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Transpo sets route for weekend bus

Office of Business Operations signs contract; service set to begin weekend of Dec. 4

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

The University signed a contract with Transpo Thursday, making the proposed route 7A official, student body president Grant Schmidt said.

The Office of Business Operations handled the contract, he said.

The route will run about every 18 minutes from Library Circle to South Street Station, passing several student bars and neighborhoods. Schmidt said the student government initia-

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Image courtesy of Grant Schmidt

The new 7A bus route, funded by the University and student government, will hit common student neighborhoods and bars. The proposed stops are pictured above.

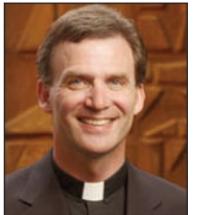
Theology professor advises at Vatican

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

Notre Dame Theologian Fr. Daniel Groody said he was "moved to learn about the ways the Church is trying to create solutions for migrants" when he participated in a congress on the subject this past week at the Vatican.

Groody was selected as one of six expert academics from different parts of the world to participate at the "World Congress on the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees in the era of Globalization" at the Vatican. He said his work directly fit into the subject of the invitation-only conference.

"I did not seek this appointment but was asked in the spring if I would come to the Congress as a scholar who has been teaching, researching, writing and doing films about the topics of theology, international migration and globalization, which made my work a natural fit for this Congress," he said.



Groody

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Eddy Street Commons continues expanding

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Associate News Editor

Despite the troubled economy and tight financial times, the development of Eddy Street Commons (ESC) has been proceeding well with approximately 70 percent of the 88,000 square feet of retail space committed, director of asset management and real estate development Gregory Hakanen said.

"Tenants will be building out their space and opening over the next three to six months," he said. "This is a remarkable achievement in the current economy. Interest in the remaining space is

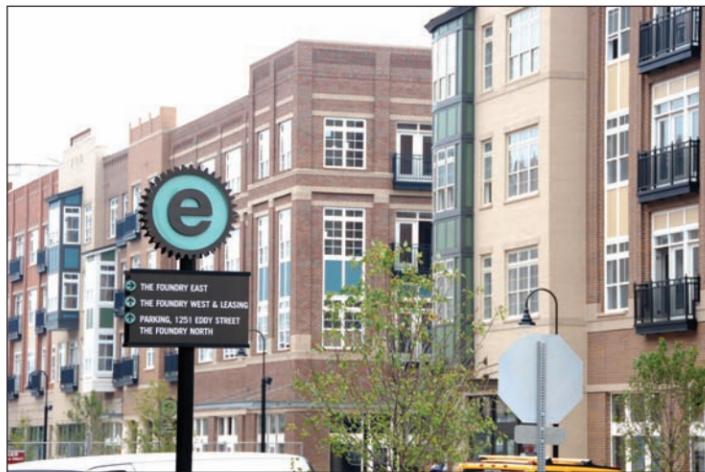
strong."

Hakanen said the completion of the project is "a function of market demand for the various products."

"The retail and office space will likely be absorbed within a year or so, as will the rental apartments," he said. "ESC is going remarkably well given the difficult economy. ESC is a multi-phased, mixed-use project."

Hakanen said students can expect to see the opening of Anytime Fitness, a 24-hour fitness concept, Nicholas J Salon and Spa, Old National Bank, two sit-down popular-

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QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

Eddy Street Commons, pictured above, is still seeking tenants, University official says.

Asian Allure to host annual show

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Live from Asia, it's Saturday night!

This year's Asian Allure is based on Saturday Night Live (SNL) with an Asian twist, Holy Cross College senior Anthony Suh, the executive producer and director of the show, said.

The Asian American Association is hoping to bring a greater understanding of Asian culture to the Notre Dame community with its signature event, Asian Allure Live, which takes place Friday

and Saturday in Washington Hall, senior Kristine Yuen, president of the Asian American Association said.

Suh said the "Live" theme this year is associated with SNL and was intentionally chosen to move away from the themes of past shows, which were more focused on Asian identity at Notre Dame.

"We picked a familiar theme so that the audience can relate more to the show," he said. "We're doing comedy this year, which is new for us but we wanted to make the audience laugh."

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Right to Life meets with admin.

College officials say SMC has support services for pregnant women

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

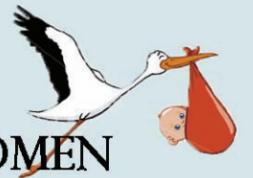
Right to Life Club Vice President Anne Maguire met with Karen Johnson, vice president of Student Affairs, and Cathe DeCleene, director of Women's Health, Monday to discuss services Saint Mary's College provides for students who are currently pregnant or who have had abortions.

The goal of the meeting was to make sure Maguire knows Saint Mary's does provide support for pregnant students, Johnson said.

Maguire said she believes the meeting was successful.

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SERVICES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN



Group	Location
Women's Health	Holy Cross Hall Basement
Campus Ministry	Regina Hall
Counseling Center	Le Mans Hall

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INSIDE COLUMN

My favorite things

Oct. 8, Scene featured a section on the Best of YouTube. I know I am not a Scene writer, but I think it's about time to update that list. I cannot take credit for a lot of these. I have described the videos in no particular order. After a thorough stalking of my two sisters' wall-to-wall, as well as recommendations from some like-minded friends, here 'tis:

Katie Peralta

Assistant News Editor

Snoop Dogg on the Martha Stewart Show. The savvy domesticator welcomes the perma-high thug to her daytime talk show and the two cook the most classically all-American comfort food — mashed potatoes. Snoop dazzles Martha with his linguistic stylings. Watch the rest to see Snoop's secret ingredient. Try it at home!

Lil Wayne interview with Katie Couric. (Do you see some kind of pattern here?) Weezy explains the origins of his name, his connection with New Orleans and the Hurricane Katrina disaster and his drug of choice. "I'm a gangsta, Miss Katie," pretty much sums up a lot about the multifaceted rapper. Did you know that Wayne not only likes to bowl but he was also a straight-A student? Innovator.

Dance Fail. This video is the sole testament to why foreign white girl break dancing is not only weird, but exceedingly entertaining as well. I am not going to ruin the video for you, but watch the whole thing, even if it is uncomfortable (which it is).

Scarlet Takes a Tumble. Admittedly a little older, but this is absolutely worth the time. Like Dance Fail, this video is uncomfortable and odd, but when you know something big and funny is about to happen, you are just inexplicably drawn in. Watch it in its entirety for the full effect.

Cat Betrayal. This little gem reflects pretty well the boy-girl drama we see everyday. Even if you hate cats I think you will appreciate this.

Dane Cook on growing up Catholic. I think we can all take a good laugh away from this little humdinger. Cook hits home on a lot of the Catholic-isms we have grown up with but never really thought twice about. Totally hilarious. Makes me want to go to church.

Pierre Escargot from All That. As many seasons as you can stand to watch, please watch. Keenan Thompson. Come on. We are TV children of the 90s. This video had my roommates and me in hysterics and talking in hearty French accents for weeks. A real throw-back, but also a little something we can all still appreciate.

I don't want to be responsible for a campus-wide slippage of grades on account of the brilliance I have described above. I am not entirely sure why this list has not updated since now. Enjoy.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Katie Peralta at kperalta@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

In the Nov. 6 issue of The Observer, the article titled "Bengal Bouts film highlights Missions" incorrectly identified Mark Weber as the producer of the film "Strong Bodies Fight." Weber is the co-producer of the film. In the Nov. 12 issue, an article misreported the distributor of "Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day" as Sony. The distributor is Apparition. The Observer regrets these errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN AT SATURDAY'S GAME?



Winnie Hu
sophomore McGlenn

"We're gonna win!"



Reid Cloon
freshman O'Neill

"It's going to be a high scoring game, but in the end, I doubt we'll win."



Mariah Boyd
freshman Lewis

"It's going to be close but with good coaching we should pull through with a win."



Matthew Sushinsky
sophomore Alumni

"We'll dominate."



Mary Beauclair
senior Farley

"The defense will be able to actually stop the ball."



Peter Baxter
freshman Siegfried

"The teams might get confused because our colors are pretty similar."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Boxers wait to be announced for their matches at the 12th annual Baraka Bouts fight on Thursday night. Ninety girls competed in the fights which took place at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

IN BRIEF

The H1N1 vaccine will be available for the highest risk patients today in the Stepan Center. The vaccines will begin being distributed at 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Please bring a current Notre Dame identification card.

Advanced students from the Department of Music will give a short concert titled **Bach's Lunch: A Noontime Concert at 12:10 p.m. today** in the Penote Performers' Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Admission is free but tickets are required. Call 574-631-2800 for reservations.

The film "Rape of Europa" will be screening in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 6:30 p.m. tonight. Tickets are \$5 for faculty and staff and \$3 for students. Purchase tickets online at performingarts.nd.edu or call the ticket office at 574-631-2800.

The Fall 2009 Concert Bands will be performed by the University's Symphonic Band and Symphonic Winds on Sunday Nov. 15 at 3 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Admission is free but tickets are required. Call 574-631-2800 for reservations.

A lecture titled "The Mayor From Hell" will be given by John Fetterman, mayor of Braddock, Pa., on Monday Nov. 16. The lecture will take place from 8 to 9 p.m. in McKenna Hall.

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

OFFBEAT

Principal bans students from saying "meep"

DANVERS, Mass. — Who knew "Meep!" was a four-letter word? The utterance favored by bungling lab assistant Beaker of "The Muppet Show" has been banned at Danvers High School in Massachusetts after students said it to repeatedly interrupt school.

Principal Thomas Murray said the word was part of a disruption planned using Facebook.

The Salem News reports that parents recently got an automated call about "Meep!" from Murray. He

warned them that students who said or displayed the word at school could be suspended.

Murray says the warning was needed because students didn't heed his "reasonable request" to stop the meeping.

Danvers High sophomore Melanie Crane says it doesn't mean anything in particular.

Tenn. man found in ditch with moonshine and rifle

ATHENS, Tenn. — When Ricky Butler went to sleep on a rural, East Tennessee roadside, he didn't have to worry about comfort but

apparently he was feeling insecure. McMinn County deputies found the 31-year-old Decatur man sleeping on his back in a roadside ditch, with a loaded rifle on his chest and an almost empty jar of moonshine in the bib of his overalls.

Butler told deputies who woke him up Sunday that he didn't know where he was. He also told them the jar had been full.

Deputies said Butler also had a machete and hand-rolled cigarettes believed to be marijuana.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 58 LOW 52	HIGH 47 LOW 43	HIGH 62 LOW 46	HIGH 54 LOW 40	HIGH 57 LOW 40	HIGH 51 LOW 40

Atlanta 71 / 43 Boston 52 / 48 Chicago 59 / 47 Denver 46 / 35 Houston 78 / 61 Los Angeles 67 / 47 Minneapolis 51 / 38 New York 52 / 51 Philadelphia 53 / 52 Phoenix 73 / 55 Seattle 46 / 34 St. Louis 63 / 46 Tampa 73 / 56 Washington 53 / 52

Center for Ethics and Culture to host conference

Tenth annual set of talks to examine values of family, art; organizers encourage students to attend, network

By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

The Center for Ethics and Culture's 10th annual fall conference is not just a chance to learn, network and make friends. According to past participants, the conference may even change your life.

"The conference is my favorite academic event of the year," Kathryn Wales, programs coordinator for the Center, said. "It's so charged with excitement. People come out of those little rooms in McKenna Hall almost glowing."

The conference, titled "The Summons of Freedom: Virtue, Sacrifice and the Common Good," is named for Pope Benedict XVI's words at the White House during his most recent visit to the United States.

He said: "Freedom is not only a gift, but also a summons to personal responsibility," an idea

which inspired this year's conference.

"Freedom is not just a call; we have to act on it," Wales said. "It takes virtue to answer that call and it takes sacrifice to carry it out. All of us, all of the disciplines are working towards the common good."

The conference theme is broad, allowing for papers from a range of disciplines.

"This may be our broadest conference so far," Wales said. "It's the 10th anniversary so we wanted to do something fundamental. We've done conferences about the arts, the family —

this year it's about what it takes to produce good art and good families."

Family is an important part of the Center, since the warm, friendly environment makes this conference stand out. Students and professors share meals and coffee breaks designed to promote discussion.

"What makes this conference special is the family atmosphere,"

Sarah Byers, an assistant philosophy professor at Boston College and this year's Myser Fellow at the Center for Ethics and Culture, said. "From established and even famous intellectuals down to undergrads, everyone is sharing meals and conversation. Everyone is inspired by the same ideas and is eager to share them."

Why is this conference especially welcoming?

Partly, it is because of the values which conference participants share, she said.

"People who identify themselves as belonging to this 'culture' are spread out across North America," Byers said. "When they come together at this conference, it's like a family reunion."

That shared culture is "the culture of life," which means that "every human person has value and dignity," Byers said.

One advantage of the conference's family environment is the

chance for students to network with well-known professors and speakers.

"It's a great place for connections," Wales said. "You meet professors and students from around the country. People find out about scholarships and fellowship opportunities over dinner, in conversation. You meet like-minded people and the opportunities that come from the conference are remarkable."

The true purpose of the conference, though, is changing the world through changing individual hearts and minds, she said.

"I hope that people will be challenged by the papers they hear," Wales said, "that they will be inspired to act, that their personal lives will be changed."

Several well-known thinkers will speak at the conference, including Alice von Hildebrand, Michael Novak, Lucy Beckett and Notre Dame's own Alasdair MacIntyre.

Von Hildebrand's appearance is special and rare, as the frail 87-

year-old travels little.

"I was campaigning hard for Alice to come," Wales said. "I read her 'Privilege of Being a Woman' in college and it changed everything. Alice joked to me, 'I'll be at the conference if I'm alive.'"

The community that emerges from the conference continues to grow as past participants return again and again.

"Faculty keep coming back and bringing their students, who then come back on their own," Keys said.

Wales offered advice to students attending the conference for the first time: plan ahead.

"The hardest thing about our conference is that you have to choose between nine, 10 or even 11 concurrent sessions," she said. "Unless you plan ahead, you won't be able to decide because they're all so good."

Byers and Keys offered simple advice to students: "Come to the conference!"

"You could challenge your mind, make some new friends and it could even change your life," Keys said.

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#2 SEED WOMEN'S SOCCER

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

VS. NORTH FLORIDA
SAT. @ 2PM

GET YOUR STUDENT BOOKLETS WHILE THERE ARE STILL A FEW LEFT!!

#4 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SUN. NOV. 15 @ 7PM

VS. ARKANSAS PINE-BLUFF

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Allure

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Suh said the show copies famous SNL skits but with an Asian theme, all in an attempt to make the show more about contemporary culture views.

Asian Allure is a night of song, dance, performance pieces and cultural significance, she said.

"It's a time for the Asian American cultures on campus to celebrate their culture but it's also a way to educate other students," Yuen said. "It's more or less a talent show but it shows people who we are in a simplistic manner."

The production incorporates all of the various Asian clubs and organizations on campus. There are 200 students working on the show, which features 16 different performances from the different clubs, Yuen said.

"Asian Allure is a significant piece of the Notre Dame community because it demonstrates both the beauty of several Asian American nationalities represented on campus and the talent of many Notre Dame students," senior Christian Chan, a performer in the show said. "The show allows us to share how proud we are of our roots and the culture that we share."

The event is in its 13th year at Notre Dame and has evolved since its debut over a decade ago.

"When Asian Allure first debuted it was originally a fashion show," Suh said. "Since then it has evolved into a display of culture that shows the Notre Dame community the diversity that exists on campus."

Chan said Asian Allure is a great way to show the diversity that exists at Notre Dame.

"As the University hopes to embody an atmosphere of diversity, this is one step in opening the community to other cultures with an enjoyable and exciting twist," he said.

Originally, the show was more about the traditions of the various Asian cultures that it featured. But Yuen and Suh said they are trying to make the show feature more modern aspects of the respective cultures that are being represented.

"Tradition is always very important to us," Suh said. "It's a key to who we are but we want to show other sides of ourselves too."

Yuen said the incorporation of a more modern view had a lot to do with the nature of the audience.

"It's always important to see the modern aspects of any culture," she said. "We are aware of the traditional and we adapt it into a modern stance for the audience. We want the audience see a balance between 'Asianess' and 'Americaness.'"

But not only Asian students are involved in Asian Allure or the Asian student clubs. The



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Students perform at the 2007 Asian Allure show. This year's show will take place Friday and Saturday in Washington Hall.

show made a point to show a large range of diversity, Suh said. Within the show there are white, black and Hispanic performers. These participants are also very active in the Asian American Association.

"This is not an exclusive event and our clubs are not exclusive," Yuen said. "Asian

Allure gives people the opportunity for people to learn about very diverse groups here on campus, so we incorporate other people as well."

Yuen said that the underlying mission of Asian Allure is to encourage all students to celebrate their different cultures.

"We want to encourage awareness of cultures through entertaining people rather than a classroom setting," she said. "You should always take the opportunity to celebrate who you are."

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Saint Mary's College professor writes play set in Ireland

By HILLARY BENGTTSSON
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's College professor and playwright Susan Brabant Baxter's play, "Confessions of the Chaff," directed by Professor Mark Abram-Copenhaver will open as the latest production of the Saint Mary's College Little Theatre.

The play is set in Ireland in

1942 depicting the Mahan family's struggles to rebuild relationships after a death.

Baxter first drafted "Confessions" in 1995 while living in Colorado in response to a sex-abuse scandal within her local diocese.

Baxter submitted the play to several playwriting groups. It ultimately came in second place in a national play competition.

"I was somewhat relieved that it didn't win," Baxter said. "I knew I needed more time to consider what, precisely, I wanted this play to do."

"Confessions" supports the Catholic Church and its clergy and religious leaders, although Baxter said it is not a play for children.

She has written many one-act and full-length plays, in addition to collaborating on

a musical. Her previous plays have been performed at the Saint Mary's Fine Arts Camp and Summer Academy.

"I'd like to commend the SMC Theatre Department. It is like no other artistic community I have ever seen. Mark Abram-Copenhaver is an incredibly gifted director," Baxter said. "As a result, the play has grown far beyond what it was initially. The students have

been talented, creative and kind."

The production of "Confessions of the Chaff" will run Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Saint Mary's Little Theatre. The admission is \$5 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the box office.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Journalist freed in Afghanistan

OSLO — A Norwegian freelance journalist kidnapped a week ago in eastern Afghanistan has been released along with his Afghan interpreter, the Foreign Ministry said Thursday.

Journalist Paal Refsdal and an unnamed interpreter were freed Wednesday night after being abducted Nov. 5 near the border with Pakistan, Foreign Minister Jonas Gahr Støre said.

It is still unclear who abducted Refsdal and demanded \$500,000 for his release, Støre told journalists Thursday evening, adding that to his knowledge the demand was never met.

Bishops issue statement to gov't.

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's Roman Catholic bishops said Thursday that government officials must do a better job stamping out corruption to stop drug violence, and the clergy also has a role to play.

A Mexican Council of Bishops statement read to reporters stopped short of making specific recommendations but condemned anyone who sells, transports or uses drugs. It described trafficking as a dirty business that seduces people by promising well-being, while bringing only violence and death.

"Enough already! Stop harming yourselves and stop causing so much damage and pain to our young people, our families and our homeland," said Monsignor Miguel Angel Alba, bishop of La Paz, reading from the statement.

NATIONAL NEWS

Police challenged by tragedy

CLEVELAND — The discovery of 11 victims of an alleged serial killer, most of them poor, drug-addicted black women, has prompted calls for Cleveland police to respond faster and devote more resources to missing-persons cases.

Police, however, say they already have a comprehensive system for finding the lost and can't be held accountable for people they don't know are missing. Confounding the current tragedy, only three of the victims had been reported missing.

The case has raised anew the issues of how and how fast police should react when adults are reported missing — especially departments stretched thin by slashed budgets and stymied by the likelihood that many people go missing voluntarily and have not met foul play.

Colo. balloon parents plead guilty

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — The parents accused of pulling a spectacular hoax by reporting that their 6-year-old son had floated away aboard a helium balloon have agreed to plead guilty in a deal that could send them both to jail but protect the wife from deportation.

Richard Heene will plead guilty to attempting to influence a public servant, a felony, said his attorney, David Lane. Heene's wife, Mayumi, a Japanese citizen who could be deported if convicted of more serious charges, will plead guilty to a lesser charge of false reporting to authorities, a misdemeanor.

LOCAL NEWS

Ind. drag racer sentenced

BLOOMFIELD — A 19-year-old man who authorities say was drag racing before a May crash that killed his fiancée and a motorcyclist has been sentenced to 14 years in prison.

Preston Williams of Bloomington pleaded guilty Thursday in Greene Circuit Court to two counts of reckless homicide. Judge Erik Allen sentenced Williams to seven years' imprisonment on each count, with two years suspended from each one.

The sentences are to be served consecutively, but with two days' credit for each one served on good behavior, Williams could be released in five years.

WEST BANK

Palestinian election postponed

Commission: Abbas to remain in office indefinitely; Hamas opposition causes delay

Associated Press

RAMALLAH — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, who last week said he didn't want to run for re-election, may get to stay in office without a single ballot being cast.

The Palestinian Election Commission ruled Thursday that January's scheduled vote should be put off because of opposition from the Islamic militant group Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip and is a rival of Abbas' Fatah faction.

Abbas raised international concern last week when he declined to run for another term, suggesting he was frustrated over a 10-month stalemate in Israel-Palestinian peace-making. His departure would have thrown peace efforts into turmoil.

Now it appears Abbas may have been signaling his need for more backing from the U.S. against Israel since Hamas' rejection of a vote was likely.

The Palestinian Election Commission blamed Gaza's Hamas rulers for forcing the postponement.

Hamas overran Gaza in 2007, expelling Fatah forces loyal to Abbas. Hamas leaders oppose an election organized by Fatah, and without Gaza a complete election cannot be held.

Abbas has insisted that talks with Israel cannot resume until Israel halts all construction in its West Bank settlements. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, whose hardline Cabinet would not approve such a freeze, countered that the issue should be dealt with in the negotiations.

Talks broke off in January with no agreement on basic issues.

President Barack Obama's administration is perceived by Palestinians as switching sides, first demanding a construction freeze, then praising



Hanna Nasser, chairman of the Palestinian election commission, speaks at a Thursday press conference in Ramallah. The election, scheduled for January, has been postponed.

Netanyahu's pledge not to build new settlements — though limited construction in existing ones would continue.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, who carefully rejected Abbas' demand during a visit to the region two weeks ago, called the no new settlement pledge an "unprecedented concession" on the part of Netanyahu, though Israel originally made that commitment in 2002.

Later, Clinton said the settlement issue would be resolved automatically if the two sides could agree on borders, then repeating U.S. opposition to all Israeli settlements.

Palestinians consider the settlements a huge impediment, taking up land and

resources they want for a state and leading Israel to maintain hundreds of roadblocks throughout the West Bank, which stifles their economy and society.

All this has left Abbas, already weakened by his loss of Gaza and his lack of popular support, in a difficult position. If he sticks to his position that settlement construction must stop before negotiations resume, talks may remain frozen because of Israel's position.

But if he bends on that key issue to allow renewal of talks, he will be attacked by Hamas, a radical Islamic movement that does not recognize Israel and dismisses peace accords with the Jewish state as capitulation to occupiers.

The election commission

did not set a new date, meaning the election is postponed indefinitely. Recent Palestinian polls showed Hamas and Fatah in a close race in both parliamentary and presidential elections — another possible Fatah motivation for postponing the vote.

Abbas, who was elected in 2005 after the death of legendary Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, has not announced whether he will accept the recommendation of the commission. Fatah insiders say he may leave that up to the umbrella group PLO.

Announcing its decision on Thursday, the election commission said it has closed its offices in Gaza, meaning an indefinite delay.

House bill includes abortion restrictions

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Millions of American women will face tough choices about abortion coverage if restrictions in the House health care bill become law, both sides in the abortion debate agree.

Divisions over abortion are a major obstacle in President Barack Obama's push for health care overhaul, with both sides arguing over how to apply current law that bars taxpayer dollars for abortions in a totally new landscape. Under pressure from the Catholic Church and abortion foes, the House added tough restrictions to its version of a

health care bill.

The measure would prohibit the proposed new government-run insurance plan from covering abortions except in cases of rape, incest or to save a mother's life, and bars any health plan receiving federal subsidies in a new insurance marketplace from offering abortion coverage. If women wanted to purchase abortion coverage through such plans, they'd have to buy it separately, as a so-called rider on their policy.

"It forces insurance companies and women to navigate a series of chutes and ladders to get abortion coverage at the end of the day," said Donna

Crane, policy director for NARAL Pro-Choice America.

The amendment's proponents say its goal is simply to ensure that a long-standing ban on using federal dollars for elective abortions is extended to coverage plans arising from new health care legislation.

Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., an abortion foe, insisted the amendment is not a dramatic change in current law, offered to negotiate if his critics could convince him otherwise, and said it leaves ample alternatives for women to obtain coverage if they use their own money and are willing to buy a separate, add-on plan.

Transpo

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tive is meant to give students a safe form of transportation off campus on the weekends.

The bus is currently scheduled to run starting Dec. 4.

Although the route has been drawn up by Transpo, Schmidt said the times and stops could still be changed.

"We will see how things go on the first thing and make changes accordingly if necessary," he said.

The route has eight stops. The bus starts at Library Circle and then stops at Notre Dame Ave. and Howard Street, Jefferson Street and Notre Dame Ave., Main Street and Colfax Ave. and then South Street Station.

After South Street Station, the bus stops at Michigan St. and Colfax, Jefferson St. and Notre Dame Ave., Howard Street and Notre Dame Ave. and then back to Library Circle.

This route takes students near the apartments east of

campus, the Linebacker Lounge, Corby's Irish Pub and the Blarney Stone, commonly referred to as Finnegan's. Schmidt said Transpo is looking into taking the route through Eddy Street Commons, but they have to determine if the buses can fit down the street.

Transpo could make small changes to the route as well, he said.

"I have been talking with South Bend police, owners of restaurants and bars and landlords," Schmidt said. "This has really been a team effort."

Schmidt said he hopes to print out a more student-friendly Transpo schedule on cards. The current schedule was created by Transpo and does not indicate which stops are near which bars and neighborhoods.

Student government and the Office of Student Affairs funded the new route 7A. One bus will run from 9:40 p.m. to about 3:15 a.m. every Friday and Saturday night.

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The proposed schedule for the 7A Transpo route is pictured above. The route will run on Friday and Saturday nights past bars and student neighborhoods.

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ly-priced restaurants including Kildare's, an Irish-themed restaurant/pub, a New-York style deli that will serve breakfast, a phone store and possibly either a small-format grocer or a drug store.

Hakanen said in addition to the retail space, the University has leased the top two floors of the office building located on the southwest corner of Eddy St. and Angela Blvd.

Eddy Street Commons is being developed by the Kite Realty Group, a publicly-traded real estate investment trust located in Indianapolis. Hakanen said it is Kite's responsibility to fill the space in the new development.

"As developer, it is Kite's responsibility to build, lease and sell the commercial and residential space in [Eddy Street Commons] the University has no responsibility or liability for any part of [Eddy Street Commons]," he said.

Kite, in turn, has three partners that they are working with — Buckingham Companies, which is working to develop The Foundry rental apartments, White Lodging, which is developing the hotels and Highline Construction, which is developing the for-sale residences.

"We have been very

pleased with Kite Realty Group as the developer, and their ability to execute the project in an extremely challenging economic environment," Hakanen said.

Several new outlets have already begun operations in Eddy Street Commons, including Chipotle, Five Guys Burgers and the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

"By all outward appearances business has been good, but we're still in the ramp-up period in which businesses are opening on a rolling basis, and people are still finding their way to [Eddy Street Commons]," Hakanen said.

In addition to the new businesses, Hakanen said the first tenants moved in on Aug. 15 to the Foundry West on the northwest corner of Napoleon and Eddy Sts., while the Foundry South on northeast corner of Eddy and Napoleon Sts. will open in December and the Foundry North on the southeast corner of Eddy St. and Angela Blvd. will open in June.

"Reviews I've heard have been highly positive in terms of the quality of the units and the amenities offered," Hakanen said. "Tenants are a mix of working adults, retirees, alumni, grad students, with a small undergraduate population."

Hakanen also said the first for-sale residential units, called Champion's Way City Homes, will be delivered later this year.

However, Hakanen said

while the construction on the commercial and residential properties will be finished soon, the construction on the hotels and some of the for-sale homes will take a good deal longer.

"Construction of the commercial buildings along Eddy St. is nearing completion, with interior buildouts for apartments and commercial [office and retail] tenants still ongoing," he said. "Construction of the hotels will stretch out for several years, as will construction of the for-sale residences."

Hakanen said the limited-service Fairfield Inn & Suites hotel would most likely be opened in time for the 2010 football season, while the full-service Marriott "has been delayed due to market conditions, and will be commenced when conditions improve."

Nonetheless, Hakanen said overall the University is "extremely pleased with ESC so far."

"The buildings are high-quality in design and construction, with the traditional architecture harmonizing with its surroundings without mimicking campus architecture," he said. "While there is no question that the economy has slowed the project to some extent, we are thrilled with the progress to date and look forward to continued development."

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Research explores neuron regeneration

Special to The Observer

To the naked eye, humans may not appear to have much in common with the zebrafish, a small tropical freshwater species belonging to the minnow family.

But a Notre Dame biologist is taking a much closer look at the two species and finding potential for treating a number of diseases and conditions.

Research by David Hyde, the Rev. Howard J. Kenna, C.S.C., Memorial Director of Notre Dame's Center for Zebrafish Research, uses adult stem cells in zebrafish to study how neurons regenerate. The work holds promise for treatments for such human problems as glaucoma and macular degeneration in the eyes, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's in the brain, and even spinal cord injuries.

"We are actively engaged in using adult neuronal stem cells to examine the processes involved in regenerating neurons," Hyde explains. "We're doing this in the central nervous system where these stem cells already reside. We're working on zebrafish because it's much easier to manipulate the organism and the regeneration response is very robust. These adult neuronal stem

cells also exist in the human nervous system, but they do not generate significant regeneration responses."

Zebrafish eyes, the size of a large pinhead, have an advanced visual system similar to the human eye, with different types of neurons located in different layers — photoreceptor cells in the outer layer of the retina, ganglion neurons in the inner layer, and different classes of neurons in specific layers between. Hyde's research focuses on cells in the retina, part of the central nervous system, but the cells also are in the brain. He came to Notre Dame more than 20 years ago and has been involved in the project for more than 13 years.

The research has shown that zebrafish repair retinal degeneration within just four weeks. The regeneration apparently occurs because something is signaling the adult stem cells and radial glial cells to proliferate, divide and differentiate at an enormous rate. Furthermore, the regeneration replaces precisely the right kinds of lost photoreceptors in the area of the retina where they were lost. That's important, because growth of inappropriate cells could further damage the organism.

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AMEX	1,808.87	-13.39
NASDAQ	1,560.64	-17.88
NYSE	7,063.05	-92.31
S&P 500	1,087.24	+2.67
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	9,722.78	-69.43
FTSE 100 (London)	5,276.50	+9.75

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
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CITIGROUP INC (C)	-2.40	-0.10	4.06
ADV MICRO DEVICES (AMD)	+21.80	+1.10	6.48
BK OF AMERICA CP (BAC)	-2.25	-0.37	16.06

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.81	-0.028	3.45
13-WEEK BILL	-8.33	-0.005	0.055
30-YEAR BOND	-0.63	-0.028	4.39
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.40	-0.032	2.26

Commodities		
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-1.73	77.55
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-8.00	1,106.5
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.45	92.50

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IN BRIEF

Arizona grocery workers to strike

PHOENIX — Thousands of union workers across Arizona are poised to go on strike Friday after months of failed negotiations with two major grocery chains.

The union gave grocery giants Safeway Inc. and Fry's, owned by Cincinnati-based Kroger Co., until 6 p.m. Friday to come up with a new contract offer. The stores have been hiring thousands of temporary workers eager for jobs amid the nation's economic meltdown, and they're defending the contract they offered employees, making a strike more probable by the hour.

The stakes for about 25,000 workers and their employers are high.

If they strike, union members would get just \$100 a week in strike pay. And with Arizona among the nation's most competitive grocery regions, the companies could lose coveted market share if they don't settle.

Arizona is a right-to-work state, meaning workers can cross picket lines. The companies also could decide to lock out all their employees, and nonunion members would not get any income if that happens.

Buffet, Gates say worst is over

NEW YORK — Capitalism is still alive and well, say the world's two richest men, despite lingering shocks from the longest, deepest recession since the Great Depression.

"The financial panic is behind us," said famed investor Warren Buffett, who recently made what he called an "all-in wager" on the U.S. economy by acquiring railroad Burlington Northern Santa Fe. "The bottom has come in stocks. Don't pass on something that's attractive today."

Sitting facing each other in an auditorium filled with nearly 1,000 cheering people at a CNBC-sponsored event at Columbia University in New York, the CEO of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. and Microsoft founder Bill Gates fielded questions from Columbia Business School students on the recession, investing and what's the next Microsoft.

There were at first reassurances that the U.S. economy had not collapsed since the last time the two sat in front of a student audience, in Nebraska in 2005.

Market hurt by decreased energy use

Major stock indexes, including Dow Jones, drop by one percent from 13-month highs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A jump in the nation's energy inventories sent stocks falling Thursday as investors worried that demand for oil and gasoline is falling because of the struggling economy.

Major stock indexes slid about 1 percent from 13-month highs, including the Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 94 points after six days of gains. The inventory report from the government pushed crude oil down 3 percent, below \$77 a barrel. A gain in the dollar also weighed on prices for commodities including oil by making them more expensive for overseas buyers.

A drop in energy company stocks upended an early advance led by technology shares, which rose after 3Com Corp. agreed to a \$2.7 billion takeover by Hewlett-Packard Co. and as Intel Corp. said it would pay \$1.25 billion to Advanced Micro Devices Inc. to settle legal disputes.

But stocks could get a boost Friday from The Walt Disney Co., which said after the closing bell that its quarterly profit jumped 18 percent on better results at its movie studio.

The disappointing report on energy usage overshadowed more upbeat news about the economy. The Labor Department said new claims for unemployment insurance fell last week to a seasonally adjusted 502,000 from an upwardly revised 514,000 the previous week. That's the fewest claims since early January and better than economists had forecast.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. reported third-quarter earnings that beat analysts' expectations, though sales at stores open at least a year dropped during the quarter. The nation's biggest retailer said sales at existing stores would range from a drop of 1 percent to a gain of 1 percent in its fourth quarter. Sales at



Specialist Ned Zelles works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Thursday as energy stocks pulled the market down.

stores open at least a year are an important indicator of a retailer's strength.

The mammoth company is seen as a key indicator of consumer spending trends. Investors have worried for months that consumers are so strained by unemployment and lower home prices that they won't spend more and help propel a recovery in the economy.

Frank Ingarra Jr., co-portfolio manager at Hennessy Funds in Stamford, Conn., said stocks had been due for a break after steep gains in the past week. The Dow and the S&P 500 index closed at their highest levels since October 2008 on Wednesday.

"There is very light volume so it looks like the

market wants to do a little consolidating here," he said.

The Dow fell 93.79, or 0.9 percent, to 10,197.47. It was the biggest drop since Oct. 30 and only the second time this month it fell. The Dow had risen 519 points, or 5.3 percent, in the prior six days — its longest stretch of gains since late August.

The broader S&P 500 index fell 11.27, or 1 percent, to 1,087.24, after two days of gains. The Nasdaq fell 17.88, or 0.8 percent, to 2,149.02.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 12.39, or 2.1 percent, to 580.32.

Four stocks fell for every one that rose on the New York Stock Exchange,

where consolidated volume came to 4.2 billion shares compared with 4.3 billion Wednesday.

Tom Nyheim, portfolio manager at Christiana Bank & Trust Co. in Greenville, Del., said the drop in oil wasn't likely to continue because demand would outstrip supply as economies in Asia and elsewhere recover ahead of the U.S.

Nyheim said the market's drop indicated a healthy caution among traders after an eight-month advance that has pushed the S&P 500 index up 60.7 percent. Nyheim predicts that investors satisfied with their gains for the year might avoid placing big bets in November and December to safeguard their returns.

Calif. environmentalists sue developers

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A coalition of environmentalists filed a lawsuit Thursday to stop the development of a 5,000-acre gated resort community on the sprawling Tejon Ranch property some 60 miles north of Los Angeles.

The lawsuit filed in Kern County Superior Court argues that county officials ignored its potential impact on the California condor while discounting flaws in the project's water-use plan and air pollution problems from increased traffic in the now undeveloped area.

"All of California will suffer if this project gets built — more water will be stolen, the bird that graces our quarter will be doomed, our air will get dirtier," said Adam Keats, a director at

the Center for Biological Diversity, the lead plaintiff in the lawsuit.

Kern County supervisors last month unanimously approved the Tejon Mountain Village project, which includes 3,500 homes, two golf courses and a resort hotel in the Tehachapi Mountains.

The project is the smaller of two developments planned for the Tejon Ranch Co.'s 270,000-acre property, the largest piece of privately held land in the state. A separate 23,000-home project known as Centennial is currently undergoing environmental review.

Tejon Mountain Village LLC spokesman David Crowder said county officials were right to approve the project that met high standards for conservation and sustainable develop-

ment.

"We feel that the record will show that the county made a well-reasoned decision and that the courts will find in our favor," he said.

A phone message left with Kern County spokesman Allan Krauter was not immediately returned.

Other plaintiffs in the lawsuit include the Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment and the Wishtoyo Foundation, a Chumash Indian environmental group.

Tejon Ranch made a deal last year with several other environmental groups, including the Sierra Club, to preserve a 240,000-acre, or 375-square-mile, swath of wilderness in exchange for the groups not opposing development on other parts of the ranch.

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With his main area of research in utilizing theology as a guide to globalization and migration, Groody used his work with many different people over his career to guide his participation in the Congress.

"I have been working with migrants in the deserts, mountains and canals of the U.S.-Mexican border, as well as in various parish ministries throughout the United States," he said. "More recently I have been working with immigrants at the borders between Spain-Morocco, Malta-Libya and Slovakia-Ukraine."

Groody said he used the input from these people in three different ways: their outer journey, inner journey and human journey.

"As I spend time listening to the stories of migrants, I look at first the response of the Church to migrants their outer journey, second the spirituality of these migrants their inner journey, third a theology of migration the human journey or how theology gives us a way of understanding who we are before God as a pilgrim people and how we can understand God's movement to us in Jesus as a divine migration," he said.

Groody said his responsibilities in Rome consist of drafting a final document released by the

Congress.

He said the process has been tedious and he has spent a large amount of time working on the document.

"This process involves a lot of listening, analysis, reflecting and writing. I go to bed late and get up early, trying to take the insights of people working with migrants in various parts of the world, and then collaborating with five other people in putting together the final version," he said.

In addition to his duties in partaking in the conference discussions, Groody said he is the only theologian who was formally invited to participate on the committee for the final document because the other scholars at the Congress specialized mainly in social sciences.

On Monday, the Pope received the group in the Clementina Room of the Vatican. Groody said this experience was touching and said the Pope was very concerned over the issue of treating migrants with fairness.

"If the migrants I have met over the years at the U.S. and European borders were there with me, my visit would have been complete," he said. "We were there to raise their status, not ours. But I know that they would have been pleased to know that the Pope made their concerns an important concern in his work."

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"The meeting was a positive discussion addressing the needs of the students and provided positive communication between the staff and students," Maguire said. "I will continue my work to ensure my classmates are also aware of the services Saint Mary's provides. There is always more to be done, but this is a productive step in the right direction."

The Counseling Center, the Health Center and Campus Ministry all offer support to pregnant students or students who have had abortions, Johnson said.

Students generally visit the College's Health Center for information on support for pregnant women, Johnson said.

Women can receive pregnancy tests in the Health Center and the staff can assist pregnant students with their needs. Although the Health Center is unable to provide pre-natal care due to lack of necessary equipment, the staff is able to assist pregnant students in finding a doctor, Johnson said.

Expectant mothers are able to stay in the residence halls until they deliver the baby, Johnson said. Students are not allowed to live in residence

halls with their babies.

As for classes, pregnant students can work with Susan Vanek, associate dean and advising director of First Year Studies, to adjust their class schedules or exams if there is a conflict, Johnson said.

According to Johnson, staff members from the Health Center, the Counseling Center and Campus Ministry are available to talk and listen to students. Staff members can also provide support if needed when students tell their parents of their situation.

After learning of the support opportunities on campus, Maguire said she turned her attention to the advertisement of the support.

"My concern is that students may not be able to find information on where they can go for support in crisis or unplanned pregnancy on campus," Maguire said. "Students should be informed that they have a personal support system right here on campus, not only through their peers but also

with the support of professionally trained staff."

During the meeting, Maguire said she suggested the College work to make the services offered to pregnant students more clear.

The College plans to clarify the services offered to make sure students who are pregnant know they are not alone and can be taken care of at Saint Mary's, Johnson said. She said she hopes to accomplish this by updating the College Web site to give students easier access to the options they have on campus.

"We [Right to Life] will continue to advocate and encourage everyone on campus to step up and play their role in helping pregnant as well as post-abortive women on campus," Maguire said. "However, now we can help inform students of where they can go and how they can continue with their pregnancy and education."

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Man sentenced to life for murder of TV personality

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK — A jury sentenced a man to life in prison Thursday for the beating death of a popular Arkansas television personality, sparing him the death penalty after hearing testimony about his rocky upbringing by an abusive, drug-addicted mother.

Jurors deliberated less than three hours before recommending that Curtis Lavelle Vance, 29, be sentenced to life in prison without parole for the death of Anne Pressly. They also handed down a life sentence for rape, 20 years for burglary and 10 years for theft.

Pressly, 26, was an anchor on KATV's "Daybreak" pro-

gram and had a bit part in the President George W. Bush biopic "W." She died Oct. 25, 2008, five days after a brutal assault that crushed her face and left her gasping for air.

Vance's mother testified Thursday that she was abusive, and a doctor said Vance showed signs of paranoia. Pressly's mother, Patti Cannady, told jurors Wednesday what it was like to lose an only child.

After the verdict was read, Cannady mouthed "It's OK" to prosecutor Larry Jegley, nodded, and tucked her hands over her heart. But as she left the courtroom, Cannady stopped and turned at the door. She leaned toward the defense attorneys and said,

"You protected someone who should have never been protected."

Vance, who had appeared uncomfortable during much of his mother's testimony, showed no emotion as the sentence was read.

Jacqueline Vance Burnett had told jurors she was an abusive mother who had a number of crack-fueled run-ins with the law.

Burnett said she worked as a prostitute to earn money for drugs and once snapped after a "date" fell through. She said Vance had been left in charge of a younger brother and that when she returned, the brother was smearing feces on a wall. Burnett said she threw Vance

into a brick wall several times until he nearly passed out.

She also told jurors she would buy drugs with money her children received from Social Security after their fathers died and that she had spent time in prison for burglary, forgery and theft.

Burnett said she has since gone through rehab and she apologized to Vance from the witness stand for throwing him against the wall. He mumbled something, then said "I love you, momma."

During closing arguments, prosecutor Larry Jegley called Vance's upbringing "an American tragedy," but he noted that siblings and other family members have led suc-

cessful lives and said Vance's situation was a result of his own choices.

"Do I like it? No," Jegley said after the sentence was read. "But they can consider all of them. That's the law."

Defense lawyer Katherine Streett had urged jurors — who had convicted Vance a day earlier of capital murder, rape, burglary and theft of property — to have the "courage" to not impose the death penalty.

"The decision you're about to make may speak as much about you as it does about Curtis Vance," Streett said. If mitigation in this case ... has any meaning to you in a significant way, you do not have to kill him," Streett said.

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Miracle dog to be euthanized

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Oreo was called a miracle dog when she was thrown off the roof of a six-story Brooklyn building this summer and survived.

But nearly four months later, the 1-year-old brown-and-white pit bull mix growled and lunged at people gathered in a playroom to see her, then turned and lunged at a female handler who had pulled back furiously on the 62-pound dog's heavy leash.

After months of working to rehabilitate Oreo, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said it had determined she is too dangerous to ever be placed in a home or even to live among other dogs.

The organization said it plans to euthanize her Friday.

"Everything we've tried to do for her has not worked," said Ed Sayres, the president and CEO of ASPCA. "And she has gotten more aggressive."

Sayres, a longtime proponent of "no-kill" shelters, said it's rare for the organization to euthanize an animal. He said 94 percent of the nearly 4,000 animals the organization takes in each year are placed in adoptive homes and the rest are euthanized because of medical or behavioral reasons.

"The measure of our success

around here is lives saved," he said.

Indeed, it was anybody's guess whether Oreo could be saved when she arrived at the ASPCA's Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital.

The organization said it received a complaint on June 18 that a dog had been beaten on the third floor of a housing project on West Ninth Street in Brooklyn, and then a second call saying that the same dog had been thrown from a roof. She was found with two broken legs and a fractured rib.

Fabian Henderson, a 19-year-old who lived at the complex in the borough's Red Hook section, was arrested in July on felony charges, according to the ASPCA.

He pleaded guilty Oct. 20 to aggravated cruelty to animals and was released on his own recognizance pending sentencing on Dec. 1, court records show.

There was no phone listing for Henderson at the Brooklyn building. His lawyer could not immediately be reached for comment.

After Oreo was brought to the ASPCA, surgeons reassembled the dog's front legs and she recuperated well enough to walk. But during a behavioral evaluation in July, she began to display aggression "with little provocation and little warning."

Fort Hood suspect charged

Associated Press

FORT HOOD — An Army psychiatrist was charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder in the Fort Hood massacre as he lay in a hospital bed Thursday, while President Barack Obama ordered a review to determine if the government fumbled warning signs of the man's contacts with a radical Islamic cleric.

Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan could face the death penalty if convicted.

Army officials said they believe Hasan acted alone when he jumped on a table with two handguns last week, shouted "Allahu akbar" and opened fire. The dead included at least three other mental health professionals; 29 were injured.

Additional charges were possible, said Chris Grey, spokesman for the Army Criminal Investigation Command. It had not been decided whether to charge Hasan with the death of the unborn child of a pregnant soldier who died, officials told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak about the case publicly.

Meanwhile, Obama ordered a review of all intelligence related to Hasan to determine whether it was properly shared and acted upon within the government. John Brennan, assistant to the president for homeland security and counterterrorism, will oversee the review. The first results are due Nov. 30. Obama also ordered the preservation of the intelligence.

Members of Congress are pressing for a full investigation into why Hasan was not detected and stopped. A Senate hearing on Hasan is scheduled for next week.

Rep. Peter Hoekstra, the top Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, and others have called for a full examination of what agencies knew about Hasan's contacts with a radical imam and others of concern to the U.S.,

and what they did with the information. Hoekstra confirmed this week that the U.S. government knew of about 10 to 20 e-mails between Hasan and a radical imam, beginning in December 2008.

A joint terrorism task force overseen by the FBI learned late last year of Hasan's repeated contact with a radical Muslim cleric who encouraged Muslims to kill U.S. troops in Iraq. The FBI said the task force did not refer early information about Hasan to superiors because it concluded he wasn't linked to terrorism.

Hasan was charged in the hospital without his lawyers present, said John Galligan, his civilian attorney.

"What I find disturbing is that my client is in ICU, and he's 150 miles south of his defense counsel, and he's being served with the charges," he told The Associated Press. "Given his status as a patient, I'm troubled by this procedure and that I'm not there. I'm in the dark, and that shouldn't be the case. I am mad."

Months before the shootings, doctors and staff overseeing Hasan's training reported viewing him at times as belligerent, defensive and argumentative in his frequent discussions of his Muslim faith, according to a military official familiar with several group discussions about Hasan. The official was not authorized to speak publicly about the meetings and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Hasan was characterized as a mediocre student and lazy worker, which concerned the doctors and staff at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, a military medical school in Bethesda, Md., the official said.

Even outside the military, Hasan's behavior drew attention. Golam Akhter, a civil engineer from Bethesda, Md., said Thursday that he had spoken with Hasan about 10 times at the Muslim

Community Center in Silver Spring before Hasan left for Texas last summer.

"He used to not believe that 9/11 was solely the work of Middle East people," Akhter said. "His main thing was, 'America is killing Muslims in the Middle East.' That made him very, very upset."

Akhter said he sensed that Hasan was "a troubled man" and feels guilty for not alerting others.

"I tried to convince him to try to be a moderate Muslim," Akhter said.

Hasan repeatedly referred to his strong religious views in discussions with classmates at Walter Reed, his superiors and even in his research work, the military official said. His behavior, while at times perceived as intense and combative, was not unlike the zeal of others with strong religious views.

But some doctors and staff were concerned that their unfamiliarity with the Muslim faith would lead them to unfairly single out Hasan's behavior, the official said.

Some questioned Hasan's sympathies as an Army psychiatrist, whether he would be more aligned with Muslims fighting U.S. troops. There also was some concern about whether he should continue to serve in the military, the official said.

But they saw no signs of mental problems, no risk factors that would predict violent behavior. And the group discussed other factors that suggested Hasan would continue to thrive in the military, factors that mitigated their concerns, the official said.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday he was appalled at news leaks about the investigation into last week's deadly shootings at Fort Hood.

"Frankly if I found out with high confidence anybody who's leaking on the Department of Defense, who that was, that would probably be a career-ender," he told reporters traveling with him to Oshkosh, Wis. "Everybody ought to shut up."

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Coast feels remnants of Ida

Associated Press

NORFOLK — A drenching, wind-driven rain lashed much of the Atlantic seaboard Thursday, flooding streets, closing schools, roads and bridges and causing at least five deaths.

The torrential rains and winds gusting more than 30 mph were the work of late-season Tropical Storm Ida, which quickly weakened once it made landfall on the U.S. Gulf Coast on Tuesday but still soaked a swath of the Southeast.

Virginia Gov. Timothy Kaine declared a state of emergency and officials urged people in some areas to stay home. Rain and resulting floods were predicted to continue at least through Friday, especially along the state's southeastern coast and particularly in Norfolk, a coastal city of a quarter-million people.

Officials in this city on Chesapeake Bay were watching the incoming tide closely, as winds pushed water inland and threat-

ened to cause more flooding late Thursday or early Friday. Heeding Kaine's advice, many residents weathered the storm at home. Many roads were inches or feet under water.

"It's miserable but no life or limb in danger," said Bob Batcher, a spokesman for Norfolk's emergency services.

About 70 people showed up at three shelters opened for the storm.

Some hardy residents ventured out in the stinging rain, leaning into gusting winds as they walked. The few restaurants that were open were empty or, like Granby Street Pizza, busy with takeout.

"We do very well in the rain. We do a lot of deliveries," said owner Peter Freda as hot pies were stacked on the counter for delivery.

A few blocks down abandoned Granby Street, normally a busy stretch of bars and restaurants, Glenn Goodman, 48, found a sports bar that appeared to be

open, only to have a server lock up as he reached for the door. The city resident eats out each night, and this was his third or fourth stop.

"If you know what roads to take, it's not that bad. You just don't try to drive through big puddles," he said.

Three motorists died in weather-related crashes in central and eastern Virginia, said Corrine Geller, state police spokeswoman. In New York City, a 36-year-old man surfing at a beach died after getting caught in pounding surf churned up by the storm. In North Carolina, an elderly man standing in his yard was killed when a pine tree was snapped off by strong winds and fell on him, the fire department said. Some motorists in Virginia were rescued from their cars after getting stuck in high water. Flooding closed several area streets, bridges and a major tunnel as winds worsened high tides that were already 6 to 7 feet above normal in the state.

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Is Notre Dame's cutting edge breaking the bubble?

In the last week alone, Notre Dame has had three sneak movie premieres. First, Universal's "The Fourth Kind," next, the Bengal Bouts brainchild "Strong Bodies Fight," and most recently, a screening of the limitedly released "Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day." This type of media attention on campus is unprecedented until recently.

In a recent interview with The Observer, the executive director of mtvU (the MTV University branch), said that college campuses are on the cutting edge, and are great for predicting the next big thing. Frequently, publicists will try to gauge the success of their product by testing it on university campuses. College students' tastes tend to set the taste of wider demographics, and that's exactly what happened Notre Dame over the course of the last week and the many movie screenings.

So why hasn't Notre Dame seen attention from publicists earlier? Have we not been on the cutting edge? Or has media simply overlooked Notre Dame instead being distracted by state universities with Greek systems?

The best test may be an examination of what trends owe credit to Notre Dame's students. What did we know before anyone else did? Clearly things like jiggling or odd social rituals like those of Frosh-O are so specific to Notre Dame campus culture that it's unlikely to spread past Notre Dame Ave. But then again, many acts that come to Legend's either are at the very upswing of their career trajectories. Sara Bareilles, Plain White T's, Gavin DeGraw and Matt and Kim all came to Notre Dame's resident night club recently.

Months later they all gained national acclaim and in some cases radio play if not huge popularity in indie circles. While Notre Dame may be ahead of the game when it comes to indie pop-rock, it's unlikely that our student body will have too much of an effect on areas of the music industry. Let's face it,

the average Notre Dame student knows about two rap songs — "I'm on a Boat" and "Get Low." One of those songs was popular more than five years ago and the other isn't even a real rap song.

When it comes to fashion, the Fighting Irish might want to avoid taking credit for starting the Ugg boot, North Face combo trend. Otherwise, not too much can be said of the Notre Dame as a birth place for style stardom. As far as movies go, Notre Dame seems to have a comparable quality of taste as any other campus. Though maybe we specialize in Irish gangster movies — whoever decided to screen "Boondock Saints II" at Notre Dame couldn't have picked a more receptive audience, considering students have the poster in nearly every dorm room and the theme music plays during pregame tailgates.

It's likely that publicists for national media outlets will continue to have their eyes on Notre Dame, particularly when it comes to our strengths and assets in film and some musical genres. This no doubt has great perks for Notre Dame's undergrads. With the carrot of "free" hanging in front of us, few college students can resist sampling new music or movies. And with our campus culture so firmly set in its ways, it's unlikely that the undergraduate scene will be commercialized any more than it already is. So it seems safe to say there will be more cutting edge cultural trends being ushered into our happy bubble. And while many students strive to reach out of the bubble to stay ahead of the curve in fashion, film, art and music, it's unlikely that there are enough of them to put the entire campus at the height of hip. While Notre Dame's has had a little taste of what it's like to be on the cutting edge, it seem that our efforts are a bit too dull to truly break the bubble or have any marked consequence on campus culture.

THE OBSERVER Editorial

A Notre Dame short story

Part 8 by Rosemary Kelly

Frederick gasped aloud and then stifled his reaction quickly. He could see the mountain clearly, but it was imperative this councilman remain unaware, that he did not discover his secret. For, Frederick had seen the Other World. He had spoken to an Undesirable, and was now convinced that his entire Mieux Training had been based in untruths. The council had hidden this from all of them, and it was still hiding things ...

The man suddenly spoke. "Why don't we stop for the night, lad? Right, then I'll gather some kindle and you get the water." He left the clearing quickly, his jacket flapping behind him.

After a minute Frederick tore his gaze from the heavenly peak and wandered from the clearing, following the sounds of water nearby. A river suddenly opened itself up before him and he sat on the bank, tossing stones into the water while he mused. He didn't noticed anything strange until a small clattering sound drew his attention downward, and he saw the very stone that he had thrown moments before suddenly sitting again at his feet. Confused, he held it in his palm. It was indeed the same stone. Hurriedly, he rose, just as a second stone was deposited gently near him. Another followed, then another. He looked out over the water and was shocked to see the stones he had tossed reappearing on the water and being borne back towards him. What was happening? The river looked normal; did he dare touch it? He crept

forward, intrigued, fearful, and met the water with the edge of his bare toe. Nothing, and yet ... without warning he was totally consumed by a fierce joy, a raging passion for life. He desired to plunge directly into the river, to express his rapture, to expend himself completely without cause. Frederick raised his arms, poised to vault from the bank, but suddenly out of the brush behind burst the councilman with a contingent of soldiers. "Seize the boy!" the man yelled. "He has Disobeyed!" Frederick dived.

Part 9 by Douglas Schuda

Bewildered and exhausted, Frederick washed ashore. To his astonishment, he found himself at the feet of the Undesirable he had met so long ago, whose kind eyes now burned with fear. "Come, Frederick! We must go! We're running out of time!" As he ran, Frederick soon found that the river had mysteriously given him a renewed vigor, and as he bounded after the Undesirable, he learned that his déjà vu had not merely been fantasy ...

The Undesirable proclaimed that Frederick was in the mythical region known as Imaginationland, and it was in grave peril! The walls he broke through must have been its sacred gate! Frederick learned of the Stone of Imagination, and how the councilman planned to use it to invade Notre Dame through the secret tunnels. Aragorn McCloud was not merely a dream: he was the only Creator to enter Imaginationland before Frederick, and he

had been eliminated by the councilman.

They were soon at the base of the mountain, where Frederick knew he must gain possession of the Stone. Just before his climb, the Undesirable warned him of the great beast within. As he climbed, Frederick remembered everything. He knew what he had to do: he had to conquer the great beast, ManBearPig, and take the stone far away from the councilman. The survival of Imaginationland, Notre Dame and Al Gore depended on it!

Want to write the next paragraph to the story? Submit your paragraph to NDLFshortstory@gmail.com before 4 p.m. Limit of 200 words. Title it Part Eight. This story will continue until Nov. 16. If your paragraph is selected, it will be published in Viewpoint and you will get to read it at the NDLF panel discussion Nov. 19. The visiting authors will write the ending paragraphs. Take advantage of the opportunity to write a story along with three New York Times bestselling authors.

Nov. 17: Frank Delaney 7 p.m. Coleman Morse Student Lounge. Author of bestselling novel "Ireland."

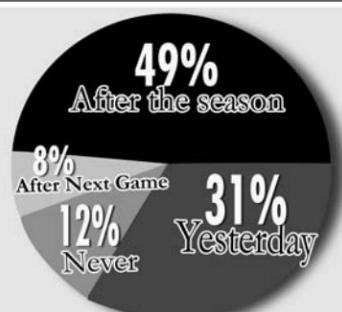
Nov. 18: Tom Coyne 9 p.m. Eck Visitor's Center Auditorium. Author of bestselling novel "A Course Called Ireland: A Long Walk in Search of a Country, a Pint, and the Next Tee."

Nov. 19: Emily Giffin 7p.m. Geddes Hall Andrew Auditorium. Author of bestselling novels "Something Borrowed" and "Something Blue."

Observer Poll

When should Charlie Weis be fired?

	Votes	Percentage
After the season	1,235	49%
Should have been fired yesterday	785	31%
Never	311	12%
After our next game	190	8%



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A man cannot be comfortable without his own approval."

Mark Twain
U.S. author

Dr. Solomon's hopes for Notre Dame

In this column, "The Notre Dame They Know," I will interview individuals who have been influenced by the University of Notre Dame.

I will seek to discover the unique role that Notre Dame has played in their life and vocational journey.

It is hoped that this column will inculcate a deeper, more honest and more profound love for Our Lady and Her University.

The lead-gray sky hangs heavy over the Golden Dome on an autumn afternoon as students, bundled up against the creeping cold, scurry across campus to class.

Passing north of the Hesburgh Library and turning left, one stands at the foot of the window-clad brown brick behemoth of Flanner Hall

Thomas Bounds

The Notre Dame They Know

Ten floors up in an office adorned with pictures of Popes, politicians and philosophers, Professor David Solomon, a jovial man in sport coat and tie with dark peppered hair combed atop a round face, reclines in a black chair. With arms pulled back, fingers laced behind his head, Solomon, seated beneath an icon of the Madonna and Child, begins his story.

"I was born into a southern Baptist family and was educated at Baylor, the great Baptist University. I came here in 1968 ... I was the third non-Catholic ever hired in the Notre Dame Philosophy department.

"As a young man trying to be an intellectual, I was — like any Protestant — amazed at what the Catholic intellectual and artistic tradition had to offer ... Beethoven, Mozart,

Dante ... virtually every bit of English literature that I loved was inspired by Catholic ideas ... I was astounded from the very beginning that Catholics were so resistant to their own tradition. At the same, I loved the intellectual seriousness of the University... it was exciting.

"Over time, I became worried about the direction in which Notre Dame was moving, especially in hiring and in faculty composition. I thought Notre Dame's destiny should be as a distinctive University ... the best University of its kind, and I was struck by Notre Dame's tendency to follow the models of other Universities that had other reasons for existing.

"By the time I was mid-way through my career here, the majority of the philosophy faculty was non-Catholic, and, even among the Catholics, there were very few whose philosophical interests were formed by the Catholic Intellectual Tradition."

Discouraged by these trends, Solomon worked to reinvigorate Catholic culture on campus, serving as director of Undergraduate Studies in Philosophy and founding director of the Arts & Sciences (Glynn Family) Honors Program. After these efforts, Solomon founded the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture.

"We are unique among most ethics centers in that we operate out of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. I think we've had an impact on campus. We're hosting our 10th fall conference next week (Nov. 11- 13) ... and it has received an enormous amount of interest on campus and beyond."

Solomon shared his thoughts on several of the influential figures in Notre Dame's recent history.

"Fr. Hesburgh has been the most important person for Notre Dame in the last half-century. He was a great public figure, and

had a very expansive vision of Notre Dame ... He famously stated that 'He wanted Notre Dame to be a great Catholic university, but you can't be a great Catholic university until you become a great university.' And he signaled at that time giving priority to moving up in the ranks according to secular criteria. I think the question is whether he unleashed forces that are going to undermine Catholic character.

"Ralph McInerny represents the very best of the neo-Thomist tradition that formed the framework for Notre Dame Philosophy ... He wrote a paper a few years ago called 'The Road not Taken,' which argued that Notre Dame had had an opportunity to reinvigorate this rich Catholic tradition, but instead turned away from it ... McInerny has been a voice in the wilderness ... I hope he'll be around for awhile.

"Alasdair MacIntyre is the leading Catholic philosopher in the world ... His work 'After Virtue' is the most important work in moral philosophy in the last half of the twentieth century. His most recent book 'God, Philosophy, Universities' is a vision of what a Catholic University should be, and I think it is a stinging indictment of what Notre Dame has become ... The thesis of the book is that it is impossible to be both a Catholic University and a modern research University as it is conceived.

"Fr. Jenkins was a student of mine ... We have been close friends for many years. I had great hopes for his presidency and his Inaugural Address was stupendous. I've been somewhat disappointed in what's happened to Notre Dame during his first term ... I had deep disagreements with him both about his treatment of 'The Vagina Monologues' and his invitation to the president, but I still have high hopes. Among other things, he has the potential to be the

finest scholar Notre Dame has ever had as president."

Asked about his greatest concerns and hopes for Notre Dame, Solomon observes, "I think the University has been remarkable for the lack of real discussion about the substantive goals we are trying to achieve educationally. As an institution, we have settled for clichés about excellence and the like, which are constantly being preeminent without any content. We do not have a unifying vision, or a forum in which this can be discussed.

"I am most hopeful about the students who, in spite of the mistakes we've made, have improved enormously. There're signs that the culture is so shallow and empty that some of the brightest and most talented young people are turning to more traditional models for their lives and for belief. It makes it possible to imagine we may be able to reinvigorate some of these more classical conceptions of the world and of human life that animated the tradition that founded this university."

In conclusion, Solomon observes, "Notre Dame is the only university that has an opportunity to be both a great university and to carry on the best parts of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. How can you not love the University, giving everything that it stands for?"

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Notre Dame spirit

As a member of the Class of 1989, I was able to witness the transformation of a football program under the leadership of Lou Holtz. The intensity and endless work ethic of my classmates was instilled by a man who simply knew how to motivate young men and guide them to achieve their ultimate potential. After six straight years in the national championship hunt ('88, '93), Notre Dame has not been able to regain its consistent championship swagger. It was a shame when Lou was forced to leave the University he cared for so deeply, and it has been amazing observing the University's misguided judgment in efforts to replace him.

Whatever decisions are ultimately made about Charlie Weis, we need to support the young men who enrolled at Notre Dame to be champions. The current group of players is the most talented roster to play at Notre Dame during the past decade, and they exude the Notre Dame spirit with their heart and competitiveness. I have confidence in them and I will cheer mightily for their success as this season comes to a close.

The University of Notre Dame is exemplified by the character and social contributions of its students, alumni, educators and administrators. Notre Dame continues to be a place that I think of as home and its spirituality resonates with all who visit her. However, the Notre Dame Spirit shines a bit brighter when our football team represents her in a winning tradition. To the football team: Believe and go beat up on Pitt this Saturday!

David DeVoe
alumnus
Class of '89
Nov. 12

Party in the P.R.T.

Recently I took a page out of the playbook of some of my former Spanish teachers by using pop music in an attempt to have a fun activity while teaching my students English. Without giving two thoughts to the apathy that the 16-year-old version of myself had towards listening to Juanes hits like "A Dios le Pido" and "Es Por Ti," I quickly began the process of making handouts of lyrics with blanks that my students would fill in with words such as "somewhere," "run," "prince," "princess," and "story" as I played the song on my laptop.

Last week, I played Taylor Swift's "Love Story" in each of the four English classes I teach here in China. The students started off not being able to fill in many blanks, but usually by the third or fourth time through the song the blanks were filled with words that were at least close to being correct (although every student strangely thought that "summer air" was "some air"). After going over the answers and writing the words on the board, some of the students even started to quietly sing along as if they were at a party in a girl's dorm.

Over the course of three days I heard the lyrics to "Love Story" more times than Grant Schmidt has heard complaints about the lack of benches at Main Circle. Wondering if this was actually a worthwhile educational activity (while knowing that the benches are a complete waste of money), I asked my oldest students if they could tell me what the song was actually about. In an attempt to explain a critical line I knelt to the ground and pretended to pull out a ring (something I hopefully won't do until I am at least 35 years old) and I came to a sudden and unexpected realization: Taylor Swift has no idea what she is talking about.

I'm sure she didn't anticipate her song being used in elaborate marriage proposals by Notre Dame Students, but my problem with "Love Story" is that Ms. Swift can't possibly know enough about wedding proposals to write a song that has one as its climactic key change. Shouldn't we demand at least a smidgen of sincerity from the artists and songs that we listen to while getting drunk at The Backer, Finny's or the basement of a hostel in Xi'An?

I actually believe that John Denver thinks something about West Virginia is almost heaven and that Garth Brooks actually could have spent last night in the arms of a girl in Louisiana. I think Asher Roth really loves



Bob Kessler

The 17th Grade

college and that the Black Eyed Peas feel that tonight is going to be a good night. I even think that Miley Cyrus puts her hands up when they play her song and the butterflies fly away, but I do question whether or not Journey stopped believing when Steve Perry left the band.

Anyways, despite the widely held belief that this has been a great week for Ms. Swift with her excellent job hosting SNL (not that I actually watched) and her apparently historic wins at some sort of Kanye West-less awards show, I can't help but think that her success has been built on a throne of lies. Of course she is a beautifully talented singer, but winning awards for songs that aren't truthful is like winning football games with a collection of JUCO talent. These are just things that the Notre Dame community should never endorse.

Because of this, I believe that we should think twice about purchasing Ms. Swift's music (even though I personally possess both of her albums) and we should continue to look towards her close friend (at least in the world of "Hannah Montana: The Movie") Miley Cyrus to create honest drinking songs that we can cherish.

"Party in the USA" is one such song. Not only does Ms. Cyrus sing about how nervous she was when she got to L.A., but she also made it clear that she sees Britney Spears as somebody to look up to. This might be troubling to my aunt whose young daughters have both Miley Cyrus and Hannah Montana dolls, but it excites me greatly knowing how many ridiculous US Weekly stories are ahead in the life of my favorite 16-year-old singer that has her own Fathead.

The irony in all this, if we have learned anything from Ms. Spears, is that by the time Ms. Cyrus (and Ms. Swift as well) actually reach the age when they can legally hear the DJ drop their favorite tunes at a bar like Finny's or The Backer they will probably have spiraled off the deep end of their careers with drug addictions, bizarre marriages, custody battles, and shaved heads.

So I guess all I'm saying is let's enjoy them while we can.

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By COURTNEY ECKERLE
Scene Writer

Courtney Eckerle: How did this idea for a documentary start?

Gita Pullapilly: I met [director] Aron Gaudet while I was working in news, and this was before I knew that anyone could just pick up a piece of equipment. We thought a documentary was our best option, coming from a news background. He took me home in December of 2004 to meet his mom, and we were looking and looking for stories and couldn't find anything. Aron's mother was going out to greet troops at three in the morning, and we went with her. It was the first time I met WWII veteran Bill Knight. He had been diagnosed with prostate cancer that day, and he was still at the airport greeting troops. Aron and I looked at each other and said, "Yes, this is going to be a good story." We realized the challenges, but five years later ... here we are."

CE: Why are these three characters so compelling?

GP: They were so open and honest, right from the very start. If they were happy, sad, if something was happening, you would go on this journey with them. We wanted that tone. If something was happening in their lives we wanted to go on that journey with them. When you watch the film, you are discovering things as we are.

CE: What significance does the title have?

GP: When we were making this film the title was the most important to us, because we knew it would either

appeal to people or it wouldn't. It's about everyday life. "The Way We Get By" is really about ... the way we all get by. The way we overcome difficult obstacles in our life. We see it as a very universal film. People who watch it have a very deep, personal connection with all three of our subjects. So they come out of theater inspired to do something for their community.

CE: You majored in finance at Notre Dame — how did you find your way into filmmaking?

GP: I graduated with a finance degree, and my first job was financial analyst for General Mills. I quickly realized I did not want to work in the corporate world. I was looking for other opportunities, and I had done some work for The Observer and The South Bend Tribune in school. I went to grad school at Northwestern and did journalism there. I loved the storytelling aspect, and I loved the avenues video had. It's compelling to see how the visuals could tell a story, and that's how I got into television news — my first job was in Green Bay with a CBS station.

I love being able to tell stories, but when you're in a newsroom your stories are really short so you really can't get to the heart of the story.

CE: How important is the idea of growing older in this film?

GP: One thing we realized about this film is senior citizens are pushed aside in our society. They have so many skills and talents, and they're just forgotten. We think that because they are past a certain age they have lost their purpose, but in fact they have more purpose than

most of us. There are people who have had amazing careers and are still waiting to share their stories and wisdom.

CE: What are some of the ideas you hope people come away with after seeing the film?

GP: I think the film affects people in a lot of different ways because there are layers — supporting the troops and seeing that seniors have a purpose in their lives. Anyone can do anything in a short amount of time and have a huge impact. The story takes place in Bangor, Maine. It is seeing how in this small community, people aren't worrying about the politics and are seeing that these humans beings are sent off with respect and come home with respect.

CE: What shape does the "hero" take in this film?

GP: A lot of it is showing that ordinary people can do such ordinary things and have a huge impact on people. Our tag line is: "Sometimes all it takes is a handshake to change a life." And we really believe that. You don't have to be a superhero to do that. You can be an ordinary 87-year-old WWII veteran and know that you're doing something to change someone's life every day, and dedicated to something. Bill [cast member William Knight] struggles with finding purpose in his life. He finds this purpose and realizes that he is helping them do something, and making a difference. For Bill, this film has come full circle for him and he realizes that he does have meaning in his life, he does have a purpose. In all the theaters we've been to where he comes, he gets a standing ovation.

CE: What makes this film so special?

GP: At the heart of it, it's all about that human connection. We all know what it's like when we're coming home and someone's waiting there, and we all know what it's like when you come back and no one is waiting there. Multiply that with a life and death situation, like heading off to war, or coming back after being in a war zone for the first time or even the sixth time.

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By JOEY KUHN
Assistant Scene Editor

"The Way We Get By" is a documentary directed by Aron Gaudet, a Notre Dame alumnus. The film gives a close-up view of the lives of three senior citizens who have dedicated their time to showing appreciation and support for the American armed forces. These three volunteers, along with many others, are on call around the clock to show up at the airport in Bangor, Maine to greet troops returning from service in Iraq or Afghanistan. Fittingly, the film debuted on Veterans Day on the PBS series "Point of View."

Although it falls into the documentary genre, "The Way We Get By" is filled with extraordinary pathos, packing a dramatic punch that most fictional movies can only hope for. Instead of pushing a political agenda, the film focuses its attention on the everyday struggles and triumphs of three troop greeters named Bill, Jerry and Joan.

Joan Gaudet, mother of director Aron Gaudet, provided Aron with the initial inspiration to make the film. At age 75 and

with eight grown children, Joan continues to spread her maternal love to the soldiers who defend our country every day. She sleeps in a chair by the phone and sometimes is called to the airport at 3 a.m. to give a warm smile to the soldiers as they step off the plane. Over the course of the film, though, Joan must also reconcile her duty with her fear for the lives of two of her grandchildren who are going to serve in Iraq.

Jerry Mundy is a congenial 73-year-old ex-Marine who lives alone with his dog, Mr. Flannigan. When the troops arrive at the airport, Jerry jokes with them and offers them cell phones so they can call their friends and families. He feels joy along with the soldiers as they come back into their familiar country, but he also must face loneliness and unexplained heart problems.

The most moving story is that of Bill Knight, an 86-year-old WWII veter-

an. Bill knows he is getting too old to take care of himself. His house is a cluttered mess with cats running around all over the place, and he can barely make ends meet to pay his heating bill. He has also just found out that he has prostate cancer. Despite — or perhaps because of — all of this, Bill shows up at the airport for every flight to tell the arriving or departing troops how much they mean to their country.

"The Way We Get By" is a grippingly real, human film. It approaches the great abyss and does not back down but instead stares straight into it, searching for a bottom. As one would expect from a documentary about war and old age, death always seems to be just around the corner. But in the midst of all the darkness, the people in the film find new reason to live. As Bill puts it in the movie, "My life don't mean a helluva lot to me, but if I can make it mean something to somebody else ... that's my endeavor." Both the seniors and the soldiers find meaning in self-giving service to others. To see how these two often forgotten groups of society lean on each other is incredibly moving and inspirational.

"The Way We Get By" has already won numerous awards, including the SXSW Film Festival's Special Jury Award for 2009. To find more information on the film or watch the trailer, visit <http://www.thewaywegetbymovie.com>

Additionally, the makers of the movie have created a new, interactive Web site called "Returning Home" where anybody can post photos, videos, audio or written content showing support for U.S. troops. Please do not hesitate to visit the site (<http://www.returninghomeproject.org>) and show your appreciation for those who work to keep our country safe.

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LESSONS ABOUND IN "WHAT I KNOW NOW" & "IF I'D KNOWN THEN"

By TATIANA SPRAGINS
Scene Writer

If you could write a letter to your younger self, what age would you pick, and what would you say? It was by asking this question that Ellyn Spragins published her two New York Times bestsellers, books composed of a collection of highly inspirational and touching letters written by today's most successful, respected women, advising and motivating their younger selves to get through whatever difficulty or challenges they would face.

The thought first came to Spragins when she realized that countless times she wished she could just ask her mom, "What would you do?" Joyce Spragins, her mother, passed away 20 years ago in an airplane crash. She was 60, and Ellyn 32. Twenty years have gone by and like any child who loses their mother, Ellyn wished she could still talk to her, ask her for advice and learn from the many things her mother still had to teach her about life.

In an extraordinary move, Spragins managed to reverse a tragic situation and turn it into something positive. Determined not to waste this desire to learn from someone who had still so much to teach, Spragins decided to seek this knowledge elsewhere. The results are two beautiful books that relate intimate details of the lives of some of today's most successful women and what they would tell their younger selves from the future, which turned out to be not so bad after all.

The structure is the same: For each woman interviewed there is first a brief summary of their meeting and details of the woman's life and achievements. A letter the guest writes to her younger self is also included.

In both books the first half, though very comprehensive and an essential prelude to the letter, is generally poorly written. In many cases, this introduction could have presented the women in a more refined light and added a level of sophis-

tication to the read.

The actual letters in the second half of the book are generally incredibly inspiring and especially intimate. Though aimed at different age groups, the letters in "What I Know Now: Letters To My Younger Self" and "If I'd Known Then" are both very personal and very applicable to just about anyone — it's advice given by successful people to people looking for the path towards success, all with the loving touch of many people from different backgrounds and with different interests, who went through similar situations and came out stronger on the other side.

If anything, the books will leave you thinking about your life and how some of these women went through what you may be going through now and what they would tell you, given the challenges you may be facing.

Some letters are in fact more insightful and helpful than others, and some are quite superficial, a rather disappointing factor. PETA founder Ingrid Newkirk's and actress Jessica Alba's letters are, for instance, especially upsetting. Instead of discussing the challenges they faced and providing helpful insight into why to do something or comfort about something particularly difficult, some letters are just empty statements that, instead of being comforting, are shallow and probably not very helpful to a young girl in a similar situation.

In some cases, Spragins could have done a better job at guiding the women in how to write their letters, or in editing them out. Yet, those cases are the minorities, unfortunate mishaps in a book created from a spectacular idea, filled with incredible words of wisdom written by incredible women.

Though not particularly mind boggling or a masterpiece of literature, both books are delightful, easy to read and very heart warming. "What I know Now: Letters to My Younger Self" and "If I'd Known Then" are worthwhile and important reads for women of any age.

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By ALEXANDRA KILPATRICK
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"Tea and coffee, such bitter little drinks ..." This is one memorable line taken from Elizabeth Kuti's "The Sugar Wife," which is currently playing at DeBartolo Performing Arts Center's Decio Mainstage Theatre.

Kuti was born in England in 1969 but moved to Ireland in 1993 where she studied at Trinity College Dublin and wrote a doctoral thesis on 18th-century women playwrights. After she graduated, she worked in Dublin as an actress and playwright. Her literary accomplishments include the 1999 completion of Frances Sheridan's 18th-century comedy "A Trip to Bath" (re-titled as "The Whisperers") for the company Rough Magic, "Treehouses" published in 2000 and performed at the Peacock, Dublin. In 2005, she published "The Sugar Wife," for which she won the 2006 Susan Smith Blackburn Prize, an award for English-language

women playwrights.

Set in Dublin's Quaker culture in 1850, "The Sugar Wife" is a bittersweet examination of sexual politics and political morality. Margie Janiczek plays the lead role of Hannah, a well-to-do charitable Quaker woman who is often torn between her humanitarian work with the city's poor and her successful husband Samuel, played by Bobby Hannum, and his business managing oriental teahouses. One of her many charitable efforts involves visiting the character of Martha, (portrayed by Ashley Fox), a pitiful, bitter and depressed sickly poor woman. Fox does a wonderful job of portraying her character in a way that shows all of her degrading qualities along with her sense of humor.

Hannah constantly struggles with her desperate need to help others in doing charitable work for the society's poor and after finding that she is unable to help everyone she wants, she ironically drags down herself and the people surrounding her with her despair. Samuel attempts to follow along with Hannah's lofty ideals but it becomes more apparent throughout the course of the play that he tends to break away from Quaker customs. Janiczek and Hannum fill their roles well and make it clear to the audience that although their characters get along well on the surface, there is no real love between them.

Things go further awry when they receive a visit from two new houseguests, a pretentious English philanthropist named Alfred (John Maltese) and a slave he bought and freed named Sarah (Stephanie Elise Newsome). Hannah's willingness to take them in is meant to be reflective of her abolitionist and philanthropic efforts. Both characters are scarred by the horrors they've seen and experienced in America's Deep South, and they relay these personal experiences to Hannah and Samuel. At this point, Hannah comes to realize the naiveté of her efforts, as the wealth that supports her abolitionist efforts also come from tea and sugar, products of imperialism and globally dependent on the labor of enslaved Africans.

Newsome and Maltese both deliver very convincing portrayals of their characters. Newsome interjects the

beautifully yet horrifically convincing scenes with breathtaking monologues from the viewpoint of Sarah, who tells of her horrific experiences in slavery. The stories she tells are enough to turn someone's stomach, but Newsome tells them with a passion and clarity that draws the audience in to truly empathize with Sarah's strong-willed character. Maltese also does well at portraying the development of the relationship between the characters of Hannah and Alfred.

Overall, the play is well-acted and has excellent lighting and sound effects. The soundtrack to the play consists of a classical sounding Celtic mix with violins similar in sound to those in the closing scenes of "Titanic." If 1850s Dublin Quaker society is your thing, this is definitely the play for you. Even if it's not, Kuti makes the characters in "The Sugar Wife" very relatable to modern society.

"The Sugar Wife" will be playing Friday and Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

The Sugar Wife

Directed by: Siiri Scott
Starring: Margie Janiczek, Bobby Hannum, Ashley Fox, John Maltese, Stephanie Elise Newsome



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NCAA FOOTBALL

Three Vols frosh charged in robbery

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Three freshmen Tennessee football players, including highly touted wide receiver recruit Nu'Keese Richardson and starting safety Janzen Jackson, were charged with attempted armed robbery Thursday morning.

Richardson, 18, and Jackson, 18, along with defensive back Mike Edwards, 18, and companion Marie Montmarquet, 22, were each charged with three counts of attempted armed robbery in connection with an incident at a gas station in an area known as "The Strip" at the edge of Tennessee's campus.

Richardson and Edwards were being held Thursday afternoon on bonds of \$19,500, and Jackson was released on his own recognizance.

"Mr. Jackson vehemently asserts his innocence, and we hope that this will become apparent in the next 24 to 48 hours," Jackson's attorney Don Bosch said in a statement. It was not immediately known if Richardson and Edwards had attorneys.

The three players are the first arrested during the tenure of first-year coach Lane Kiffin, who on a Wednesday teleconference touted his team's clean record. Kiffin's predecessor, Phillip Fulmer, was often criticized for being too lax on a number of his players who had discipline problems.

"At this time we are currently evaluating the circumstances surrounding an incident involving Mike Edwards, Janzen Jackson and Nu'Keese Richardson," athletic director Mike Hamilton said. "Any decisions or comments regarding their status will not be made until the evaluations are complete."

The three victims told police they were sitting in their parked vehicle just before 2 a.m. Thursday at a gas station near Tennessee's campus when two males dressed in hooded jackets, one brandishing a handgun, approached and demanded, "Give us everything you've got."

"The victims stated that they all presented their wallets to the suspects and showed them that they did not have money," the police report said. "The victims stated that a third black male then approached and told the other two black males, 'We've got to go.'"

The three suspects were seen

leaving in a Toyota Prius, and police pulled over a vehicle matching the description nearby. Police spotted a pellet gun and hooded jackets and later found drug paraphernalia and a bag of what appeared to be marijuana.

Police say Montmarquet told them the drug paraphernalia and substance belonged to her and she was charged with simple possession.

The victims identified Richardson and Edwards as the men who approached their vehicle.

The incident happened at a gas station operated by Pilot, a company founded by former Tennessee football player and longtime booster Jim Haslam. Tennessee's outdoor football practice field is named Haslam Field in his honor.

Richardson, a highly touted recruit from Pahokee, Fla., originally committed to Florida but switched to Tennessee after being recruited by coach Lane Kiffin. Kiffin joked in a February recruiting celebration that Florida coach Urban Meyer cheated in trying to keep Richardson as a Gator, earning Kiffin a reprimand from the Southeastern Conference.

Richardson had told Kiffin recently he was frustrated with his lack of production but scored his first touchdown in a 56-28 win over Memphis on Saturday. He's had six catches this season for 58 yards and served as a punt return specialist.

Edwards, a Cleveland, Ohio, native has played in eight games this season and registered five tackles.

Jackson, a Lake Charles, La., native, has started seven games this season, logging 33 tackles and a forced fumble. He was suspended for the Memphis game, a week after he was named SEC freshman of the week for a strong performance against South Carolina.

Neither Jackson nor Kiffin would say why he was suspended, but Jackson said after Wednesday afternoon's practice that losing playing time would discourage him from making poor decisions off the playing field.

"It kind of felt like being injured and watching your team play ... it kind of had the same feeling, but to know it was my fault, so it kind of feels a little bit worse," Jackson said. "It's in the past now, and I'm back to work."

NHL

Thrashers take down Rangers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ilya Kovalchuk had a goal and two assists in his first game back from a foot injury and Rich Peverley scored once and set up two goals in the Atlanta Thrashers' 5-3 victory over the New York Rangers on Thursday night.

Atlanta got a big boost from Kovalchuk, who had missed six games and had been ruled out of this one as late as Wednesday. But the team captain got on the team flight, took part in Thursday morning's skate, and was fine following pregame warmups.

He helped set up Peverley's power-play goal in the second period and then scored to put Atlanta back in front after the Rangers tied it a second time.

Thrashers rookie Evander Kane, who was questionable because of a foot injury, felt well enough to play and chipped in with a goal and assist. Johan Hedberg stopped 33 shots while playing in his third straight for Atlanta, which won for the fourth time in six games. Colby Armstrong also scored, and Maxim Afinogenov sealed it with an empty-netter — off a pass from Kovalchuk — with under 13 seconds left.

New York, missing injured captain Chris Drury (concussion) and fellow forward Brandon Dubinsky (broken hand), erased a one-goal hole in the first and another in the second when the Thrashers controlled play. But penalties again cost the Rangers, who returned home from a 1-2 Western Canada road trip and lost for the eighth time in 11 games (3-7-1).

Artem Anisimov and Marian Gaborik erased one-goal deficits for the Rangers, and Henrik Lundqvist came back from a two-game absence (injured leg) to make 22 saves. Brian Boyle brought New York within 4-3 when he slammed in a rebound of Ales Kotalik's shot 6:18 into the third.

The Rangers couldn't get even again in the final frame despite two power-play chances and a 18-5 shots advantage. Kotalik ripped a drive from the blue line that was deflected in front before hitting off the goal post with 8:47 remaining.

Atlanta dominated the second period, scoring three times on 12 shots and taking advantage of both power

plays. The Thrashers played for the first time since Sunday. New York had been off since losing at Calgary on Saturday when Drury and Dubinsky were injured.

After Gaborik got the Rangers into their second tie, Kovalchuk put Atlanta back in front 3-2 with 2:19 left in the second. Kovalchuk, who earlier in the period assisted on Peverley's go-ahead, power-play goal, netted his 10th of the season as Boyle served a tripping penalty he disputed as he entered and left the box.

Kovalchuk zipped a shot from the left circle that sailed over Lundqvist's glove. Kane made it 4-2 just 25 seconds later with the fourth goal of his rookie season.

Gaborik had lifted New York into a 2-2 tie with 4:32 remaining in the period, scoring his 13th goal in 17 games when his drive from the top of the circle beat Hedberg under his left arm and over his pad. The goal was set up when Atlanta's Colby Armstrong was caught tripping Anisimov 34 seconds earlier.

Armstrong got things going just 19 seconds into the game when he took a pass in the crease from Kane and directed it past Lundqvist. That broke a Thrashers string of seven straight goals scored by defensemen. Anisimov tied it 3:49 later when he got to a rebound of Gaborik's shot and put the puck past Hedberg.

Flyers 5, Senators 1

Ray Emery admitted that it was a special night — and that he was relieved when it was over.

Emery made 22 saves in his first start against his former team, and Danny Briere scored two goals to help the Philadelphia Flyers beat the Ottawa Senators on Thursday night for their fifth straight victory.

"These are fun ones to play. Definitely nerves are going," Emery said. "It's a little bit special, a different situation but it's two good teams and a little personal story for myself. I'm just happy that we won."

Blair Betts, James Van Riemsdyk and Darroll Powe also scored for the Flyers. Jeff Carter, Kimmo Timonen, and Chris Pronger each added two assists.

Mike Fisher scored for Ottawa. The Senators have lost two straight and four of their last six games.

Emery was with Ottawa for five seasons (three as a regular), but was cut loose after the 2007-08 season, the year after he led the Senators to the Stanley Cup finals. He played in Russia last season.

"I've never really played on a bad team," said Emery, 10-3-1 this season. "With this team I know we are going to get our goals and I just have to do my part and play solid."

Briere said that the Flyers realized that it would be a special night for Emery to face his former team for the first time.

"Definitely we're happy for him," Briere said. "He's been playing well and he's been a great teammate for us so far this year."

Flyers coach John Stevens said that he senses that the team believes in their new goaltender.

"I really think there is a fondness or affection, and when he gets in a situation like he did tonight, I think there's a little more urgency in their play, Stevens said.

"Everyone's happy to see him (Emery) back in the league," Senators captain Daniel Alfredsson said about his former teammate. "He played OK. We weren't able to test him too much when we needed a couple of goals in the third period."

Ottawa's Pascal Leclaire also stopped 22 shots.

Betts, who signed as a free agent before the season and later missed seven games with a shoulder injury, scored his first goal to put Philadelphia ahead on a power play at 9:34 of the second period. He poked the puck into the net after a dump-in by Claude Giroux took a strange bounce off the boards.

Ottawa tied it on a power play at 14:49 on Mike Fisher's one-timer off a backhand, cross-ice pass from Alex Kovalev.

Van Riemsdyk, who went into the game tied for the NHL rookie points lead, made it 2-1 on another power play at 16:23, scoring from inside the left circle.

Briere increased the lead with a spectacular rebound goal at 6:56 of the third period, batting Carter's shot out of the air. Powe made it 4-1 with a wrist shot at 11:47, and Briere scored on a slap shot 1:52 later.

Ottawa coach Cory Clouston said that he thought the Senators "played very well" for the first 40 minutes.

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5 NOTRE DAME	4
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9 Florida	8
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11 Santa Clara	14
12 Rutgers	12
13 Central Florida	19
14 Wake Forest	10
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16 Penn State	22
17 Virginia Tech	19
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20 Brigham Young	17
21 Southern California	21
22 Texas A&M	20
23 Dayton	24
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25 Marquette	RV

Division I Women's Basketball Preseason AP Poll

team	points
1 Connecticut (40)	1000
2 Stanford	951
3 Ohio State	862
4 NOTRE DAME	799
5 North Carolina	798
6 Duke	772
7 Baylor	744
8 Tennessee	676
9 LSU	600
10 Michigan State	521
11 Xavier	492
12 Texas	487
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team	Prev
1 Penn State (60)	1
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4 Washington	4
5 Illinois	5
6 UCLA	7
7 Stanford	5
8 Iowa State	8
9 Nebraska	10
10 Florida	9

MLB



The Washington Nationals removed the interim tag from Jim Riggleman's title and made him the full-time manager. Riggleman replaces Manny Acta, who was fired mid-season and was recently hired by Cleveland.

Riggleman is Nationals' new skipper

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Jim Riggleman opened his first news conference in 10 years as a full-fledged, full-time, full-titled major league manager — no “interim” tag to be found — by saying he didn’t want to list the people he needs to thank, lest he forget someone.

And then, not surprisingly, the man who will manage the Washington Nationals in 2010 proceeded to list those people: his family; the team’s owners; president Stan Kasten, GM Mike Rizzo and their staffs; current players; players he worked with in the minors; Whitey Herzog, who

brought Riggleman to the majors as a coach years ago.

On and on. Clearly, Riggleman is grateful to be a skipper in the majors once again.

“My feeling was, if there was some divine intervention that came upon me that said, ‘You will never manage again,’ then I would have got out” of baseball, Riggleman said Thursday, when the Nationals officially announced he would remain in their dugout. “I wanted to stay in the game, because I still wanted to manage. So if I would have strongly doubted it would ever happen, I would not have continued. And you had to wonder as the years

went by.”

Neither the Nationals nor Riggleman’s agent — who said he had to sign a nondisclosure agreement — would say anything about the terms of the deal.

Still, next season will mark his first since 1999 with a managing job in spring training. That was his final year with the Chicago Cubs, one of three other clubs he’s managed.

“Now he’s got his whole opportunity to kind of start from Day 1 and be like, ‘OK, this is how it’s going to be,’” Nationals pitcher John Lannan said.

Riggleman was promoted from bench coach to interim manager midway through last season, replacing the

fired Manny Acta in July. The Nationals were 26-61 (a .299 winning percentage) at the time and went 33-42 (.440) under Riggleman. While they finished with a majors-worst record of 59-103, there was a sense that his pregame fielding drills and postgame clubhouse talks were helping the young players on a rebuilding team.

“We turned to Jim Riggleman for some stability to right this ship, and he did what I thought was a masterful job in very trying circumstances,” Rizzo said. “He gave us a sense of balance not only in the dugout, but also in the clubhouse. We went back to the roots of the game.”

IN BRIEF

Lewis says Mangini is overworking Browns

BEREA, Ohio — Cleveland Browns running back Jamal Lewis said he’s frustrated by another losing season and believes coach Eric Mangini is pushing his players too hard.

Lewis, who intends to retire after this season, said Thursday that he doesn’t want to be a “babysitter” to Cleveland’s younger players. He wants to win and expressed disappointment that two- and three-hour practices aren’t translating into wins for the team, which has a 1-7 record.

“There’s talent all over this locker room, young and old,” he said before practice. “There’s talent everywhere, but that talent has got to be ready for Sunday, it’s got to be fresh for Sunday. You can work all day, but if you’re going to work like that, you’re probably not going to get what you want out of your players.”

Roger Clemens files motion to dismiss lawsuit

NEW YORK — Lawyers for Roger Clemens filed a motion in Brooklyn federal court to dismiss a defamation lawsuit by the pitcher’s former trainer, claiming statements that accused Brian McNamee of trying to shake down Clemens were not serious.

Joe Roden, one of the attorneys representing Clemens, said the seven-time Cy Young award winner, lawyer Rusty Hardin and others were not serious when they questioned McNamee’s mental state and accused him of manufacturing evidence, the New York Daily News reported Thursday.

“They are part of the public battle of words between the two camps, and in no way suggest to the average reader that McNamee is actually mentally unfit,” wrote Roden, a lawyer with Hardin’s firm.

Falcons’ Smith fined for incident vs. Redskins

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Two people familiar with the situation say Atlanta Falcons coach Mike Smith has been fined \$15,000 by the NFL for a sideline scuffle, while Washington cornerback DeAngelo Hall avoided any punishment.

The people spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the league has not officially commented on the situation. The NFL also fined Redskins safety LaRon Landry \$7,500, Washington defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth \$5,000 and Falcons director of athletic performance Jeff Fish \$2,500. Hall was not fined.

Smith acknowledged that he was fined when he came off the field after a Falcons practice on Thursday, though he didn’t discuss the amount.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish looking for magic two

Notre Dame hoping to end conference play as only undefeated team

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Perfection is hardly commonplace in the world of sports, especially in a conference as demanding as the Big East. But as the Irish play host to Georgetown and South Florida this weekend, the magic number for an unbeaten conference record is down to two.

"The seniors have definitely led us to this position, but I think that it's something that everyone on this team has really been striving for and working towards," Irish coach Debbie Brown said.

Having already clinched the No. 1 seed for the conference tournament with a victory over Syracuse and a Cincinnati loss last weekend, Notre Dame (18-4, 12-0 Big East) is one win away from their 11th Big East title, its first since 2005.

"We have two pretty big goals that we hope to come to fruition this weekend, and one is we want to win outright the regular season, but the second one is going undefeated," Brown said. "I think the motivation is going to be really high this weekend, and the

team is really looking forward to it."

The first obstacle to achieving those goals comes in the form of a Georgetown team that has plummeted to the bottom of the conference. The Hoyas (13-15, 3-9) have fallen to the Irish in 10 straight meetings, but head into this Friday's match coming off the heels of a big upset win over Cincinnati. Yet Brown said she is confident in her team's ability to stay focused against a lesser team.

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Irish coach

"Throughout the season we learned more and more about ourselves, and I think we've been able to make pretty significant improvements in areas that maybe earlier in the season we didn't feel were as strong as they needed to be," Brown said. "I think the focus of the team and intensity has been really good."

Whatever the outcome on Friday may be, the Irish should have no trouble finding focus and motivation for Sunday's match against South Florida (16-7, 8-4). The Bulls currently rank fourth in the conference standings, but more importantly, the meeting marks the last regular season conference

game for the seniors.

"It's our senior day," Brown said. "They're a very close class, they have great camaraderie, and they're very, very committed to making this be just a great season. It's just a tremendous class, a tremendous group."

Seniors Serinity Phillips, Christina Kaelin and Jamel Nicholas have all garnered Big East Player of the Week honors this season, but each senior has contributed to Notre Dame's success.

"To say that any of them that don't play in the matches as much as the others aren't as important is entirely false," Brown said. "They all bring special things to the team. I think the attitude of all of them is great, and they all lead in different ways."

Purcell Pavilion will host the final leg of the Irish's journey to perfection, as the Irish take the court at 7 p.m. on Friday against Georgetown and at 2 p.m. on Sunday against South Florida.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Runners compete for NCAA berth

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's and women's cross country seasons are getting down to the wire as they travel to the University of Indiana in Bloomington Saturday for the NCAA Great Lakes Regional meet with hopes of qualifying for the NCAA championships.

"Our team has been working incredibly hard this entire season," sophomore runner Rachel Velarde said. "We are all ready to go out there and prove that we deserve to be at nationals. We all know what we have to do this weekend, and we are all excited to go out and race our best."

To qualify for the national event, the team as a whole needs to finish in the top two finishers, or they have to run comparatively better than the other third or fourth place teams in other regional competitions around the country for the chance of receiving a bid to continue their season at the national meet.

"It does not matter what you run like in the beginning of the season," men's coach Joe Piane said. "Without doing well at this meet, there is no chance of getting to the national meet."

In their last meet, the men's

team finished sixth out of 14 teams, and the women placed sixth out of 16 total teams at the Big East Conference meet. Though these results seem to suggest that the Irish will have a difficult time qualifying for the NCAA national meet, the Big East boasts one of the toughest conferences for cross country this season, and many of those teams who beat the Irish in the conference event will be competing in a different regional this weekend.

The Irish have had two weeks off to prepare themselves physically and mentally for the challenge that Saturday presents.

"We have been working on a little bit of speed work," Piane said. "At this point in the season, you have to be working on speed work."

Top runners to watch for the men include senior Jake Walker, juniors Dan Jackson and Ryan Jacobs and sophomore Jonathan Shawel. On the women's side, the runners who are projected to be the first to cross the finish line for the Irish are senior Lindsay Ferguson, followed closely by senior Beth Tacl, Velarde and one of the newest members of the team, freshman Jessica Rydberg.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles prepared to race at Regionals

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

The Belles will take on the rest of the Midwest this weekend as they compete in the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional.

The Belles finished 17th last season in this race with a total of 481 points. The race will feature 40 schools that contain 550 of the best runners from Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

No. 1 Calvin College, an MIAA school that the Belles have faced three times already this season, is the favorite to win this year's regional. The Knights have won 13 regionals since 1992 and are currently two-time defending champs.

Other ranked schools in the field include No. 12 DePauw University, No. 13 Case Western and No. 22 Oberlin College. Baldwin-Wallace and Manchester College also received an invite by winning their respective conferences. The top runner in the field is Denison's Katie Navarre, who finished ninth nationally last year.

The Belles are coming off a successful meet in which they

matched a program-best fourth place finish in the MIAA Championships for the third year in a row. The Belles were just eight points out of third place behind the Adrian Bulldogs. Ahead of both were Hope College and winner Calvin College. Freshman Julia Kenney led the way for the Belles, posting the best time for the third meet in a row. Kenney has placed first for her team in every 6000-meter race so far this season, and the Great Lakes regional will be of the same length.

Also posting low times this year is senior co-captain Megan McClowery, a consistent contributor for the team. McClowery has been either first or second for the Belles in every race except for the MIAA Championships, where she stumbled and fell to third on the team.

The Regional will be hosted by Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and will be run on the LaVern Gibson Cross Country Course. The women's race will begin at 11 a.m. and the men's will follow at noon.

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SMC SWIMMING

Saint Mary's heads to Purdue for dual meet

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Following a tough loss to Kalamazoo College last Friday, the Belles look to get into the winning column for the first time this season as they take on Carthage and Purdue.

"The first meet we swam against Kalamazoo, which is a pretty good team," Belles coach Alicia Dombkowski said.

"Carthage is pretty good team, and we're swimming against Purdue as well. I think we should do pretty well against Carthage, there will be some good races."

Led by freshmen Katie Griffin and Ellie Watson and sophomore Audrey Dairyple, the Belles have aspirations of finishing in the top half of the MIAA.

"They are young, so they're going to be around for a while," Dombkowski said. "All three of them are very good swimmers. Audrey qualified for nationals last year, the first swimmer from Saint Mary's to qualify. Griffin is very close to two school records, and Ellie is very good as well, so they bring a lot of upfront talent to the team."

But standing in their way is Carthage, a good team coming off a big win over Lake Forest

104-101 last week. Furthermore, the Lady Reds feature Amanda Croix, the recently named NCAA Division III National Swimmer of the Week.

"The biggest challenge is Carthage is a really good team, so just being able to stay competitive with them is going to be the biggest challenge," Dombkowski said.

Although the Belles fell to Kalamazoo in the season opener, Dombkowski believes the match featured some very encouraging signs.

Watson claimed first in the 1,000- and 500-yard freestyle events, while Griffin led the way in the 100 backstroke and the 100 butterfly. Dairyple rounded out the winning cast by earning top honors in the 200 breaststroke and the 200 IM.

"It's a very young team, but Saint Mary's has never been fourth in the conference, so hopefully we'll be shooting for fourth in the conference meet," Dombkowski said.

With realistic goals in mind, the Belles will send their best in the hopes of qualifying multiple swimmers for national competition.

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MEN'S INTERHALL

Steds hoping for second upset vs. Morrissey

Rivals Siegfried and Knott face off for second time this season as Juggs look for first title in a decade

By KAITLYN MURPHY and JOHN HELMS
Sports Writers

No. 8-seed St. Edward's (3-2) will look for its second upset of the playoffs when it takes on No. 5-seed Morrissey (4-1) Sunday. Both teams used last-minute touchdowns to advance into the semifinals and are now one victory away from the Stadium.

Last weekend, the Gentlemen beat top-seeded Stanford 18-16 after senior wide receiver Joe DeMott pulled in a touchdown pass with less than a minute left in the game. St. Edward's hopes to continue its Cinderella run with a victory over Morrissey despite the slim odds, said senior captain Andy Nester.

"Believe," he said. "We can do this."

Nester also said certain signs of commitment to Gentlemen football have unified his team.

The recent work of freshman

cornerback Zach Siefring highlights the strong St. Edward's defense that hopes to silence a strong Morrissey offense.

Morrissey junior captain Phil Yuhas said his squad is more than ready to respond to a strong Gentlemen defense with a strong defensive performance of its own.

"We've had great practices this week," he said. "We plan to switch our defense up to counteract their passing game. They said that they have the best three receivers in the league, and we rolled our eyes at that a little bit."

Morrissey plans on coming out strong and feeding off their close win last week. Morrissey scored a touchdown with slightly more than minute remaining, and instead of kicking the extra point to tie the game, the Manorites attempted a two-point conversion for the win. The successful play gave Morrissey a 15-14 victory over the No. 4-seed Dillon.

"We didn't play our best, but we showed a lot of heart and never

gave up," Yuhas said.

Morrissey will look to use its heart to end St. Edward's Cinderella run Sunday at 1 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

Siegfried vs. Knott

With a trip to the Stadium on the line, rival dorms Siegfried (3-1-1) and Knott (4-0-1) will meet head-to-head Sunday for the second time this season.

The two teams play in the same division, so they are already familiar with each other's style of play. They met in the second week of the season, finishing with a 6-6 tie in a game both teams thought they could have won.

"I guess it's a double-edged sword really," Knott senior captain Aidan Fitzgerald said. "We know that they're a really good team and what their strengths are, which makes it a little easier knowing what to expect on Sunday. But, they know what we have too."

Siegfried senior captain Dex

Cure echoed Fitzgerald's thoughts.

"We have an idea what they will run against us," Cure said. "On the other hand, they have seen what we are going to give them too, so I think any advantage is basically evened out by that fact."

The fact that Siegfried and Knott are rivals adds yet another dimension to the game.

"We always want to beat Knott and they want to beat us," Cure said. "Add to that the fact that it is the semifinals, and I think both teams will come out very motivated."

Both teams are carrying momentum from big playoff wins a week ago. Siegfried upset Sorin and scored the first points of the season on the Otters defense in a 10-6 victory. The Ramblers did not celebrate too long, and instead shifted their focus to the upcoming game.

"We are preparing with great intensity and focus," Cure said.

Knott, on the other hand, dominated Carroll in the quarterfinals, shutting them out 21-0. However, the Juggerknotts know Siegfried presents a whole new challenge.

"In order to win, I think we have to stay focused, and continue to play hard-nosed, team football," Fitzgerald said.

Siegfried also isn't taking anything for granted. The defending champions are approaching this game with great caution.

"Knott has been a force this year, and it is certainly going to be a challenge," Cure said.

If Siegfried wins, it will give them a chance to defend their title from last year. Knott, on the other hand, is looking for its first title of the decade when the two meet Sunday at 2 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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Purple Weasels take on Phoxes

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Pasquerilla West (7-0) and Pangborn (5-2) square off Sunday in a rematch of one of the season's most tightly contested games, but this time a trip to Notre Dame Stadium is on the line. Early in the season, the Purple Weasels defeated the Phoxes 6-0. In that game, a last-minute touchdown by junior quarterback Simone Bigi won the game in a downpour on a muddy Riehle Field.

"That was our most emotional, highly fought win of the regular season," Pasquerilla West senior captain Cynthia Curley said. "It was a defensive battle and dramatic win."

The Purple Weasels have been dominant in all of their other games this season, but this was a battle that could have gone either way thanks in part to the conditions. That clash left them with a sense of appreciation for Pangborn's squad.

"We know they're a very, very good team, and very capable," Curley said.

The Phoxes' main threat is junior quarterback Gabby Tate, whom Curley described as "pretty ferocious" but added that Pasquerilla West is not intimidated. To contain Tate, the Purple Weasels will look to the defensive line led by senior Lindsey McMahon for a pass rush and then to its secondary for strong pass defense. On the offensive side of the ball, Curley said that her team will utilize its balanced attack and spread the ball between its receivers and backs.

Pangborn, in addition to relying on Tate, will hope that its receiving corps can provide open targets for passes. They will also continue to use the running game for balance on the offensive side of the ball, while looking to its defense, led by senior Kaitlin Furrey, to stop the Purple Weasels' multi-pronged attack. For the Phoxes, this game has brought about a lot of anticipation.

"I wish we could say that we treat every game the same," Tate said. "But everyone is so excited for this one."

The heartbreaking style in which the Phoxes lost to Pasquerilla West has added fuel to the fire.

"I wouldn't call it revenge," Tate said. "But I think out of anyone, we're most excited to play them."

The semifinal matchup holds spe-

cial meaning for Tate, who has longed to play football in the Stadium since she visited campus during her senior year of high school and now stands only one win away from realizing that dream. The Purple Weasel powerhouse stands in the Phoxes' way, and Curley expects nothing less than the best.

"We will be very disappointed if we don't come out with a win and go to the Stadium," she said. In this semifinal matchup, however, only one thing is for sure.

"It's going to be an exciting fight Sunday," Tate said.

Pasquerilla West looks to continue what Curley calls its "flawless season" and Pangborn tries to score an emotional victory when the teams meet on Sunday at 1 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

Howard vs. Walsh

Undefeated Howard (6-0) faces its newest challenge Sunday when it takes on Walsh (5-1) with an elusive trip to the Stadium at stake in a semifinal matchup.

The Ducks have dominated the competition all season, relying on a mantra of "Offense wins games, but defense wins championships." Howard's stingy defense is led by sophomore safety Caroline Walsh. A key reason that the Ducks have fielded such a strong defense is great flag pulling skills.

On offense, Howard likes to throw the ball around, as junior quarterback Kayla Bishop hits junior wide receiver Kaitlin Robinson, and sophomore wide receivers Jenny Gassner and Kristyn Jeffries.

Walsh hopes to upset Howard by playing with a lot of heart and putting forth a committed team effort. On offense, the Wild Women are led by junior quarterback Amy Langnecker, junior wide receiver Amy Schnazer and sophomore lineman Meg Kowieski. Senior Jen Valencia and junior Carolyn Leary anchor the Walsh defense.

Although Howard is undefeated, the Wild Women are not intimidated. Walsh senior captain Meghan Hadley said that since Howard played in a different division and the two never played, the better team won't be known until after the game on Sunday.

"I think that people are underestimating our team and assuming that it's going to be Howard against Pasquerilla West in the Stadium,"

Hadley said. "But we're not letting it get to us. On the contrary, we're feeding off of it. It's igniting our spirit and driving us to excellence. We're not taking anything for granted."

Although Howard has made an undefeated run this season, the Ducks are making their first ever-semifinal appearance. One might assume that this is a disadvantage, but Howard doesn't seem to think so.

"We've made it further than Howard has in its entire history, so we already have a successful team and season," Bishop said. "We'd love to finish this season with a perfect record and a championship victory, but the pressure isn't as big for us because we've never been here before."

Both teams expect a strong show of support as they make their final push for the Stadium Sunday at 2 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Squad to travel to Pitt for meet

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame travels to Pittsburgh for its first Big East conference meet of the season against one of the conference's toughest teams.

"Pittsburgh is an excellent competitor," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "Our meets have been very intense, very competitive, and often, in the last five years or so won on the final event, and yet the level of sportsmanship and integrity has been extremely high."

Friday's meet will give a big hint to the mem-

bers of the Big East conference as to how the seasons are shaping up for both the Irish and Pittsburgh, as each boasts good performances in recent conference championships. The Irish, who are currently 3-1 in dual meets this season, have won the conference event three times in the last four seasons, but the advantage the Panthers have as

hosts of this year's championships might give them the competitive advantage they need to win.

"We are trying to treat this meet as a warm-up for the Big East Conference meet in as many ways as possible," senior sprinter Patrick Lloyd said. "If we get used to swimming fast there this weekend, it will make swimming fast at the Big East Championships that much easier."

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Patrick Lloyd
senior sprinter

In the 2008-09 season, the Irish beat Pittsburgh 152-148 when a final relay became the deciding factor in one of Notre Dame's closest meets. The close competition between these two well-respected Big East swimming programs means that simply winning each event will not be enough to claim a victory this Friday.

"Every race can determine the outcome of the meet, and that race is not just for first place," Lloyd said. "We need the

points for second, third and fourth places to do as well as we can."

The Irish have won the last five times in dual meets against Pittsburgh, but the Panthers hope to break that winning streak with a program that has changed since they competed against Notre Dame last year.

"Pittsburgh has improved a lot since last season. We are looking forward to seeing them and meeting the challenge," Welsh said.

Aside from preparing themselves for the challenges of doing well in the conference, this event will also provide good preparation for the men's final meet of the semester, which is quickly approaching.

"This is our last dual meet competition this semester, so it is our last chance to get ready for the Ohio State Invitational which will end our semester," Welsh said.

Pittsburgh will also be attending the Ohio State Invitational in mid-December.

The meet will begin at 4:30 p.m. today at the Pittsburgh Panthers' Trees Pool.

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Bouts

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with never-ending energy.

The third round continued the theme from the second round, with Lin battling but unable to throw or land as many punches as Lyons. Lin was unable to keep up with Lyons and her fury of punches.

Lyons took the fight in a unanimous decision.

Maureen "Mongrel" Koegel def. Keaton van Beveren

Koegel began the match with a strong performance, landing numerous shots to the face of van Beveren. She wasted no time in establishing dominance in the ring. The senior returned with some solid shots of her own, forcing her opponent to back off a bit.

Koegel came up big in the second round. Van Beveren was briefly knocked off balance but managed to regain her footing and finish the round standing. Van Beveren launched a counter offensive in the third round, throwing numerous punches in her opponent's direction but to no avail as the quick Koegel was able to evade her fists.

Koegel was victorious by unanimous decision.

Kara "There is No Fear In" Scheer def. Alyssa "Don't Hit A" Manlowe

The second match of the evening got off to a slow start as little contact was made between the two competitors in a standoff-like first round.

Scheer struck first in the second round with a high jab at Manlowe, who then swung back and buried a couple solid headshots through the gloves of the Lewis sophomore.

At the start of the third round Manlowe came out aggressive, causing Scheer to backpeddle against a barrage of quick jabs to the head and torso. Scheer turned the tide of the match by delivering a powerful counterpunch to the face of her opponent and taking the offensive.

Scheer was victorious by split decision.

Kayla "Sunshine" Bishop def. Margot "Da Beast" DeBot

As soon as the starting bell tolled, DeBot unleashed a flurry of powerful combination hits to which Bishop fired back in an equally rapid manner, using her long reach to score some crucial head shots.

Starting the second round, DeBot aimed high but Bishop was able to absorb the blows and repel the attack.

After a much needed intermission, DeBot remained in control of the fight driving Bishop into the ropes, but the junior from Howard refused to back down and fired a devastating strike to the head of her opponent and used her quick feet to immobilize her.

Bishop won by split decision.

Dina "Warrior Princess" Montemarano def. Michelle "Al Capone" Perone

Montemarano established the early lead, connecting a couple of clutch headshots in between a peppering of body hits on Perone.

The sophomore from Lyons kept up the intensity into the second round capitalizing on a counter-punch during a brief opportunity where Perone's face was unguarded as she aimed a fist at Montemarano.

The third round became a battle of attrition, with both fighters playing conservatively and taking few risky maneuvers as the clock wound down.

Montemarano was victorious by

a unanimous decision.

Andrea "The Gondoleer" Seneviratne def. Colleen "Don't Stop the Music" Cusick

Both fighters gave a good showing in this matchup. After a slow start, Seneviratne dominated Cusick for most of the fight.

Cusick got the first hit in, but it was not long before Seneviratne was able to turn the tide with her lightning quick movements.

The senior wasted no time building her lead in the second round and Cusick was briefly pushed to the ropes before she skillfully parried Seneviratne's strikes.

Seneviratne closed in on her opponent in the third round, swarming her with hits to the left and to the right that the sophomore could not easily withstand.

Seneviratne was victorious by unanimous decision.

Courtney "The Culprit" Currier def. Caitlin "The Other Culprit" Connolly

Energy emanated from the ring after this thrilling matchup between two high-intensity fighters. Connolly came out with fists of fury, using rapid combination attacks on Currier that forced her to take defensive maneuvering throughout the first round.

Currier mounted a comeback against the sophomore from Lewis, firing several high jabs to keep her opponent in check. Connolly responded quickly, asserting herself with well placed offensive strikes and pursuing Currier as she pulled away in defense.

Seconds into the final round, Connolly was pushed to the ropes by an impetuous Currier. Unable to continue to block incoming punches, she began to flail desperately at her opponent. Her balance was unsteady as she escaped the barrage but remained on her feet until the end.

Currier was victorious by unanimous decision.

Margaret "The Shah" Azhar def. Kelly "Jack Knife" Nikodem

Things didn't start to heat up until the third round of this bout. The first two were defined largely by a few brief exchanges of short hits, as if waging a psychological battle or one of endurance, each saving her energy for later.

The tension reached its breaking point early in the third round with some strong jabs back and forth until Azhar laid a hard right hook on Nikodem, turning the momentum in her direction. She used her speed and footwork to seal the win.

Azhar was victorious by unanimous decision.

Caitlin "Cata" Pulte def. Tiffany "The Terrorizer" Tran

Caitlin Pulte had the upper hand for the majority of this match.

About a minute into the first round, Tran had been backed into a corner but waged a hard-fought defensive struggle as Pulte aimed a large portion of punches towards her head.

Both sides took the second round to recuperate for the third. Aside from a minor exchange in the beginning, there was minimal contact during this standoff.

Pulte came out firing from all directions in the concluding round, inflicting some decisive blows to her opponent's torso and driving her back to the ropes.

Pulte was victorious by unanimous decision.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Squad to begin title hunt at home

Irish to face IUPUI, winner will face Central Michigan or Purdue

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

No. 5 Notre Dame begins its quest for its third national title when it hosts IUPUI in the first round of the NCAA Championships today at Alumni Stadium. This is the 16th consecutive season the Irish have hosted first and second round matches in the NCAA tournament.

Since dropping three of four matches in the early part of the season, the Irish (17-3-1) have caught fire, putting together a 15-game unbeaten streak after rolling through the Big East schedule. Last weekend, the Irish capped off the conference slate with two one-goal victories over St. John's and Marquette in the Big East Championships to capture their 11th conference title.

No. 2-seed Notre Dame brings an NCAA tournament home record of 39-3-0 into this contest against an IUPUI squad making its first ever playoff appearance after capturing the Summit League Championship.

Despite the teams' close proximity, the Irish and the Jaguars have never faced each other.

While Notre Dame fields a young team due to several injuries among the upperclassmen, it is not a roster that lacks in postseason experience. Last season, the Irish almost completed a perfect season before falling 2-1 to North Carolina in finals of the NCAA championship.

Leading the Irish's run this season is sophomore forward Melissa Henderson. Despite being hampered by injury for much of the season, Henderson leads the team

with 11 goals and four assists.

Right behind her is junior forward Lauren Fowlkes, who has 10 goal and three assists on the season. Fowlkes took home Big East Co-Offensive Player of the Year honors for her efforts.

The defense has been equally impressive. The Irish haven't given up more than one goal since their 3-2 overtime victory at West Virginia on Oct. 2.

Junior goalkeeper Nikki Weiss has been a major factor in that streak, posting a 9-0-1 (seven shutouts) record over the past ten contests. Weiss' 0.53 goals against average and 29 saves are both team bests.

Kickoff between the Irish and the Jaguars is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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range. Our goals against is as good as there is in the league. We just aren't being productive in five-on-five right now."

The Irish lead the CCHA in special teams play, has the fifth fewest power play minutes, and is tied for second in scoring defense, but ranks ninth in scoring offense at 2.3 goals per game. Nonetheless, Jackson remains optimistic, drawing comparisons to one of his best squads.

"It reminds me of two years ago when we went to the Frozen Four," he said. "That year, January or February, we had a real bear of a time scoring goals. It starts with a little thing, great goaltending or not capitalizing on the power play, and all of a sudden it turns into more than that just on a psychological perspective."

Jackson said he is confident the Irish will find their offensive touch before too long, just as the Frozen Four team

did.

"We have too much offensive ability to stay like this," he said. "I would be extremely surprised and disappointed if things didn't start changing from an offensive perspective."

Thang said he hopes the team proves Jackson correct quickly, as reestablishing an intimidating presence at home would be a huge lift for the team, and he said he thinks this weekend could be the one to make it happen.

"It'll be huge for us to establish ourselves early on, especially at home," Thang said. "We haven't really had that dominating presence we've had in the past couple years, and we haven't put two wins together back-to-back in a weekend. We are really looking forward to doing that, hopefully this weekend, but [Northern Michigan] is a tough team."

The Irish will look to end their offensive troubles and sweep the Wildcats (2-5-1, 1-3-0-0) Saturday at 5:05 p.m. and Sunday at 4:05 p.m.

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Despite the decisive scoring advantage, Clark is hesitant to call that victory a commanding performance.

"To be fair, the four goals did flatter us a bit," Clark said. "They had to press forward after the second goal and that opened up spaces in the back for us. It certainly wasn't a 4-0 game, but it was a very good result for us."

Since that loss to the Irish, Louisville has rattled off an 8-1-2 record en route to winning the Big East Red Division regular season title. Like Notre Dame, the Cardinals' quarterfinal match was decided by penalty kicks, beating DePaul 3-2 in PKs after drawing 1-1 in regular time.

Louisville is led offensively by sophomore forward Colin Rolfe, who has tallied 10 goals and two assists on the season.

The matchup to watch, however, will be between the high-powered Irish offense, led by senior forward Bright Dike, and the sophomore Cardinals goalkeeper Andre Boudreaux.

Boudreaux carries a 0.64 goals against average and 12 shutouts, both school records, while Dike, who was named the Big East Offensive Player of the Year this week, leads the conference with 23 points on 10 goals and three assists.

"Louisville is always a hard game," Clark said. "The score last time ... could have very well been a one-goal game. There is no way we can underestimate them."

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS
AZOUZ BEGAG
French Minister for Equal Opportunities (2005),
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The purpose of the symposium is to enrich our understanding of how Muslim and Muslim-born writers in Europe address the place of Islam in their work. What role does it have in the process of writing? Where is it placed geographically, culturally, and in memory? What are its generational dimensions? How large is its role as a shaping force in literature, and what power does this literature have?

16 November, Monday

09:00 Keynote address, Azouz Begag
"Writing as Children of Illiterate Migrant Workers in Western Europe: The Making of Individuality and Integration."

10:00 Islam and the Process of Writing

13:30 Islam and Geography, Memory, Exile (Francophone)

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09:00 Islam and the Literature of Generational Identity

13:30 Islam and Discussions of Literature and Power

15:00 Closing Roundtable Discussion

Salim Bachi, novelist, author
Le Chien d'Ulysse (2001)

Azouz Begag, sociologist, statesman, author
Le Gone du Chaâba (1986)

Ismaël Ferroukhi, film director and writer
Le Grand Voyage (2004)

Hafid Gafaïti, poet, editor, scholar
Transnational Spaces and Identities in the Francophone World (2009)

Laila Lalami, novelist
Hope and Other Dangerous Pursuits (2005)
Secret Son (2009)

Malika Mokeddem, novelist
The Forbidden Woman (1994)
Century of Locusts (2006)

Zahia Rahmani, novelist
Musulman: roman (2005)
France: récit d'une enfance (2006)

Leïla Sebbar, essayist
L'arabe comme un chant secret (2008)
Mon cher fils (2009)

Youssef Seddik, poet, scholar, translator
Le Coran (2002)
Nous n'avons jamais lu le Coran (2004)

Muneeza Shamsie, editor
An Anthology of Pakistani Writing in English (1997)
Contemporary Stories by Pakistani Women (2005)

Alek Baylee Toumi, scholar, playwright
Madah-Sartre (1996)
De Beauvoir à beau voile (2005)

Robin Yassin-Kassab, novelist
The Road from Damascus (2008)



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Baraka

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round strong with some late punches on Chiapetta that allowed her to keep the momentum.

In the third round, the intensity picked up as both sides were able to get some early punches in. Although Chiapetta had some strong punches in the final round, it was not enough for her to win, and Marszalek was the victor in a unanimous decision.

Kate "I'll" Weber "Grill You" def. Michelle "Oscar Meyer" Maloney

Because of her aggressive and relentless fighting, Weber won her match against Maloney in a split decision.

Weber took the advantage from get-go with a quick start. Although the middle of the round was evenly matched, Weber finished strong with some late punches on Maloney.

Weber did not miss a beat in the second round, as she continued to keep the advantage because of her aggressive behavior. Although Maloney put up a strong fight, it was clear that the match was Weber's to lose in the third round.

Weber fought off any fatigue in the final round to prove herself as the stronger fighter. Although Maloney had some bright spots in the round, Weber hung on to nab the win.

Lauren "Killer" Miller def. Maddie "Jammin'" Hamann

Miller defeated Hamann in the only match of the first hour that was ended early by the referee.

This match had the quickest start to it, as the freshman Hamann did not look fazed by her first appearance in the Baraka Bouts. Although

there was not a clear leader through the first half of the match, Miller finished with the edge.

Miller's ferocious play continued in the second round with a series of relentless punches to Hamann. The freshman was unable to recover, forcing the referee to put an end to the match 30 seconds in the round.

Erica "The Boogeyman" Ramirez def. Emma "Irish Eyes" O'Brien

In the first round, Ramirez came out as the more aggressive of the two, but there was no clear-cut leader because of the even play between the fighters.

O'Brien dictated the pace of the second round with a quick start and some strong punches on Ramirez. The second half of the round was more evenly matched and was not quite as intense as the first half.

Both fighters came out with some urgency in the third round. Although O'Brien got some early punches in, Ramirez kept her composure and had a strong finish to the round.

Ramirez won in a split decision.

Julia "You Got Nuttin'" Sutton def. Jackie "Chilosa" Covarrubias

There was an intense start to the match as both fighters showed some early emotion and energy. The first round was evenly fought and there was neither fighter had separated herself from the other.

Covarrubias had a slightly stronger second round than Sutton. She came out and got some early punches in and set the pace and intensity for the round. Sutton set herself up for a comeback in the third round because of her poise and composure.

Once again, both fighters came out with a sense of urgency in the third round as neither had a large lead over the other heading in.

Sutton was able to ward off fatigue to control the round and set herself up for the victory.

Sutton won in a split decision.

Rockin' Robin Brown def. Sara "The Hurricane" Harker

Although Harker came out stronger in the first round and had Brown running all around the ring, Brown was not fazed. Brown had a strong finish to the round and carried the momentum the rest of the way.

The second round slowed down after the initial flurry of punches, but it was obvious that Brown had put herself in position to win with a strong third round.

Brown was relentless in the third round, cornering Harker and peppering her punches. By the end of the third round, Brown was clearly the stronger fighter and she won by unanimous decision.

Kimberly "Bo-Slice" Bugos def. Kerry "The Sheltie Pony" Olinger

In the first round, Olinger came out swinging and landed a number of early punches. As the round progressed, Bugos settled down and established a rhythm for the rest of the match.

The senior, Bugos, landed many punches to the head of the sophomore, Olinger, in the second round. In the third, fatigue took over as both boxers failed to maintain a consistent barrage leaving Bugos with the victory by unanimous decision.

Rebecca "The Claw" Neville def. Cara "Boomer" Norton

The first round saw an evenly matched fight in which neither competitor was able to establish control.

In the second round, Neville, a senior, began to step up her pressure and forced Norton, a junior, on

the defensive against the ropes on a number of occasions. Norton attempted to re-establish herself with a few uppercuts, but Neville refused to let up as she secured a unanimous victory with multiple punches in the last 30 seconds of the match.

Caitlin "Built Tough" Ford def. Michelle "Hungry Hungry" Hopke

Ford's experience showed early in the first round as she came out strong and put Hopke on the defensive for most of the match. Ford, a senior, countered many of Hopke's offensive attempts to the body with right and left hooks to the head.

Hopke, a sophomore, stayed strong throughout the match and trading punches in the third round as Ford began to slow down due to fatigue. But it was too little too late as Ford took home a unanimous decision.

Laura "Gideon" McCarty def. Meghan "Mug" Sweeney

The beginning of the first round between the two juniors was slow until McCarty began dominating with strong jabs and well-timed hits.

The last two rounds of the match saw very solid technique from McCarty as she refused to give an inch. Sweeney came battling back in the last 30 seconds of the third round, but it was not enough to change the results of the match, as McCarty claimed a unanimous decision.

Kaitlin "Brick" Kleiber def. Kaitlyn "The Hitman" Howard

In perhaps the most even match of the night, these two sophomores relied on their long limbs and quick movement, as the victor of the match became whoever could outlast the other.

In the second round, Howard and Kleiber began to tire and lose form. The round was filled with wild punches and limited body contact. In the third round, Kleiber came out swinging and resolved to finish the match strong.

Kleiber's final efforts gave her the victory in a split decision.

Grace "Break Your Face" Shrader def. Rina "Hella" Ventrella

The two extremely different boxing styles of the competitors made for an interesting match. As Ventrella, a sophomore, focused on quick, low punches to the body, Shrader, also a sophomore, established her dominance with jabs to the head.

Shrader proved the accuracy of her nickname as Ventrella's nose bled multiple times throughout the match. Shrader's endurance was crucial, as she controlled the match during the third round. Her onslaught was too much for Ventrella as Shrader claimed a unanimous victory in the bout.

Jasmine "She Sells Sea" Shells def. Katelan "Death By" Doyle

Youth triumphed over experience as Shells, the freshman from Cavanaugh, defeated Doyle, the law student, by split decision in this hard hitting slugfest.

Doyle used her long reach to keep the more powerful Shells at bay in the early rounds, but Shells landed several headshots to even the action.

Shells separated herself in the third round, dodging several big punches from Doyle and landing decisive blows on her way to the victory.

Brooke "Sting Like a Bee" Bonnette def. Viv "Float Like A Butterfly" Kim

The punches were fast and furious in this battle of junior New Jersey natives, as the McGlenn resident Bonnette overcame Kim from Pangborn in a split decision.

Both fighters came out in the fight with a lot of energy, and neither fighter had a noticeable

advantage. Bonnette landed the first big blow in the second round, putting Kim on the ground with a thunderous right hook.

The fight continued as both fighters threw furious combinations of punches until the last bell, with Bonnette's second round knock-down of Kim making the difference.

Tanya "Booty, Booty, Booty, Rockin' Everywhere" Barrios def. Erin "Third Degree" Byrne

The strength of Lyons junior Barrios, overcame the speed of the Welsh Family sophomore, Byrne, in this split decision.

Barrios defended her face from the onslaught of punches Byrne threw while working her opponent with powerful right hooks. Both girls landed numerous punches but Barrios used a size advantage to hold her ground and strike enough decisive blows to prevail.

Becky "Mud Run" Anderson def. Gillian "I'm" Aillsup "In Your Business"

The fight between Anderson, a law student, and Aillsup, a McGlenn junior, was a slow, strategic battle with Anderson prevailing in a split decision.

The two fighters conserved their energy early on in the bout, picking their spots wisely. Anderson countered the longer reach of Aillsup with well timed flurries of punches towards the ends of the three rounds, which ended up being enough to score her the close victory.

Caitlin "Rally in the" Alli def. Priscilla Do "n't Even Go There"

Sophomore Caitlin Alli looked more like Muhammad Ali in this bout, masterfully dominating her senior opponent in this one-sided win by unanimous decision.

Alli displayed an unmatched combination of power and control, having her way from bell to bell.

The referee stopped the fight to check on Do multiple times, and while Do always recovered, it was clear that this was all Alli's fight.

Madison "Mad Dog" Prieto def. Rachel "No Dice" Davidson

A painful ankle injury to Davidson caused the referee to stop the fight and give the senior Prieto the win in the third round.

Prieto's significant size advantage helped her keep Davidson on the run, which ultimately led to Davidson's injury as she fled Prieto's punches.

Medics attended to Davidson, but she could not continue.

Cailey "Lights Out" Ryckman def. Karen "Golden Thunder" Riedl

The bout between the two McGlenn juniors began on relatively equal footing, as Ryckman and Riedl traded jabs early in the first round. But as the round wore on, Ryckman began to attack more and more.

In the second round, Riedl managed just a few early before Ryckman took the offensive again.

In the third round, Ryckman began to overpower Riedl with her right hand, but Riedl refused to go down easily and fought hard until the end of the match.

Ryckman won by unanimous decision.

Claire "In the" Lyons "Den" def. Jing "Jingle Bell Rock" Lin

The last contest of the evening got off to a quick start, with the fighters trading a fast and furious series of punches as the bell sounded. Lyons first gained the upper hand near the end of the first round when she landed a series on the senior from Breen-Phillips.

In the second round, Lin began to fight more patiently, picking spots for punches and attacking the sophomore's body, but Lyons continued to throw punch after punch

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Starters

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replace three starters — Kyle McAlarney, Zach Hillesland and Ryan Ayers — and the combinations of players are coming together. Senior guard Ben Hansbrough, a transfer from Mississippi State who sat out last year due to NCAA transfer rules, has started opposite Jackson in the backcourt. Hansbrough had 14 points and six assists in Notre Dame's 75-54 win over Quincy Friday.

"I think I'm learning more about our identity but I don't have it down yet," Brey said. "You're still trying to figure out who you are offensively and who you are completely defensively."

Junior forward Tyrone Nash also started against Quincy and had 11 points and four rebounds. Notre Dame made 73 percent of its free throws and 11-of-12 in the first half.

"I like the fact that the foul line has become a good weapon for us," Brey said.

The 3-point line, however, has not materialized as a viable weapon thus far. Notre Dame took 33 3-point shots against Quincy but made only eight. Hansbrough said after Friday's game that the team had open looks and was taking good shots, but they just weren't falling yet.

"I think it's a fine line whereas how we use the line

this year," Brey said. "We're going to have to use it, we're going to have to shoot it from out there. They're going to jam defenses in on Luke [Harangody]."

Referring to Harangody's role in Saturday's game, Brey said North Florida's defense would dictate his involvement.

"This team actually doubles the low post, block to block," Brey said. "We refer to it as clamping the post."

North Florida finished last season 8-22 and was 2-14 on the road. Senior guard and leading scorer Eni Kuka, who averaged 13.2 points per game last season, returns, but the Ospreys lost Cortez Riley's 10 points and 3.8 assists per game.

Brey and first-year coach Matthew Driscoll traded exhibition game tapes to have something to gameplan with.

"They have bodies and they have athletic ability," Brey said. "A little bit like our last exhibition, a team that likes to put it on the floor after a couple of passes and take you off the dribble."

The game starts at 2 p.m.

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Mike Brey
Irish Coach

Note:

◆ Freshman forward Tom Knight twisted his ankle in practice Monday and is questionable for Saturday's game, Brey said.

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openers.

"They're going to get the jitters out Friday," McGraw said. "Meanwhile we're going to have the jitters. It's going to take a while for us to relax a little bit and kind of get into our game plan."

McGraw said the veteran presence on the team should ease the nerves, however. She will keep the same starting lineup from the 97-53 win over Indianapolis, which includes senior guards Ashley Barlow, Melissa Lechlitner and Lindsay Shrader, sophomore guard Natalie Novosel and junior forward Becca Bruszewski.

"I'm going with the veteran team," McGraw said. "They're all playing well. We've got probably eight people that are playing really well right now. It's actually tough to pick a starting lineup."

Players on the bench should play a significant role in the game as well. Freshman guard Skylar Diggins came off the bench to lead the team in scoring with 17 points against Indianapolis and should see plenty of playing time Sunday,

McGraw said.

"We'd better outscore our opponents every single game with our bench because we have 10 people that are able to help us," McGraw said. "We're going to wear them down and we're going to be able to run more, we're going to be fresher at the end of the game."

Sophomore forward Erica Solomon, who also scored 17 points off the bench against Indianapolis, is questionable for the game after rolling her ankle in practice, McGraw said.

Arkansas-Pine Bluff returns its leading scorer from 2008 in guard LaQuisa Slaton. She scored 21 points in a Nov. 7 exhibition game against the Arkansas Stars. The Golden Lions had a losing record in 2008, but McGraw

said the Irish are still concerned.

"There's a lot of apprehension because this team has a new coach, so we can't look at the film and say they ran this, they defend this way," she said. "It's a whole new system, a whole new philosophy."

The Irish will tip off the 2009 season Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Purcell Pavilion.

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ND BASKETBALL

Ready to Go

Men to open season with North Florida

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Much like a student relishes free time to get work done, Irish coach Mike Brey said he was using the final three days before Notre Dame's regular-season opener against North Florida Saturday to work on "us."

"Tempo offensively, understanding when we're in the half court to slow down a little bit," Brey said when asked what about "us" he wanted to work on.

Notre Dame's ball movement has pleased Brey so far.

"After two passes we get a pretty good shot, after five, can we get a great one?" he said.

The Irish have won their first two exhibition games at the Purcell Pavilion in the Joyce Center. Brey had to



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer
Senior guard Ben Hansbrough dribbles Nov. 6 during Notre Dame's exhibition against Quincy.



PAT COVENEY/The Observer
Junior forward Becca Bruszewski takes a shot Nov. 3 in a win over Indianapolis.

No. 4 women to begin play against Pine Bluff

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

No. 4 Notre Dame played an intra-squad scrimmage last weekend to ward off the rust in a two-week layoff between its Nov. 3 exhibition against Indianapolis and Sunday's season opener against Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

Now, it's time for the Irish to start playing games that count.

"I think they're ready," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "They're getting to the point where they're ready to stop practicing and start playing someone else."

The Golden Lions play Friday at Mississippi State before coming to the Purcell Pavilion in hopes of upsetting a Notre Dame team that has won its last 13 season-openers and its last 14 home-

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HOCKEY

Irish look for first sweep against Northern Michigan

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

After beating Northern Michigan five times last season, No. 8 Notre Dame looks to earn its first weekend sweep of the season against the Wildcats this weekend.

Notre Dame (5-4-1, 2-1-1-0 CCHA) has only won two consecutive games once this season, beating Providence 2-0

and then traveling to Boston to top Boston University four days later 3-0.

"It's always tough when you play the same team twice in a row, to come out there and adjust the second night," Irish senior captain Ryan Thang said. "I think mentally to our team, to get a sweep this weekend would be huge. It could almost turn this season around for us."

Thang said the team is not

pleased with most of the results thus far this season, having yet to score more than three goals in any game.

"I don't think anybody in the locker room is happy with almost a .500 season so far...[A sweep] would give everybody confidence, in the locker room, the coaches and even the support staff," he said. "Everyone needs that little extra boost of confidence, and six points would

definitely do that."

After an overall slow start to the season, Notre Dame has brought most of its game together, but has not yet begun scoring as the team is used to. The biggest roadblock to reeling off multiple wins this season has been a lack of even-strength goals for the Irish. Notre Dame has scored 23 goals through 10 games, but only 10 goals have come while both teams

were at full strength.

"If you look at the statistics within our league, we are in the top three or four in every statistic in the league with one exception, and that exception is glaring," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "It is five-on-five scoring. Our special teams are both doing well. Our penalties are coming back down to a normal

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BARAKA BOUTS

Boxers fight for East Africa

By ANDREW OWENS, KAITLYN MURPHY, CHRIS ALLEN, ALLAN JOSEPH and KEVIN BALDWIN
Sports Writers

Kelly "Third Time's a Charm" Marszalek def. Emily "Ch-Ch-Chia" Chiapetta

Marszalek gained control at the beginning of the match and kept it until the final bell sounded. Both fighters got some punches in early, and Marszalek had a slight advantage through the first round.

In the second round, Chiapetta came out aggressively and attempted to take control of the match. Marszalek, however, kept her composure and finished the



PAT COVENEY/The Observer
Junior Laura McCarty jabs at Megan Sweeney during Thursday's Baraka Bouts. Ninety women participated in this year's fights.

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MEN'S SOCCER

League championship awaits in Morgantown

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

No. 25 Notre Dame travels to Morgantown, W. Va., today to take on No. 7 Louisville in the Big East Tournament semifinals at 5:30 p.m. in Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium. The winner will play in the Big East Championship against the victor of today's St. John's/Providence semifinal match.

"It's a great game for us to try and prepare for the NCAA [tournament]," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "Hopefully, we can get a win

and get to the final. This is our third straight trip to the Final Four of the Big East tournament, but we've yet to win it in that time. Louisville (13-2-3, 8-2-1) is a difficult hurdle for us to try and win the championship."

The No. 2-seed Irish (10-7-2, 8-3-0 Big East) are hoping to replicate the results of their September victory over the No.1-seed Cardinals. Although Louisville has only surrendered 12 goals all season, four of those goals came in the second half of Notre Dame's 4-0 blowout victory over the Cardinals.

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