.

Bryant said his All-Star Game goodbye and the next generation of the West's best sent him off a winner, rolling to a record-setting 196-173 victory over the East on Sunday night.

"It was fun," Bryant said. "I had a blast playing with those guys, laughing and joking with them on the bench."

The first All-Star Game outside the U.S. was the highest-scoring ever. Bryant didn't provide much of the offense but many of

the memories.

"To see him now, it's like the passing of a generation," West coach Gregg Popovich said. "He's been such an iconic figure for so long, and he passes it on to that other group of young guys that you saw out there tonight."

Bryant finished with 10 points, so few that he lost his career lead in All-Star scoring to LeBron James.

But Westbrook scored 31 points in his second straight All-Star MVP performance and Curry added 26 — the final three on a 42-footer. Anthony Davis had 24 on 12-for-13 shooting and Kevin Durant chipped in 23.

Paul George finished with 41 for the East, tying Westbrook's total from last year in New York that was

one off Wilt Chamberlain's record. John Wall added 22 points.

James finished with 13 points, just enough to move ahead of Bryant for most ever in the All-Star Game. James has 291, while Bryant, who is retiring after this season, leaves with 290.

He checked out with 1:06 left to cheers and hugs from his fellow All-Stars who now put up points in bunches the way Bryant did for so long.

Bryant had seven assists and six rebounds, but shot 4 for 11 in a game where there isn't really much defense and had never been less. The 369 combined points were 48 more than last year's record, and both clubs blew away the previous individual team record of 163.

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Bouts

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a succession of punches that denied Stenger any room with which to work. Stenger managed to land a few hits to Feijoo's body and head to end the bout, but Feijoo won by unanimous decision.

Chip Blood def. Sam "The Brawling Barrister" O'Brien

The next bout pitted Blood, a Sorin junior, against O'Brien, a law student. The men fought at close quarters, with Blood going for the head while O'Brien returned with punches towards Blood's body. With agile movements, Blood managed to block many of O'Brien's advances, as he was forced to a corner of the ring in the second round. The third round started with Blood fiercely punching at his opponent's head but not managing to get past O'Brien's blocks. O'Brien lunged to land some final punches and came out of the ring with his nose bleeding. Blood was declared the winner by unanimous decision.

Patrick "Starsky" Lawler def. Henry "Clarence" Orlowski

Lawler, a sophomore from Fisher, began the bout with multiple jabs directed at Orlowski's head. Lawler then launched another attack against the Keough sophomore, but this time he went for Orlowski's body. In the second round, Orlowski reversed the momentum and used quick footwork to land several punches to Lawler's body. However, Lawler was able to once again land several shots to Orlowski's head to counter his attack. In the third round, Lawler regained control of the contest's momentum by landing uppercuts and blows to Orlowski's head, which forced the latter to the ropes and into a defensive position. The competitors finished the fight in close quarters, with each trying to land a final combination. In the end, Lawler won by unanimous decision.

Mike "Greasy" Grasso def. Luke "I am Your Father" Rafferty

Grasso, a Stanford senior, attacked Rafferty's head to start and knocked the freshman off his feet early. Rafferty fought back and attempted to land punches to Grasso's body, but Grasso blocked and countered with a jab to Rafferty's head. In the second round, Grasso again went immediately toward Rafferty's head and left him unsteady on his feet. Rafferty took to the offensive but was quickly countered by a combination of punches by Grasso. Grasso continued

pounding Rafferty with blows, and the official ended the match in the second round, giving Grasso the referee stopped contest victory.

163 pounds

Pat Shea def. John "Chilly" Hatfield

Shea, a senior from Keough, jumped out to a quick advantage from the opening bell, forcing the referee to stop the bout twice in the first round to check on the Keenan sophomore Hatfield. Both fighters danced around the ring towards the start, but Shea got in several quality punches to the head, forcing the brief stoppages. Shea kept up the quick pace in the second round, and a hard hit necessitated a third stoppage. Shea again knocked Hatfield down, and the referee stopped the bout, giving the win to Shea in a referee-stopped contest.

Peter Loughran def. Eoghan Flanagan

Loughran, an O'Neill freshman, got in some big hits on Zahm junior Flanagan in the first round, but there was no clear advantage in the fight early on. In the second round, Loughran continued to be aggressive, pushing Flanagan into the ropes and setting himself above Flanagan. Flanagan showed fight in the final round, but Loughran was able to knock him off balance to seal the deal. The judges granted Loughran the win by split decision.

Ryan Chestnut def. Ezra Kim

The first round began with fast punching by both the O'Neill sophomore Chestnut and off-campus senior Kim, but neither boxer appeared to establish an early advantage. Chestnut landed a big blow on Kim early in the second round, resulting in a referee stoppage. Kim never was able to get much traction for a comeback attempt following the stoppage, and Chestnut took over the fight. Using his momentum and boosted by a raucous cheering section, he cornered Kim, and the referee stopped the contest, declaring Chestnut the winner by referee-stopped contest.

Alex "The Aztec" Cervantez def. David "Mata Leão" Galvao-Guerra

The fighters began the bout with a few wary punches on each side, as they tentatively felt out each other's fighting styles. Suddenly, a Cervantez right hook knocked Galvao-Guerra to his knees. The sophomore pushed Galvao-Guerra against the ropes several times in the first round, but Galvao-Guerra came back with energy and landed

three combos to the head in the second. Cervantez went right and left with a series of controlled hits to send Galvao-Guerra back on the defensive. Galvao-Guerra had Cervantez around the shoulders for an uppercut twice, which stopped the match. In the end, Cervantez was declared the winner by split decision.

Joe Quinones def. Franco "Little Caesar" Cesareo

Quinones, a Keough sophomore, came out with some hard swings and several uppercuts. He had St. Edward's freshman Cesareo against the ropes in his own corner by the end of the round. Cesareo landed a few well-timed blows to start the round but missed a few key punches, which left him on the defensive. The sophomore's right jabs sent Cesareo reeling during the last period, and Quinones was declared the winner by unanimous decision.

Edwin Onattu def. Jim "Boiler Room" Boyle

In the first round, Onattu and Boyle, both off-campus seniors, traded punches, as Onattu came out of the gate with a flurry, while Boyle countered with several uppercuts. Onattu came out with renewed energy in the second round and made it difficult for Boyle to land any of his body blows. Onattu finished the round by landing a series of punches to Boyle. Both fighters were visibly exhausted at the beginning of the third round, but Boyle knocked down Onattu, which provided him with renewed energy and excited the crowd. The two traded weak blows for the remainder of the third round, and the bout ended with Onattu being declared the winner by unanimous decision.

Mark Egan def. Andrew Mikes by unanimous decision

Rudy Bernard def. Matthew Green by unanimous decision

175 pounds

John "Big Wet" Wetzel def. Thomas "Huge Taste" Doran

Both Wetzel, a senior from St. Edwards, and Doran, an O'Neill freshman, came out with strong punches. Energy was high as the fighters traded powerful blows. Wetzel led off with an uppercut, but Doran took him to the center of the ring, matched him blow for blow and had him cornered at the bell. Wetzel and Doran fought hard through the third round, but Doran began to show fatigue by the finish. Senior experience came out on top as Wetzel was declared the

winner by a split decision.

Wes Chamblee def. Connor "Thor" Parker

Chamblee, a law student living off campus, caught Parker off balance to start the bout and had the junior on the ropes more than once. Parker could not keep Chamblee in reach for his counterpunches. Parker regrouped and came out with controlled energy in the second round, but a right uppercut by Chamblee left him reeling and on the ropes once again. Chamblee's experience proved too much to overcome as Parker struggled to maintain a defensive stance until the finish. The judges declared Chamblee the winner by unanimous decision.

Michael "Muscle Hamster" Krecek def. Vince "Beaver" Saladino

Both fighters began with a flurry of punches, and Krecek, a Morrissey freshman, proved surprisingly strong against the senior fighter out of O'Neill, Saladino. In the second round, several consecutive right hooks by Krecek left Saladino pinned in his own corner. The referee stopped the fight after the second round and declared Krecek the winner by referee-stopped contest.

Zach Flint def. Mark Mazzucco

The bout started off with a frenzied flurry from both fighters, as they traded uppercuts and punches to the stomach. As the two off-campus seniors settled into the fight, both danced around the ring before Flint suddenly landed several hard punches to Mazzucco's face, leading to a stoppage. In the second round, Flint continued where he left off, landing several blows to Mazzucco's head, which led to another stoppage. When the second round restarted, Flint overmatched Mazzucco with a flurry of quick punches and even quicker feet. Mazzucco underwent heavy treatment for his bloody nose during the break. Mazzucco came out well early in the third, driving Flint into the corner. However, Flint landed a pair of powerful uppercuts to the face and body of Mazzucco just before the bell, drawing blood on the shoulder of his opponent and forcing the referee to end the third round early and award Flint the win by referee-stopped contest.

Tai Verbrugge def. Kevin Frost

Verbrugge, a freshman in Knott, started off the fight by using his long reach to strike the off-campus senior Frost. Frost swung aggressively in response but

struggled to land any of his punches. Midway through the first round, Verbrugge cornered Frost and landed several blows to his face. Both fighters maneuvered and danced around until the end of the first round. Both fighters began the second round aggressively, and Verbrugge was forced off-balance, leading to a tie-up and a stoppage. Both fighters shifted to defense for the rest of the round, not trading many big blows. In the third round, the fighters were unwilling to trade heavy blows, as both seemed exhausted. However, Verbrugge was able to land a few solid punches near the end of the match, and he was awarded the fight by split decision.

Nick "Stud" Walter def. Thomas Hellios

Hellios, an Alumni sophomore, landed a flurry of early punches to the stomach of the senior Siegfried resident Walter to start the first round. Walter rallied, however, using his longer arms to land a few punches to end the round. Hellios used his shorter but powerful frame to connect on punches to the stomach of Walter, driving him into the corner. However, Walter rallied by again to keep Hellios away, targeting and landing a few of his punches to the head of Hellios. In the third round, Hellios again used his bull-rush tactic to land many punches to the body of Walter while pushing him into the ropes, but Walter again rallied by landing several hard punches to Hellios's head, including one right before the bell that helped him secure the win by split decision.

Jack "Not The Guy From Lost" Shepard def. Kelly "JR" Burgess

Shepard, a senior in Knott, come out aggressively, landing several hard punches and eventually knocking down Burgess, a sophomore resident of Duncan. Shepard continued his early domination by landing several more combinations to the head of Burgess before the two traded inconsequential blows for the remainder of the first period. Shepard continued where he left off in the second round by landing more combinations to the head of Burgess, eventually driving him to the canvas and prompting the official to call the match early, awarding the victory by referee-stopped contest to Shepard.

182 pounds

Jack "Hammer" Corrigan def. Charles "Tigger" Puntillo

An off-campus junior, Corrigan began the bout



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Sophomores Patrick “Starsky” Lawler, right, and Henry “Clarence” Orlowski tangle during Bengal Bouts action Sunday at the JACC.

with a few wary punches, but Puntillo, a freshman from O’Neill, came back with a few well-timed counterpunches of his own. The two danced around the ring until one right hook by Corrigan sent Puntillo to the canvas. With a slight height advantage, Puntillo kept out of reach for most of the second round. Corrigan skillfully cornered Puntillo the next round though, and the two fighters had each other in a hold in the ensuing finish. Corrigan was declared the winner by unanimous decision.

Dan “Thunder Road” Andree def. Sean “The Wild Colonial Boy” Clarkin

In a bout featuring two residents of Alumni, the sophomore Clarkin sent the junior Andree stumbling between two corners and the ropes to start. Andree retaliated with a few powerful combinations that left Clarkin with a bloody nose as they finished the first round. Andree left Clarkin spinning in the middle of the ring in the second round, though he ducked below the junior’s wild right hook. After only two rounds, the referee declared Andree the winner by referee-stopped contest.

Eamon “Gravy” McOsker def. Max Ducey

The fight between two seniors, Ducey, from Duncan, and McOsker, from Fisher, began with an elaborate dance in the middle of the ring. McOsker found an edge to send Ducey on the defensive in the second round, as Ducey was forced to backpedal from corner to corner. Ducey’s corner called a timeout after McOsker caught him in the corner of the ring again. Dealing with a bloody nose, Ducey came out with renewed vigor following the break as he dodged McOsker’s more aggressive hits and landed a few of his own, but it ultimately was not enough to

sway the judges. McOsker was named the winner by unanimous decision.

Rodrigo “El Tigre” Benavides def. James “Haymaker” Holland

Benavides, a Dillon sophomore, started the fight with a series of strong combinations, which forced Holland, a Morrissey freshman, into a defensive stance for most of the first round. Holland showed considerable spirit in the second round, however, and cornered Benavides with a series of blows, but Benavides countered with two right hooks and an upper cut. The blows led to a bloody nose for Holland, and the resulting medical break slowed the action. Benavides’s combination of hits left Holland reeling throughout the third round. In a close finish, Benavides won the match by split decision.

Brian “Cheese” Willis def. Brennan “The Ding-A-Ling” Dangler

Brian Willis, a senior from Duncan, started the first round with a flurry of punches to the face and body of Dangler, a sophomore from Alumni. Dangler responded with a few punches but had trouble tightening up his defensive technique. In the second round, Dangler’s performance picked up, and although he took more blows from Willis than he landed, his punches struck hard, taking home the best blows of the round. In the final round, both boxers fought hard and landed an equal number of punches, but Willis finished the round strong by completing a combo punch to the face of Dangler just before the bell rang, and the judges awarded Willis the victory by unanimous decision.

Adam “Bear” Rainey def. James O’Toole

Both fighters began the first round feeling each other’s styles out, but the

action picked up with several punches to the head by both fighters, as Rainey, an off-campus senior, appeared to have the edge at the end of the round. In the second round, the fight ranged all over the ring, with Rainey on the attack early in the round, and O’Toole, a sophomore from Alumni, counterattacking in the second half. Rainey landed several huge punches to the side of his opponent’s head, as O’Toole’s ability to protect his face deteriorated in the third round. Rainey spent the remainder of the third round on the attack and was eventually awarded the fight by split decision.

Patrick Rahill def. William Kocak

In a bout that featured a strong contrast of styles between two off-campus seniors, Rahill used his height and length to land some quick punches to the head of Kocak early on. However, Kocak fought by bull-rushing Rahill and shifting the bout to close-quarters action, landing several punches to Rahill’s midsection. Kocak continued his physical fighting in close proximity into the second round, but Rahill was able to capitalize by counterattacking against Kocak’s wild punches, landing several hard blows to the body of Kocak and sending him reeling. This trend continued in the third round, with Kocak’s wind-up punches failing to find their mark while Rahill’s short, powerful and accurate ones proved more effective. Rahill eventually landed a hard punch to the head of Kocak, prompting a stoppage by the referee, who called the match in the middle of the third round, awarding the victory to Rahill by referee-stopped contest.

Derek “Duane the Rock” Meyer def. Brian “The Hispanic Causing Panic” Brown

The first round was a solid technical fight, with both fighters unwilling to completely go on the offensive but still managing to land well-timed punches on their opponents. Sophomore Duncan resident Meyer was on the offensive from the start of the second round, landing several strong punches and chasing Brown around the ring. However, Meyer became predictable with his punches, and Brown took advantage with a hard counterblow to the face, causing Meyer a bloody nose that temporarily stopped the fight. After the timeout, both fighters held steady until the end of the second round. The match picked up in physicality and energy in the third round, as Meyer

initiated contact and both fighters fought in close proximity, each landing several quality punches to the other. However, Meyer was quicker and more precise with his punches. Meyer’s face was covered with blood by the end of the match, but he was able to pull out the victory by unanimous decision.

191 pounds

Jack “Irish Lion” Ryan def. Joseph “The Armenian Hammer” Tekerian

The two fighters circled each other twice to start the first round, and Tekerian, an off-campus senior, stayed low to ground against Ryan’s three-step combinations. Ryan was able to stay out of reach of Tekerian’s hardest hits, but despite his significant height advantage, he found himself on the ropes after a few well-timed punches in the second round. All told, Tekerian had him cornered three times. Tekerian went low with a series of left and right jabs as they danced around the ring. Ryan finished the contest with a few strong combinations, and he was rewarded with the split-decision victory.

Diego “El Matador” Rayas defeats John “Huge” Hughes

Rayas, a senior from Keough, started out with multiple uppercut punches to the body of Hughes, a Morrissey freshman, which pushed the younger fighter into the ropes. In the second round, Hughes adjusted his strategy and stayed further away, using his longer arms to land punches Rayas could not. Both fighters expended a great deal of energy, landing a flurry of punches to each other. Rayas dominated in the third and final round, as Hughes was unable to land many blows and Rayas repeatedly went on the offensive, forcing Hughes to protect himself. The judges declared Rayas the victor by unanimous decision.

Cam “Crash Cadillac” Nolan def. Brian “Not Monk” Malloy

The bout was extremely physical from the beginning, with the two fighters tying each other up and falling to the floor. Both boxers traded many punches in close proximity, which caused the referee to step in and pull the two apart multiple times. Malloy, an off-campus graduate student, landed a few quick punches to start the round, but Nolan, a Duncan freshman, quickly countered and landed blow after blow to drive Malloy back into the ropes. Both fighters faced several counterattacks in the second round. In the third round, both fighters were visibly tired but still fought

with a high level of intensity. Nolan was able to land a few powerful blows near the end of the fight to take control of the round, and in the end he captured the win by unanimous decision.

207 pounds

Connor “Next Round’s On Me” Futa defeats Mack Baten

In the first round, both fighters tentatively felt out each other’s styles. Baten, an Alumni sophomore, kept Futa, a Duncan freshman, off-balance for the majority of the first round but was unable to capitalize with many strong punches. The second round was much of the same, as neither fighter was willing to be the aggressor, although Futa and Baten each landed a single great punch that caused a brief stoppage as both fighters gathered themselves. The third round increased in physicality, with Baten landing a couple of good punches early but Futa picking it up at the end, including one punch that struck Baten squarely in the face, sending him stumbling backwards and sealing the deal for the judges, who gave Futa the unanimous victory.

Pat “Make a Mistake” O’Shea defeats Daniel “Dancing Death” Currie

O’Shea, a Keough freshman, came out swinging, instantly overpowering Currie, a Keenan sophomore, with a series of hard punches. Currie was checked by medical personnel two times in the first period alone due to the punches he sustained. However, Currie managed to salvage the round by landing a few good punches to the head of O’Shea right before the bell sounded. Currie came out aggressively to start the second round and landed several good punches, but he tired quickly, and the momentum began to swing towards O’Shea. Both fighters were noticeably tired at the end of the second round, but Currie began the third round with energy, landing hard punches and chasing O’Shea around the ring, eventually cornering him against the ropes and giving O’Shea a bloody nose, prompting a timeout by the referee. O’Shea was given the victory by unanimous decision.

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the fight went on, and both fighters began to aim for their opponent's head. Jaeger was cornered again, but was able to escape with a jab to Argue's gut. Jaeger recovered well in the third round, attacking Argue's head, but Argue returned those jabs to the head, almost knocking Jaeger over. Argue won the fight with a unanimous decision.

John "Goose" Hunter def. Lorenzo "Locab" Cabrera

Hunter, a sophomore from Fisher Hall, took control of the fight immediately with big hits to Sorin junior Carbrera's head. Carbrera was able to recover by attacking Hunter in the gut, but Hunter's mobility allowed him to evade Cabrera. Hunter forced Cabrera to move around the ring. To start the second round, Cabrera was able to go on the offensive, and trapped Hunter against the ropes. As the round went on, Hunter became much more aggressive and got into close contact with Cabrera, making his jabs to the face much more impactful. Cabrera recovered with a strong right hook to Hunter's head but was mainly kept in a defensive stance throughout the match. The judges awarded Hunter the victory by unanimous decision.

Jonah "Clown Baby" Poczobutt def. Andres "The Gavel" Martinez

Off-campus law student Poczobutt opened the match on the offensive with a series of body jabs and hooks to the head of his opponent, Martinez. The Morrissey sophomore countered by staying defensive, not taking many hits after the initial

barrage. As the first round came to an end, Martinez landed a few head jabs while Poczobutt swung for the fences. The second round opened with Martinez continuing his head jabs while Poczobutt left it all in the ring, connecting with body to head combinations. Towards the end of the round Martinez went for a potential match-changing uppercut but did not connect. This opened the door for Poczobutt to land his biggest hit of the match, knocking Martinez to the ground. After the match resumed Poczobutt attacked with a relentless barrage of punches to end the round. In the third round Martinez tried his hardest to close the gap, but Poczobutt stayed conservative and on the defensive, securing a victory by unanimous decision.

Cameron MacGregor def. Lan "Not a Boxer" Nguyen

Alumni senior MacGregor started the match with a strong first round. His opponent, Nguyen, a senior from Duncan, attempted to keep the fighting in close quarters throughout the round, but MacGregor stayed aggressive, controlling the battle with hard hits to Nguyen's head. The round closed with Nguyen on the ropes taking a barrage of hits from MacGregor. The physicality continued into the second round with punches flying left and right. MacGregor, maintaining control, knocked Nguyen into the ropes and down to force a short break. After Nguyen's bloodied nose and cut arm were cleaned, the close battle resumed and the round ended. The third round opened with MacGregor fighting defensively to maintain his lead. Nguyen fought hard and gained some ground, but it was not enough as

MacGregor exited the ring with a victory by unanimous decision.

144 pounds

Alex "El Cadejo" Alcantara def. Liam "Neeson" Gallagher

Off-campus junior Alcantara started the match off with an up-tempo attack. The law student Gallagher had a significant height advantage, but Alcantara kept his attacks low from the start. His incessant attacks to Gallagher's torso forced Gallagher to be purely defensive throughout the fight and Alcantara was able to trap Gallagher in the corner on multiple occasions. Gallagher lost his balance almost immediately in the second round, nearly falling. Most of the attempts Gallagher made on Alcantara missed completely. The fast-paced match culminated with Alcantara beginning to aim for Gallagher's head, as opposed to just the torso. Alcantara won by unanimous decision.

Chase "Birdlike Frame" Hundman def. Dom "Nack" Angelotti

The match got off to a fast start as law student Hundman's height advantage allowed him to go for Carroll sophomore Angelotti's head immediately. An especially strong hit to the head knocked Angelotti off balance, but he was able to recover. Angelotti ended the round with an impactful flurry of punches, trapping Hundman in the corner. In the second round Hundman defended himself well, rendering Angelotti's jabs meaningless. Angelotti was able to trap Hundman in the corner, but Hundman escaped, trapping Angelotti in a headlock. In the final round, the two seemed

evenly matched. However, after trapping Hundman in corner, Angelotti fell over. Hundman's punches began to grow more effective as Angelotti tired, leading to Hundman's victory by unanimous decision.

Conor "Baby Face" Ward def. Arun "Bollywood Basher" Nadar

Nadar controlled the first round by attacking immediately. He was able to trap Ward against the ropes and in the corner on multiple occasions. Nadar's strategy was to attack Ward's body and keep him on defense, however, Ward was able to defend himself against Nadar's attacks. In the second round, Ward turned the momentum around. His long reach allowed him to attack and rendered Nadar's attempts to make contact ineffective. Ward trapped Nadar against the ropes and was able to attack by being in close contact with Nadar. In the final round, the match evened out slightly more, but Ward was able to knock Nadar over into the ropes and force him off balance multiple times, leading to his victory by unanimous decision.

Matthew "Mr. January" Yoder def. "Action" Jackson Lawlor

Yoder, a sophomore from O'Neill Hall, and Lawlor, a junior from Zahm, began the first round trading blows. Lawlor tied Yoder up thanks to his height advantage midway through the first round, but Yoder went on the offensive late in the round. Yoder started the second round aggressively, but Lawlor matched him blow for blow. In the third, Lawlor went on the attack early, running Yoder around the ring and forcing him into the ropes. The high-energy round ended once again with the two contestants matching one another blow for blow, but Yoder claimed the victory by split decision.

Thomas Manno def. Henry "HD3" Davis III

Zahm sophomore Manno began the match with fierce aggression, pushing his opponent all around the ring. Freshman Davis traded punches with Manno but was forced to retreat throughout the round. The round ended after Manno landed a punishing blow to the stomach of Davis. The second round was an even contest, with Davis getting around Manno's punches and trading blows back and forth. The round ended after a combination of misses from Davis and successful connection from Manno. The third and final round began with a strong hit from Davis, but Manno took

control from there. Manno connected multiple times to the head and secured a victory by unanimous decision.

Steven Ramos def. Alex "Roth of God" Roth

The match began with Zahm sophomore Ramos coming out strong, ducking and dodging Roth's punches while landing his own. The graduate student Roth retreated throughout the round, trying to avoid the barrage of punches from Ramos. Ramos had Roth on the ropes for the majority of the time until Roth countered and put Ramos into the corner right before the bell rang to end the round. In the second round Ramos found an opening and connected. Roth used his reach and kept his distance but could not get through Ramos's strong defensive technique. The third round opened with Roth trying to catch up. He landed a few blows and dodged most of Ramos's punches. The third round was highlighted by an impressive dodge by Roth that knocked Ramos off balance and to the ground. The strong third round by Roth was unable to make up for the dominance by Ramos in the beginning though, and Ramos left the ring as the victor by split decision.

Danny "Nacho Tigre" Espinoza def. Eric "Bee" Lee

In the battle of two St. Edward's fighters, senior Danny Espinoza landed the first punches of the match on the sophomore Lee. Lee fought back and the two traded punches for the rest of the first round, but Espinoza landed more powerful blows. In the second round, Espinoza wasted no time as he quickly went on the attack, landing many strong punches. Espinoza and Lee began the third round with a heated exchange, but late in the round, the two seemed content to dance around the ring, and this pattern was only broken by Espinoza occasionally tying Lee up. Espinoza claimed the victory by unanimous victory.

Jeffrey "J-Weezy" Wang def. Miguel "Miggie Smalls" Naguit

The first round began with Wang, a senior living off-campus, and Naguit, an off-campus law student, trading blows. Both fighters were looking for an early knockout, and they landed some big jabs, but many punches came up empty as well. Wang started the second round well and landed blow after blow on Naguit. Towards the end of the round, Naguit started to find his footing and was able to land some punches of his own. The third round saw the two fighters play a game



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Senior Matthew "Yeoman" Schaefer, left, sizes up sophomore Jeff Graziano during Bengal Bouts action Sunday at the JACC. Schaefer defeated Graziano by unanimous decision in the 157-pound weight class.

of cat and mouse, but Wang landed a big right jab at the end of the bout that shook up Naguit, and before the law student was able to recover the final bell sounded. Wang was declared the winner by unanimous decision.

152 pounds

Shawn “El Chino” Lee def. Justin “Bedrock” Grocock

Grocock, a freshman from Sorin, and Lee, an off-campus senior, matched each other blow for blow early in a high-intensity first round. Lee brought movement and energy to the ring, but Grocock’s long reach allowed him to land several shots to the head. Lee went on the attack in the second round, landing several punches early, dodging Grocock’s punches and moving around the ring. In the third round, Lee landed several powerful punches early, forcing a brief stoppage. Lee continued to land shots to both Grocock’s face and body after the break and was declared victorious by unanimous decision.

Austin “The Sleeper” Cartier def. Luke “Mickey” McCormack

The fight between McCormack, an off-campus senior, and Cartier, an off-campus junior, began with plenty of movement but little punching. However, Cartier went on the attack late in the first round, landing a powerful punch to the head of McCormack. In the second round, both fighters demonstrated their dodging ability, as a plethora of powerful punches were thrown but few connected. Both fighters landed punches more successfully early in the third round with McCormack landing more to the body and Cartier landing more to the face. Thanks to his early hit and late flurries, Cartier was declared the victor by split decision.

Patrick “Payday” Yerkes def. Robert “R. Kelly” Devine

Devine, an off-campus graduate student, began the fight by trying to go low and landing punches to the body of Patrick Yerkes, a junior from St. Edward’s. Yerkes began to have some success when he forced Devine to stand upright and capitalized by landing punches to his face. In the second round, Devine continued to stay low and attempted to move Yerkes around the ring. However, Yerkes landed several quality punches as Devine began to tire. In the third round, both fighters swung freely at the head as a fatigued Devine abandoned his defensive strategy. Yerkes was declared victorious by unanimous

decision.

Andrew Jena def. Kieran Carroll

The next bout of the night featured Jena, a junior from Siegfried, against Carroll, an off-campus senior. The first round was an even affair, with both fighters staying light on their feet and trading quick punches. But Carroll came out in the second round with a new intensity, landing several punches in the early stages. As the round wore on, however, Jena became more and more aggressive, and the bell sounded with the Siegfried junior pushing his opponent back into the ropes. Jena came back in the third round before a right jab from Carroll caught him off balance and dropped him to the canvas, and Carroll was declared the winner by unanimous decision.

Liam “Trooper” Chan def. Qinfeng Wu

Chan, a senior from Alumni, quickly seized the advantage in the first moments of the fight, and Wu, an off-campus graduate student, had his hands up protecting his head for most of the round. Towards the end of the round, the fight started to open up, and both fighters traded blows as the bell sounded. The second stanza began and once again, Chan started off strong, landing several blows to his opponent’s head. Wu also landed several punches but was on his back foot for most of the round, and Chan chased him around the ring until the bell rang. Chan asserted his dominance over the smaller Wu in the third round and landed numerous blows. Wu did his best to hang on, but he had few chances for a counterattack, and Chan was declared the winner by unanimous decision.

Jack “Hi my name is Liam” McDermott def. Zach “Scooter” Mastrovich

The first round was an even affair, as both fighters danced around the ring and traded blows, probing each other for weaknesses. Mastrovich, a junior from Duncan, came out swinging in the second round and kept freshman O’Neill resident McDermott on his back foot. McDermott worked his way back into the contest, and the bell sounded as the freshman landed several punches on Mastrovich. The final round began with McDermott using his longer reach to attack Mastrovich from a distance. As the round drew on, the junior attempted to rally, but McDermott stood tall and kept landing blows. McDermott was awarded the fight by unanimous decision.



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Junior Chip Blood, right, steps into a punch against graduate student Sam “The Brawling Barrister” O’Brien during Bengal Bouts action Sunday at the JACC. Blood defeated O’Brien by unanimous decision.

Alex “La Forte” Jones def. Matt “Mamba” Evans

The first round began with both fighters attempting to land shots to the head. They fought in close quarters and had to be broken apart by the referee after clinching. Jones, an off-campus graduate student, was able to keep Evans, an off-campus sophomore, off-balance and pursued him around the ring. The round ended with Evans steadily blocking Jones’s punches. Both fighters had a strong performance in the second round, as Jones advanced on Evans, who dodged his punches. They traded punches with throughout the round and across the entire ring. In the third round, Jones began by peppering Evans with punches. Evans then launched a counterattack and pursued Jones around the ring until the end of the round, but the judges awarded Jones the victory by unanimous decision.

Philip “Gunz” Park def. Johnny “Juicy” Malin

The first round between two Morrissey residents was a quick affair, as both fighters came out aggressively. The freshman Park managed to land several strong hooks, but Malin, a junior, also connected on a few punches as the bell sounded. Both fighters started the second round by trading punches as neither competitor backed down. Malin and Park both landed solid blows, and the decision was still up for grabs at the end of the round. Both fighters went all out for the win in the third round. Malin was able to land several good hits to keep Park on his back foot, but Park was able to land several blows of his own as the round drew to a close, doing enough to earn himself the win by split decision.

157 pounds

Matthew “Yeoman” Schaefer def. Jeff Graziano

Schaefer, an off-campus senior, defeated Keough sophomore Graziano, as both boxers started fast in the first round with lots of movement around the ring, though Schaefer got in a series of punches to close the round. In the second round, the fighters had to be separated multiple times, and the two showed signs of fatigue as the round wore on. Graziano turned to his defense at the end of the second round, then fought back in the final round as both appeared exhausted, but Schaefer emerged with the victory by unanimous decision.

Ryan “Attila the” Dunn def. Adam “Pasquatch” Pasquinely

The first round started with Pasquinely, a Duncan junior, fighting very aggressively. However, Dunn, a senior from Knott, responded with several big blows to Pasquinely, and the referee demanded a stoppage to check on Pasquinely, but the fight resumed shortly. In the second round, the referee halted the bout once more after Dunn connected on another hard punch. Still, Pasquinely kept fighting and cornered Dunn. The final round featured a third stoppage for Pasquinely, and the judges awarded Dunn the win by unanimous decision.

Dean “The Undertaker” Swan def. Chris “Crispy” Coles

Neither Dillon sophomore Swan and Morrissey sophomore Coles made a strong impression in the first round. However, Swan took charge in the second round and never looked back, landing a series of hits to Coles. The fighters slowed down

entering the final round, as Swan began to lose some of his initial explosiveness. Towards the end of the final round, Coles appeared to find a second wind fueled by a rowdy Morrissey fan section, but he could not make up the difference, as Swan won by unanimous decision.

Sean Himel def. Kevin “Tough Love” McCarthy

The first round started with Himel, a senior from Duncan, on the offensive probing for a weakness. But McCarthy, a sophomore from St. Edward’s, held his ground. As the round continued, Himel started to land blow after blow, and the bell was a welcome reprieve for McCarthy. The second round started much the same way, and Himel continued to pound McCarthy with little respite. McCarthy tried to get back into it towards the end of the round, but the bell sounded to end his comeback attempt. McCarthy tried to rally in the final round and land a few punches, but Himel yet again dominated from start to finish, and when the bell sounded, he was named the victor by unanimous decision.

Michael “The KO” Feijoo def. Phil “The Thriller” Stenger

At the beginning of the fight, Feijoo, a freshman from Morrissey, pursued Stenger, a junior from Siegfried, with quick attacks before retreating to defend. Stenger landed several hits to the body, and Feijoo followed up with quick jabs that Stenger blocked. Again Feijoo attacked quickly at the beginning of the second round, aiming for Stenger’s head, while the latter countered with multiple blows to Feijoo’s body. The final round started like the others, as Feijoo came out with

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to the net, which he did. And sometimes it just sneaks in. Everyone's happy for him. He's a great guy. It was good to see that."

DiPauli also played a large role in Friday night's win, scoring Notre Dame's first goal and then added an empty net insurance goal in the closing minutes.

Senior left winger Mario Lucia added a power-play goal just a minute and a half after Jenkins' goal, pushing the Irish lead to two goals with less than ten minutes to play.

"Right now, with this team, I just have to assume that somebody's gonna step up," Irish head coach Jeff Jackson said Friday night. "It's the dog days right now. It's also playoff time. These games are almost like playoff hockey."

Notre Dame came in Saturday night looking to build on the momentum from Friday night's third period breakout, and it did just that.

Sophomore center Jake Evans staked the Irish to a first-period lead when he cut between two defenders and slipped the puck between the Morris' legs.

Senior left wing Sam Herr, sophomore forwards Connor Hurley and Anders Bjork and freshman left wing Dylan Malmquist each scored a goal for the Irish on their way to a five-goal lead.

Sophomore goaltender Cal Petersen surrendered a late goal to Maine, preventing his first shutout of the season, something Petersen and the Irish have been working for more and more recently.

"It's kinda getting weird now," Petersen said. "I keep telling myself that maybe I'm saving [a shutout] for later, but I guess we're kinda running out of games for me to do that."

Though Notre Dame was

never really threatened by Maine over the weekend, the Black Bears actually out-shot the Irish in both the second and third periods on Saturday, racking up 41 shots total on Petersen.

"I think we're doing really well right now," Petersen said. "I think probably the biggest part is if one part of our game is lacking there's another part there to pick it up. We kind of balance each other out well. Guys are doing their jobs, understanding their roles. It's nobody trying to do too much. I think this was kind of a dangerous weekend looking in [towards the end of the season] just because, obviously, looking forward to Providence and BU, and I think guys handled themselves really well and were able to execute in kind of a challenging situation."

Because No. 3 Boston College skated to a 5-5 tie at Merrimack on Saturday night, the Irish sit alone atop the conference standings with just four games left to play.

"We've tried to stay focused on the next game," Jackson said. "That's the mantra around here; the next game's the most important game. One of our goals is to get to Boston Garden, and in order to do that, finishing in the top four, and the higher you finish the better you are, because it leads to home ice. It leads to last changes. It gives you advantages, so the higher we finish the better. And if we can win a championship along the way, that'd be great. We've got four games ahead of us, but Friday night's the only thing that matters at this point."

Notre Dame returns to action Friday for a road series against No. 5 Providence before closing out the season the following weekend against visiting No. 7 Boston University.

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Irish freshman guard Arike Ogunbowale rises for a jump shot during Notre Dame's 90-69 win over Miami (Fla.) on Sunday at Purcell Pavilion. Ogunbowale led the Irish with 18 points in the victory.

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controlling the ball, turning it over 23 times. Miami (22-4, 9-4) collected 21 of its 69 points off Irish giveaways.

"Really sloppy — I think that they were careless turnovers," McGraw said. "I don't think they were created by the pressure as much as by ourselves, trying to overpass, which happens sometimes when you have an unselfish team."

"My god, if they hadn't turned it over 23 times, they would've had 115 points on us, for real," Miami head coach Katie Meier said.

While the Irish scored easily and often for the first three-and-a-half quarters of the game, the same cannot be said for the Hurricanes, who shot just 30.6 percent in the first half and 38.2 percent for the game. Irish sophomore forward Brianna Turner tallied a season-high six blocks as she led a defensive front that outmatched and out-sized Miami's offense.

The Hurricanes had trouble stopping Notre Dame on offense as well, and the

Irish led by 12 points at the end of the first quarter, 19 at the half and as many as 36 in the fourth quarter.

"Notre Dame does that to you because you feel like you're just chasing the ball around," Meier said. "I mean, it gets deflating. It hurts your ability to be, 'Oh, I'm gonna get up in them, I'm gonna get up in them.' And then they're like, 'Layup. Darn. Oh, alley-oop.' They do deflate you with their ball movement, but no excuse."

Freshman guard Arike Ogunbowale paced Notre Dame with 18 points while Turner (15), Allen (12) and freshman guard Marina Mabrey (14) also finished in double figures.

Miami junior guard Jessica Thomas and freshman forward/center Emese Hof each totaled 12 points for the Hurricanes as Notre Dame managed to hold their usual scoring leader, junior guard Adrienne Motley, in check with just eight points.

"Our 2-3 zone was very effective," McGraw said. "They've got great guards. Thomas and Motley are two of the best in the conference, and we did a pretty good job

on Motley, but Thomas really played well."

Sunday's matchup also served as Notre Dame's annual PinkZone game, part of the Play4Kay series of women's college basketball games held nationwide to raise awareness for breast cancer while honoring the life of late North Carolina State head coach Kay Yow. The Irish played in an alternate gray uniform with pink accenting, while the Hurricanes took the court in pink jerseys.

The win also marked the first game Notre Dame has played since McGraw was named a finalist for the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2016 last Friday, alongside NBA legends such as Allen Iverson and Shaquille O'Neal.

"It's an honor just to be on the ballot," McGraw said. "It just speaks to all the amazing women I've had the chance to coach, all the amazing assistant coaches. I've had so much help — a lot of people around me making me look good. I'm honored."

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Irish sophomore goaltender Cal Petersen corrals a loose puck during Notre Dame's 5-1 win over Maine on Saturday.

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And the most important word in that last sentence is “team.” As well as last year’s squad performed, it was really the Jerian Grant and Pat Connaughton show. Grant was the one who had the ball in the final minutes of every game last year and the team lived on his and Connaughton’s leadership.

Many people thought junior guard Demetrius Jackson would be this year’s Grant. Jackson is Notre Dame’s best player and the only game he missed, against Syracuse, the Irish lost by 15.

It is fitting then that it was during a game with Grant and Connaughton looking on from the sidelines that this year’s team learned they need more than just Jackson.

In the first half against Louisville, Jackson had 20 points and broke his career-high in 3-pointers made by going 5-for-8 from behind the arc. Despite Jackson’s performance, the Irish trailed by seven going into the locker room.

Jackson only scored seven points in the second half, yet Notre Dame stormed back to beat one of the best defensive teams in the conference. In fact, the game’s most crucial stretch saw very little of Jackson. The Irish trailed by ten when junior guard Steve Vasturia sunk a 3-pointer and junior forward V.J. Beachem put in a layup to cut the Cardinals’ lead to five and

a Jackson layup capped a quick 7-0 burst to pull Notre Dame back into the game.

Following the teams trading a couple baskets, Jackson then hit his career-high sixth 3-point shot to trim the deficit with 8:26 remaining in the game. A Vasturia layup cut the Louisville lead to one and then Beachem came up with a block on the defensive end and senior forward Zach Auguste threw down a dunk to give the Irish their first lead of the second half.

As the Irish continued to grind out the final minutes, key rebounds by Beachem and sophomore forward Bonzie Colson sealed the victory for the Irish.

What the two halves of the Louisville game show is that if the Irish plan to compete for an ACC title, they need every one of their starters to perform at a high level.

Yes, it all starts with Jackson. He needs to be able to drive to the basket and create opportunities for everyone else; but everyone else has to step up. Auguste needs to take advantage of the pick-and-rolls Jackson creates, Vasturia has to ball-handle and create his own shots, Colson has to get the loose balls and rebounds and Beachem needs to make 3-point baskets.

Saturday night, the starters stepped up. Vasturia had 15 second-half points to help Jackson out. Colson chipped in eight points with 10 rebounds. Beachem hit a key 3-point shot in the final minutes, and

Auguste closed the game out with two final free-throws.

Against North Carolina, it was the same story. Jackson led the way with 19 points, but all five starters had double digits.

Even off of the court, Irish head coach Mike Brey spoke to the shared leadership of this year’s team.

“One of the things I wasn’t sure about, but I’m so proud of is our leadership going into this season,” Brey said. “The job that those four guys [Jackson, Auguste, Vasturia and senior forward A.J. Burgett] are doing, setting the tone, running our team, I am so pleased. The two guys we lost [Grant and Connaughton] were sitting across from us tonight, it was cool to look over and see those two guys, they did an unbelievable job, this group, these guys are doing as good a job.”

And while Jackson will continue to draw comparisons to Grant as the season nears its climax, this year’s Irish squad will not live and die on the performance of one player.

“We have some fearless guys and boy it comes at just the right time with March around the corner,” Brey said.

It sure does come at the right time — because great teams win in March, not just great players.

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Irish junior guard Steve Vasturia drives towards the lane during Notre Dame’s 71-66 win over Louisville on Saturday at Purcell Pavilion.

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take advantage of that, not be passive and just stay within ourselves and play our game, which is getting to the bucket and attacking.”

Despite being down by as many as 11 points, Notre Dame found a surge of offense in the second half that put it on a 13-5 run over the final six minutes of the game. It began with Vasturia penetrating the Cardinals’ sixth-ranked scoring defense on two straight possessions midway through the second half. It then snowballed into a 3-pointer by Vasturia and layups by junior forward V.J. Beachem and Jackson.

The Irish connected on seven straight field goals, which was capped off with an emphatic slam by senior forward Zach Auguste to take the lead for the first time in the second half.

Notre Dame’s stellar offense in the second half was accompanied by an equally dominant defense. The Irish held the Cardinals to just 29.2 percent from the floor in the second half after allowing 48.5 percent of their shots to connect in the first. Graduate student guard Damion Lee, who averages 16.5 points per game, led the Cardinals with 13 points. All four of his made field goals were 3-pointers.

Lee had an opportunity to tie the game with 15 seconds left in the game, but missed on an off-balance 3-point attempt. Beachem missed a free throw on the other end, however, giving Lee another opportunity with just a few seconds remaining, but he missed again. Auguste drained two free throws to seal the win after pulling in the rebound.

“I talked to my team on Thursday as we got ready for this matchup that so much would be made of the best offense in the league, us, against the best defense in the league,” Irish head coach Mike Brey said. “I said, ‘You know, I would really like the story to be about our defense and would love to come off the floor at [6 p.m.] with our defense being the difference.’ And the second half, to hold them to 23 points and rebound the way we did, I thought that was the key to the game.”

In the first half, the Irish struggled to find any offense inside the paint which gave Jackson the green light to be aggressive from beyond the arc. Jackson tied

his career-high with five made 3-pointers by halftime to keep Notre Dame in the game. Jackson buried another shot from beyond the arc in the second half to push his final count to a career-best six 3s.

“I think I just shot myself into it today,” Jackson said. “I was just stepping up confidently, in rhythm just trying to shoot shots. I tried to find the areas to pick my spots.”

Auguste had a double-double on the night adding 11 points and hauling in 12 boards, and sophomore Bonzie Colson scored eight points and brought in another 10 rebounds to help Notre Dame win the rebound battle 40-29.

With three straight wins over North Carolina, Clemson and Louisville, Brey said he is convinced that the team’s identity has been solidified.

“We have been really cruel competitors this past week, and I couldn’t be prouder,” Brey said. “When we sense it, we go for it and we know how to finish. Last year’s team did that. This year’s team had not shown that really until last Saturday. We had to do it in [Greenville, North Carolina] and we had to do it again tonight, so I’m excited about that aspect of us that personality of our team coming out.”

At 9-4 in ACC play and tied for third in the conference standings, the Irish are in position to clinch a double-bye in the ACC tournament next month. No. 9 North Carolina sits atop the conference at 10-2 in ACC action and No. 12 Miami (Fla.) sits alone in second at 8-3. Brey said he believes his team can also make a serious run at the regular season title, though.

“What I’ll talk to them about tomorrow is not so much the NCAA tournament, because obviously our resume after today is extremely strong, but now you’re getting into that double-bye territory and now you’re getting into that,” Brey said. “But why not talk about a regular season championship? Last year’s team chased the regular season title till about the last week of the season, and so why not chase that? I think those are the things we’ll come back to.”

The Irish will have a week off to rest before starting their final road trip of the regular season in Atlanta against Georgia Tech on Saturday.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | ND 71, LOUISVILLE 66

Back in the mix

*Second half shows
Irish are more
than just Jackson*



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When Notre Dame students stormed the court last Saturday after the team's win against then-No. 2 North Carolina, many assumed it was a one-time deal. A brief moment of elation in what would be viewed as an alright season.

After a road victory over Clemson and Saturday's take-down of No. 13 Louisville, however, it has become blindingly apparent that this year's Irish (18-7, 9-4 ACC) are not going anywhere.

Notre Dame is now fourth place in the ACC which means it's in double-bye territory for the conference tournament. The Irish were already a lock for the NCAA tournament, but they've now shown they will be a tough team to knock out.



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Irish junior guard Demetrius Jackson shoots a free throw during Notre Dame's 71-66 win over Louisville on Saturday at Purcell Pavilion. Jackson scored a game-high 27 points, which tied his career-high mark.

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*Jackson, Vasturia
lead Notre Dame to
comeback victory*

By MANNY DE JESUS
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For the second Saturday in a row, Notre Dame overcame a double-digit second-half deficit to claim a victory in front of a sold-out crowd.

Only this time, the Irish (18-7, 9-4 ACC) rallied largely behind the efforts its junior guards Demetrius Jackson and Steve Vasturia to take down No. 13 Louisville, 71-66.

Jackson tied his career-high with 27 points against the Cardinals (19-6, 8-4), with 20 of those points coming in the first half. Vasturia picked up the offensive load in the second half scoring 15 of his 20 points.

"[We were] just attacking and going downhill trying to create [shots] for ourselves and for others," Jackson said. "With their defense, we had a lot of opportunities to attack. So we just wanted to

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BENGAL BOUTS

86th Bengal Bouts underway



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Senior Liam "Trooper" Chan, left, lands a shot to the head of graduate student Qinfeng Wu during Bengal Bouts action Sunday at the JACC.

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137 pounds

James "Don't Try to" Argue def. Zach "Yagerbomb" Jaeger

Argue, a junior

representing Sorin Hall, went on the offensive at the sound of the opening bell, causing Duncan freshman Jaeger to lose his balance and almost trip. Argue was able to defend himself successfully and go back on the offensive. Argue was able to corner Jaeger, but Jaeger recovered well and was able to escape. The two became increasingly aggressive as

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Irish dominate Hurricanes

By MARY GREEN
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Since joining the conference two-plus seasons ago, No. 3 Notre Dame had lost just once to an ACC team, a defeat that came to Miami (Fla.) last season.

The Irish made sure loss No. 2 didn't come to the No. 19 Hurricanes on Sunday, when they cruised to a 90-69 win at Purcell Pavilion.

Notre Dame (24-1, 12-0 ACC) avoided a potential

early pitfall delivered four minutes into the game, when junior guard Lindsay Allen was whistled for her second foul and stayed on the bench for the rest of the first half.

While the Irish have struggled in previous games without Allen on the court, they hit their stride this time around, shooting 61.5 percent in the first half with senior guard Michaela Mabrey piloting the offense to a 44-25 halftime lead.

"I think with Michaela in the game, she's smart, and she's gonna get us into stuff," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said. "She's going to get the right people the ball. I was surprised we were up by that much at halftime without Lindsay in the game."

However, without Allen, whose 2.4 assist-to-turnover ratio leads the ACC, Notre Dame had trouble

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HOCKEY | ND 4, MAINE 1; ND 5, MAINE 1

ND tops Maine to take first

By HUNTER McDANIEL
Sports Writer

The Irish find themselves alone in first place in Hockey East after a weekend sweep of Maine at home.

No. 8 Notre Dame (18-5-7, 14-2-2 Hockey East) never trailed the Black Bears (7-19-6, 4-12-2) in either game, using a three-goal third period to secure a 4-1 victory Friday before cruising to a 5-1 win Saturday.

The Irish and the Black

Bears skated to a 1-1 tie through two periods Friday night as Maine junior goaltender Matt Morris seemed determined to win the game himself, stopping 30 shots along the way.

Notre Dame broke through midway in the third period, however, on a goal from freshman right winger Jack Jenkins. It was just his second goal of the season, and his first career game winner. He filled in for injured freshman

center Andrew Oglevie this weekend.

"It was huge with [Oglevie] out of the lineup," Irish senior center Thomas DiPauli said of Jenkins' performance Friday night. "We knew that Jenks had to play a good game, and he did. He did everything that was asked of him. It's always awesome to see a guy like that bury one. Sometimes it just takes getting the puck

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