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Tickets use web for campaigns

By MEGAN DOYLE
Associate News Editor

Despite more stringent rules on campaigns for student body president and vice president, the five tickets in this year's election used Facebook and other Internet promotions to spread their ideas while making personal connections around campus.

Voting began at 8 a.m. this morning through a link sent to the entire student body from the Judicial Council. The voting site will close at 8 p.m.

Judicial Council president Marcelo Perez said the Council monitors the elections closely in order to ensure the campaigns proceed ethically and fairly.

The Judicial Council made many changes to the rules in the constitution prior to this year's election, including revisions to its Facebook policy.

"Facebook statuses may now say 'Vote for [candidate's name]' on the day of the election, whereas last year this was prohibited," Perez said.

The link to the voting website is also not allowed to be distributed through networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter.

"Concerning the actual Election Day the most important rule will be that now on [only] the Judicial Council will be allowed to distribute the election link," Perez said. "Any

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Finding a shared future

South Bend mayor reflects on partnership with Notre Dame



Observer file photo

South Bend Mayor Stephen Luecke talks at a Community/Campus Advisory Coalition meeting in October 2008. Luecke has worked closely with Notre Dame on several projects.

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

South Bend Mayor Stephen Luecke clearly recalls meeting with University President Emeritus Fr. Edward "Monk" Malloy on campus about 15 years ago when he first stepped into the role of mayor of South Bend.

It was the first of many meetings between Luecke and University officials that would define a decade and a half of collaborations on projects such as Innovation Park and Eddy Street Commons. It was the new mayor's first access to a relationship with Notre Dame that would be sometimes challenging and often rewarding.

"There were some bumps in the road from time to time," Luecke said, specifically noting debate about whether to pass an ordinance to ban off-campus student parties in 2007. "But that provided some other opportunities for discussion that led to positive relations and finding ways to work through issues and understand different points of view."

Luecke, who has been mayor of South Bend since 1997, announced in December that he would not run for reelection next year. He is the longest-serving mayor in South Bend's history.

The mayor has led South Bend through inaugurations of two University presidents,

two presidential visits to Notre Dame — Barack Obama in 2009 and George W. Bush in 2001 — and numerous debates over the years about the town-gown relationship.

Luecke's 14th-floor office in the County-City Building offers a sweeping view of the city, with the tower of Le Mans Hall at Saint Mary's just visible to the north. He doesn't interact with University officials on a daily basis, but collaboration is frequent, Luecke said in an interview in his downtown South Bend office.

"Over the years, the relationship has strengthened and developed," he said.

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College students seek office

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY
News Writer

The Saint Mary's student body will see some new faces in leadership positions next week with student government elections Feb. 24.

Twelve girls are seeking election in various campus organizations including Resident Hall Association (RHA), Student Activities Board (SAB), Student Diversity Board (SDB) and Student Government Association (SGA).

Junior Kat Nelson is running for the position of RHA president with Sarah Copi as her vice president.

According to Nelson, their platform is "there's no place like home."

Nelson and Copi plan to increase awareness of RHA on campus if they are elected. They also hope to implement hall improvements, interact with other clubs and organizations and establish a forum for student feedback.

"We hope to continue making Saint Mary's feel like home to all of its students," Nelson said.

Allie Courtney, the current SAB president is seeking reelection with vice president Caitlyn Wonski. As president this past year, Courtney has increased the number of activities hosted by SAB from

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I-Domer-Rod participants race for Sullivan Fund

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Writer

While most people on campus lament the mountains of snow that permanently cover the ground during the winter, dozens of students chose to embrace it and compete in Friday's I-Domer-Rod race on South Quad, with proceeds benefiting the Declan Drumm Sullivan Memorial Fund.

The inaugural event, sponsored by Fisher, Pangborn, Lyons and Sorin Halls, was modeled after the famous Iditarod sled race but involved 12 teams of two to seven stu-

dents pulling sleds with one student "musher" through the snow.

"I was quite surprised at how many people showed up and how excited people seemed to be about the event, especially because people are always a little wary of going to an event that's not already well-known," Lyons Hall co-president Meghan Eastman, one of the planners of the event, said.

The event involved a women's bracket, which included teams from Pangborn, Badin, Farley, Lyons and Cavanaugh, and a men's bracket, which had teams from Knott, Alumni and Fisher. Team Cool Runnings

from Pangborn emerged as the women's champions, and the Knott Men won the men's bracket.

Each first place team received \$75 to an Eddy Street Commons business of its choice, and the second place teams received \$35.

The event was the brainchild of Fisher president Brian Schwartz, Pangborn president Betsy McGovern, Lyons co-presidents Eastman and Catherine Gillespie and Sorin president Colin King, who created the event during a brainstorming session at the Team ND student

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Students run across South Quad Friday afternoon to raise money for the Declan Drumm Sullivan Memorial Fund.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT TV SHOW FAMILY WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE A PART OF?



Kelsey Auten
junior
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"The Gilmores in Gilmore Girls"



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"The Bluths from Arrested Development or the Matthews in Boy Meets World"



Sam Lee
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"Claire and Phil's family in Modern Family"



Colleen McAleer
sophomore
McCandless

"The Duggars"



Maria Malm
sophomore
McCandless

"The Pickles from Rugrats"



Rachel Boggs
sophomore
Pasquerilla East

"Gloria's family from Modern Family. She's crazy. I love her."

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



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The boys of Keenan Hall discuss clothing Thursday in their Keenan Revue skit, "Attire Choice" This skit, among others, was cut from the line-up for Saturday's performance.

OFFBEAT

Troop mock kidnaps Prince's bride-to-be

LONDON — A British scout troop's outdoor exercise depicting the mock kidnapping of Prince William's bride-to-be has raised some eyebrows.

The scouts' annual "quest" in the small English town of Amersham, west of London, last week involved watching an actress playing Kate Middleton being kidnapped by a team of balaclava-clad men, according to a local newspaper. An actor playing Prince William then appealed to the 300 scouts, aged 11 to 13, to help him find his princess.

Most of the scouts spent about eight hours hiking around the area looking for

clues to the location of the missing Middleton, according to the Buckinghamshire Advertiser.

The paper quoted event organizer Brian Shelley as saying he did not see anything inappropriate in the rescue-the-princess-themed outing.

Twilight fan says bite mark stems from vampire action

MARATHON, Fla. — Authorities say a Florida teen has told police that bite marks on her body came from "Twilight"-inspired vampire role playing — not from someone who attacked her while she was out jogging.

The South Florida Sun Sentinel reports that the

Monroe County Sheriff's Office has charged the 15-year-old girl with making a false report.

Authorities say the girl is a fan of the vampire-based "Twilight" movies and books. The sheriff's office says the girl had engaged in "fantasy biting" with a 19-year-old man in August and worried her mother would see the marks. She told her mother she had been attacked while jogging.

When deputies couldn't find evidence of the attack, the girl eventually revealed what really happened.

No charges have been filed against the 19-year-old man.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The University Counseling Center is sponsoring "Peace of Mind: The Art of Mindful Relaxation" today at noon. The event takes place on the third floor conference room in Saint Liam Hall.

SonnetFest 2011 takes place today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shakespeare's 154 sonnets will be read in O'Shaughnessy Hall's Great Hall.

The Saint Mary's Sociology Club will host a movie night tonight at 7 p.m. in Vander Vennet. They will show "Love Actually," and a Sociological discussion will follow.

Ethics Week kicks off today with the lecture, "Sustainability at the University of Notre Dame" by Heather Christophersen, the director of sustainability of Notre Dame. The lecture takes place at 12:30 p.m. in Giovanini commons of the Mendoza College of Business. It is free and open to the public.

Sculptor John Bisbee will give a presentation on his work in Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. The presentation will take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and is free.

Librarian Marsha Stevenson and Art Image Library Curator Dunise Massa will host a library workshop: "Finding and Using Images" Wednesday at 4 p.m. The workshop will be held in room 222 of Hesburgh Library.

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Bell to not seek election

By CARLY LANDON
News Writer

With student body elections around the corner, campus is abuzz with election talk, and students have noticed that current student body vice president Andrew Bell's name did not appear on any of the tickets.

Bell said his decision not to run for re-election stemmed from his hoped to rather gain a position within Knott, his residence hall, as a resident assistant (RA).

"Ever since I was a freshman, I have loved the dorm life at ND. Being from Florida I had two friends from ND, and the dorm community was so great to me freshman year and really ever since," Bell said. "What I really want to do next year then is be an RA and contribute to making ND's dorm life what it is."

"The opportunity to have a job where its your job to be in guy's life and just to be able to get to know them, spend time with them and be able to guide them is really cool," Bell said. "The fact that they can see Jesus' love through your interactions and that's a job is incredible to me."

Bell commented on the lessons he learned this year, calling his year in office an incredible experience.

"The thing that sticks out to me is how many unexpected things happened. We came in

with a plan and the fall hit. We had to deal with the off-campus arrests, and then we hoped to help students as much as we could in the most trying times we encountered such as the passing of Declan Sullivan," Bell said. "We just hoped we could improve student's lives in some way, and many of the ways we had to were not things we could have ever foreseen."

Five tickets are running in this year's student body general election: juniors Catherine Soler and Emily LeStrange, junior James Ward and freshman Heather Eaton, juniors Pat McCormick and Brett Rocheleau, juniors Ricky Bevington and Olivia Colangelo, and freshmen Kevin Noonan and Matthew Thomas.

Although Bell is not endorsing current president Soler, he spoke highly of her leadership and of their time in office together.

"First and foremost, Catherine is one of my best friends, and I want that to be perfectly clear because it is one of the things that made it easier for me to decide not to run next year. I knew our friendship would last whether we were in student government or not," Bell said. "When it came to deciding whether to make an endorsement or not, I started to think what is the purpose behind making an endorsement. I think the benefit of it is you get to see what people think

is important about a certain candidate or ticket, but I think some of that is lost if I make one blanket statement endorsement."

Bell also spoke of the talent in each of the tickets in this year's election.

"Pat [McCormick] has done great things for social concerns this year. He and Brett [Rocheleau] are pursuing things they are passionate about and that will definitely impact the student body," Bell said, "Ricky [Bevington] is one of the unsung heroes of student government. This year he really revamped the freshman experience of student government through F.U.E.L. (First Undergraduate Experience in Leadership program). Although I haven't worked a lot with James [Ward] it sounds like they have some great platform ideas as well. While I don't personally know the Zahm ticket, they are pretty good-looking so at least the girls on campus would be pleased."

Bell said students should decide where their votes go based on personal opinions.

"I believe when you decide to vote it shouldn't be about what anyone else wants," Bell said, "It should be about what you want out of your time at Notre Dame and what you want Notre Dame to become while you're here."

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leadership retreat in August.

"All of us got to talking about doing sled races across South Quad like the Iditarod," Eastman said. "Obviously, we couldn't use dogs, so we settled for Domers."

The two pairs of brother-sister dorms began planning the details of the event after winter break. After receiving funding from Hall President's Council, the presidents realized their respective halls would not need to cover any additional costs of the event, McGovern said.

"There was no reason for us to make a profit from the event, so we thought we should give the proceeds from the event to a cause that means a lot to Notre Dame," McGovern said.

After Schwartz became aware that Meg Swaback, a high school friend of Declan Sullivan, made 1,500 bracelets in memory of Sullivan, he contacted Swaback offering to help distribute the bracelets in exchange for donations at Notre Dame. Schwartz said the bracelets, engraved with "Celebrate Life — DDS 10.27.10," gave him the idea of having the I-Domer-Rod support Sullivan's memory as well.

Schwartz presented his idea to the group, who unanimously decided to give all proceeds to the Declan Drumm Sullivan Memorial Fund for its strong connection to both the Notre Dame and Fisher Hall communities, Eastman said.

"Brian [Schwartz], being a fellow Fisher resident and

friend of Declan's, asked how we would feel about donating to Declan's memorial fund," Eastman said. "We were all completely for it."

Each sled team's \$10 entry fee and additional donations will go to the fund.

Although the event was a new experience for students, both Eastman and McGovern agreed that it was a definite success that attracted several last-minute sled teams, and they look forward to next year's edition of the I-Domer-Rod.

"Our hope for next year is that more people participate because it ended up being a really fun event," McGovern said. "We were thrilled that so many people came out and enjoyed it."

Although her team did not win the women's bracket, Cavanaugh senior Melissa Truitt enjoyed spending time with her friends.

"The falling snow definitely added to the atmosphere, and it's good to see everyone having fun on a Friday in support of a good cause," Truitt said.

Pangborn sophomore Kat Wilson also valued the friendly bonding the event facilitated.

"Despite our team's loss, I can definitely see the value in this event in the quality time I've spent with friends and the hot chocolate that rivaled that of Starbucks," Wilson said.

Brynne Miller, a sophomore member of Pangborn's Team Cool Runnings, summed up her thoughts on her team's win and the I-Domer-Rod as a whole.

"Cuba Gooding, Jr. would love this," she said.

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Students plunge into lakes

By REGINA WOOD
News Writer

"I have a new-found empathy for polar bears," freshman Brendan Coyne said after participating in the second annual Badin-Dillon Polar Bear Plunge Saturday in St. Joseph's Lake.

Coyne was one of the nearly 200 participants jumping into the frigid waters in 34-degree weather, according to Lauren Baldwin, Badin Hall president.

"It was the most refreshing experience of my life," freshman Andy McAsey, who was part of the first group to enter the water, said.

A total of eight heats of 21 people ran into the ice-cold water on Saturday, starting at 2 p.m., Baldwin said.

"It felt like pins and needles on my feet but otherwise I'm fine," junior Ronnie Kadykowski said.

"It was so cold that you can't even feel it," freshman Sarah Eide said. "You just get numb. It was awe-

some."

Upon arriving at the plunge, students signed up and were entered into a raffle for gift cards for restaurants on Eddy's Street Commons and for gifts from the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. They also gave donations to the Hope Initiative, Margaret Bellon, Badin Hall vice president, said.

"The Hope Initiative inspires hope through benefiting education for children in Nepal," Bellon said.

Howard Hall fellow and professor Ann-Marie Conrado runs the charity, Baldwin said. This year, the plunge raised more than \$900.

Baldwin said she and Bellon have been working on the event with D.J. Barry, Dillon Hall president, and P.J. Flynn, Dillon Hall vice president, since October. They set up a Polar Bear Plunge committee of Badin girls after winter break to make this event as successful as possible.

Baldwin said the committee set up a gathering spot by two heaters and provided towels for participants. They had hot chocolate,

cookies and brownies for everybody to enjoy. The committee also added live music half way through the event and made the event a dorm competition.

"The worst part was getting out of the water," freshman Deanna Kolberg said.

One of the goals of the event coordinators was greater publicity, Bellon said.

Many students said they enjoyed the event.

"This is something I've been wanting to do for a long time," sophomore Mike O'Brien said. "I wish it could have lasted longer. As soon as we were in, we were out. I could have been in there for 10 minutes."

"It was the most exhilarating moment of my life thus far," freshman Andrew Aaronian said.

Other students did the plunge for different reasons.

"I did it because it is on my ND bucket list," senior Sean Kickham said. "Got to get it done before I graduate in May."



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Students jumped into St. Joseph's Lake Saturday afternoon in 34-degree weather to raise money for the Hope Initiative.

Freshman Christine Allen and her friends dressed up for the event. Allen, dressed as a football player, said, "I did the plunge because I wanted to prove I'm not a wimpy Californian."

"The Polar Bear Plunge shows

how much people at Notre Dame care about contributing to important causes and I am glad to be a part of it," Baldwin said.

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Election

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candidate that is found distributing the link would have an allegation brought against them."

Web campaigns played a critical role for all of the candidates. They assembled websites, created Facebook fan pages, filmed YouTube videos and even Tweeted.

Presidential candidate Catherine Soler and vice presidential candidate Emily LeStrange created a Facebook fan page, a Facebook voting event, a Twitter account and a website.

"It is always hard to get all of your ideas across through posters," Soler said. "So we hoped that by emphasizing our slogan, 'Passion and Perspective' as well as our website and Facebook and Twitter logos that students would find various ways to read more about what we offer students."

Candidates Ricky Bevington and Olivia Colangelo also created a Facebook page and an event to invite the student body to vote on Monday.

"We might not have had the fanciest posters or the fanciest website," he said. "But we thought it was more about the ideas on the website than the site itself."

The team filmed campaign videos and posted them on their YouTube channel. The channel received over 200 views, Bevington said.

Presidential candidate James Ward said he and running mate Heather Eaton used Facebook as a starting point to spread their names and catch students' interest, but talking one-on-one was the focus of their campaign.

"We went with more of a grassroots strategy to engage people in actual conversation and try to help them realize we are in this for the students," Ward said.

The team used a Facebook ad in addition to their other campaign methods.

"We had to make sure nothing we did on Facebook could be skewed as trying to solicit endorsements," he said.

The ticket wanted to make connections in the dorms through their door-to-door campaigns and found the

greatest campaign challenge was finding the time to reach out to everyone, Ward said.

Pat McCormick and Brett Rocheleau also visited every dorm on campus, and McCormick said the door-to-door conversations were the heart of his campaign.

"Though we have used electronic communications like e-mail contacts, text messaging and Facebook, our belief was that these forms of communications were only means to the ultimate goal: having the chance to talk with students about the future of our school face to face, one person at a time," McCormick said.

McCormick said the ticket's website and Facebook event pages were successful tools for the campaign as well.

"One publicly available indicator of the interactive nature of our campaign though is that our event page has the most comments of any current candidate event page online," he said.

Campaigning is prohibited in the any of the Student Union offices or any venues occupied by the student union, Perez said, and all areas of LaFortune Student Center are off-limits for campaigns except pre-approved areas of the basement and first floor.

Ward and Eaton received a violation and sanction for posting a campaign poster in non-bulletin space in the LaFortune Starbucks, Perez said. The sanction against their ticket required Ward and Eaton to remove their posters from LaFortune for 24 hours.

Kevin Noonan and Matt Thomas, candidates on the perennial Zahm ticket for president and vice president, did not campaign as widely as the other tickets. They said they faced their biggest challenge in dealing with the campaign rules as well.

"Really our biggest challenge was toeing the line between the fact that our campaign is a mockery of the process and actually getting our campaign materials approved by the Judicial Council, for whom we have the highest respect and in no way think that their time is wasted in their decisions to crack down in the election process," Noonan said.

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Mayor

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With a change of city leadership coming, the University will be closely watching coming elections, said Tim Sexton, Notre Dame's assistant vice president for Public Affairs.

"The primary election, scheduled for May 3, will be very interesting," said Sexton, who acts as the University's point person for communication with the city.

Several joint ventures, such as work with the Robinson Community Learning Center, Innovation Park and the Northeast Neighborhood Revitalization Organization, give the University reason to quickly begin a relationship with the incoming mayor, Sexton said.

"There will be a learning curve, regardless of who is elected mayor, there are simply too many exciting projects and initiatives occurring for a person to wrap their hands around everything," he said.

Luecke said research facilities Innovation Park and Ignition Park stand out as one of the most prominent projects he has tackled as mayor.

The University and the city first started collaborating in 2004 on the research parks to bring business to the local economy. Innovation Park is funded by multiple sources, including federal, state and local governments, the University and private donors.

The Park, which opened in the fall of 2009, offers office and lab space for research ventures and start-up companies. Sexton said it is currently about 60 to 65 percent occupied with 30 tenants.

Companies that develop successfully in Innovation Park can move to Ignition Park, the city's partner research facility. Luecke recently announced that a company based in Innovation Park will graduate to Ignition Park.

"We know that we won't capture every company that succeeds and grows from Innovation Park, but if we get a few, that's great," Luecke said. "It is certainly our goal to capture as many companies as possible."

Luecke also notably worked with the University on building Eddy Street Commons — a

project that initially sparked fears in some about Notre Dame expansion into the Northeast Neighborhood.

"There were certainly some tensions at times, and worries by some neighbors that the University is expanding and going to eat up neighborhood," Luecke said.

After conversations among city officials, the University and neighborhood residents about the scope of the Commons, the city and University moved forward on developing the center of restaurants, retail and apartment complexes, which opened in 2009.

The University also partnered with the city, the South Bend Clinic, Memorial Hospital of South Bend and Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center in the Northeast Neighborhood Revitalization Organization (NNRO) to further develop the Northeast Neighborhood, just south of Notre Dame's campus.

The NNRO works to rehabilitate homes in the neighborhood. Many house Notre Dame faculty, and about 30 percent are subsidized for moderate-income families, Luecke said.

"I think that worked well in terms of satisfying some con-

cerns resident had," Luecke said.

After 15 years, Luecke said he is ready to step down from his role.

"I couldn't really commit the energy to it for another four years," Luecke said. "As much as I love the job, it's a draining job."

He hasn't yet decided what to do after he finishes his last term as mayor of South Bend, but without a campaign to split his focus, he hopes to spend the rest of his time finishing several initiatives and preparing the office for new leadership.

"It's exciting, but a little anxiety producing," Luecke said.

Governing a city that houses a major university was educational, he said.

"There are challenges associated with having strong university presence," he said, "like the town gown relationships, developing partnerships, finding common ground as university and a community."

"But I think we did a great job of finding a shared future vision."

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a few major events every semester to one every month. Courtney hopes to continue with these events, and plans to create new campus events.

"We were really excited with the outcome of our Belles Bash and hope to expand on that. We also had a great success with Bellakazam, and hope to continue that tradition," Courtney said. "We hope to have the biggest Tostal SMC has ever seen, and keep get-

ting input from the student body." Emma Brink and Liz Busam are running for student body president and vice president, respectively. As part of their campaign, Brink said she wants to focus on the students' wants and needs. As part of her goals, she

hopes to pursue the issue of placing printers in each dorm, turning the Student Center lounge into a student-friendly area with booths and tables for studying and reclaiming the seating lost in the Cyber Café and C-Store merger.

In addition, she plans to continue the SGA's renovation of the Le Mans Hall basement.

Brink says she and Busam will place a greater emphasis on helping clubs by promoting sponsorships and raising awareness of their events on campus.

"Liz and I love Saint Mary's and we are committed to making it the best possible environment for students," Brink said. "We care about each individual student and we want to make their time

here worthwhile by inspiring them to get involved. We want each student to be an active presence on campus."

Brink and Busam are running against two other tickets — Casie Palmer and Maureen Parsons, as well as Nicole Gans and Jacquelyn Zupancic.

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Emma Brink
candidate
student body president

Palmer and Parsons said they hope to serve the needs of students.

"We hope to continue to work with various offices on campus to accommodate these needs. Specifically, we hope to work with the dining hall staff, as well as IT to address issues such as hours

of operation and technology in the dorms," Palmer said. "We also hope to create a more welcoming, homey environment here on campus through various events and school-wide programming."

Gans and Zupancic said they hope to re-establish Saint Mary's pride. If elected, they plan to initiate Saint Mary's pep rallies for sporting events, and they hope to strengthen the bonds between faculty, staff and students.

They also hope to increase the presence of Saint Mary's in the community.

"This semester has been a great start to get involved with alumnae around the area and supporting them," Gans said. "We would like to have [the] opportunity to bring the community to campus, especially local school programs."

"We would like to start an after-school program that is on Saint Mary's campus, where the girls get to mentor [young area] students. Hopefully having it on campus will be a way to get more girls involved, as well as a chance to share Saint Mary's with the young community of South Bend."

Lastly, Kelly Reidenbach and Guadalupe Quintana are seeking presidency and vice presidency of SDB. Reidenbach is the current vice president of SDB and Quintana is the treasurer.

Both hope to continue promoting the fundamental goals of SDB. More specifically, Reidenbach hopes to spread truth about diversity.

"My personal hopes are to spread awareness to the Saint Mary's community that diversity is not a synonym for minority," she said. "It is my personal belief that each and every one of us is diverse. We all come from various backgrounds, and we all have hopes and dreams."

"I hope to begin changing the image that many students and faculty have of the student diversity board which is that this board is open to an supports every single individual, not just members of groups considered minority or under represented."

Campaigning to the student body will begin next Sunday, Feb. 20, and will run until the evening of Feb. 23. Elections will be held Feb. 24.

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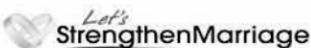
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INSIDE COLUMN

School of sharks

Chances are, you know who I am, although I probably don't know you. I am not boasting when I state this fact — this has nothing to do with me being more important than you. The simple fact of the matter is, if you know me it isn't because I am a Television major or I live on Mod Quad, but because I am the boy with the shark backpack.

In a sea of Columbias and Jansports and Kiplings, my shark backpack is at the top of the food chain. It has little fish for zippers, and instead of placing books in my backpack my shark literally swallows my literature. If I need to carry a water bottle with me, I just stick it in my shark's gills. Two menacing eyes glisten on the sides, and two rows of sharp pearly whites line the zippers.

It goes without saying, but I have a killer backpack.

In addition to my shark backpack, I am currently wearing my shark boxers. They also serve as my lucky boxers. I'm resting my head on my shark pillow, and even though my breath tastes like pizza, I can freshen it up with one of my Great White mints.

I really, really love sharks.

But beyond my mere love of sharks is that people know I love sharks. In the immortal words of Lady Gaga, I was born this way — why should I hide my love for sharks?

So you know me. I'm the boy with the shark backpack. But do I know you? That's the challenge college students at a university as competitive as Notre Dame are tasked with — standing out while at the same time fitting in. All of us are here to succeed, and succeeding is all about standing out, staying ahead of the crowd.

Yet at the same time, we are all image conscious and don't want to seem too "out there" or peculiar. Most students are focused on standing out with their actions while fitting in with their appearance. While not looking like a total whack-job is commendable, one can still look fierce and professional at the same time.

To put it in culinary terms (aside from sharks, I really like food), there is nothing wrong with being vanilla. But why not put some whipped cream on your ice cream? Or even like some people do in the dining hall, some cereal?

College is a time where you can get away with a lot of crazy stuff, and I am not merely referring to whatever you did this weekend. This is when you can wear whatever you want and smell however you like! Why not take advantage of this incredible opportunity?

This is not some cliché Disney-esque message. I simply am trying to tell you, to truly stand out you cannot just act better than everyone and work harder than your peers. You also have to dress the part. In the real world, that means wearing a suit and combing your hair. Right now, it's something like carrying your books in a shark backpack and wearing your shark boxers.

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Assistant News Editor

Baz Luhrmann's rendition of *Moulin Rouge* includes a short Bohemian, saying his only lines in the play within the movie: "The greatest thing you will ever learn is just to love, and be loved in return." You may not agree that love is the greatest thing you can ever learn, but I'll argue that it is in the top five. The beauty of today, Valentine's Day, is not embodied in the sweet kisses, the exchange of chocolates, the purchasing of flowers, the writing of cheesy poetry or the watching of romantic comedies. What's wonderful about Valentine's Day is that it is an in-your-face day that recognizes the beauty of love. Valentine's Day is an opportunity for outward expressions of affection, the more serious of which we call love. Many students on Notre Dame campus will go out to dinner with their boyfriends or girlfriends, watch a movie with their best friends or even find a date through letters to *The Observer*.

It will not be uncommon to see a boy and a girl walking and holding hands on South Quad on their way to catch a cab at Main circle. What will be uncommon to see is two guys holding hands or two girls holding hands on their way to catch a cab at main circle. Now ask yourself, "What would I think if I saw two guys holding hands?" "Would I notice for some reason?" "If so, why?" Chances are that you would not ask



Alex Coccia

Shard of Glass

Be for love

yourself the same questions about a boy and girl holding hands — that you would not think twice about what you saw. This is an example of straight privilege on Notre Dame's campus. Another example is in dorm and freshman orientation activities, the focus of which is building relationships with members of the opposite sex. Valentine's Day can act as an opportune time for everyone — students, faculty and the administration at Notre Dame — to re-evaluate the amount of love on campus for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (GLBTQ) students.

Gay students on campus hope for a more inclusive student body, but what they receive is the embodiment of straight privilege. This privilege is perpetuated because of the University's refusals to recognize a gay-straight alliance as an official club and to include "sexual orientation" in the legally binding, protective nondiscrimination clause. Thousands of straight and gay students and alumni support these measures — it is time for the administration to do so as well. The Spirit of Inclusion, written in 1997 as an attempted compromise for GLBTQ students on campus, says a lot of things about the University's approach towards GLBTQ students: "We prize the uniqueness of all persons. ... [W]e welcome all people. ... [W]e value gay and lesbian members of this community." The Spirit of Inclusion does not say, however, "We love all students regardless of sexual orientation." The good news is that the University has the opportunity to outwardly show the greatest form of love for its GLBTQ students, faculty and staff, by inserting "sexual orientation" into the nondis-

crimination clause and by granting a gay-straight alliance official club status. This legal protection from discrimination of any kind is truly an act of love, not simply inclusion. By the University taking the lead in making Notre Dame a more inclusive community, the atmosphere on campus will be soon to follow. It begins with the University and it begins with the students. These loving steps by the administration are so important for gay and lesbian students on campus — open and closeted. For the openly gay students, these acts show the University's support for their students as human beings. For closeted students, these acts may make it easier for them to open up in an accepting environment about being gay.

At the Honors Convocation last week, Dean Hugh Page challenged the students to let love make us an outward facing community. We must be open and outward with respect to compassion and love shown for others — a love that Jesus would show, a love that is absolutely Christian — "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

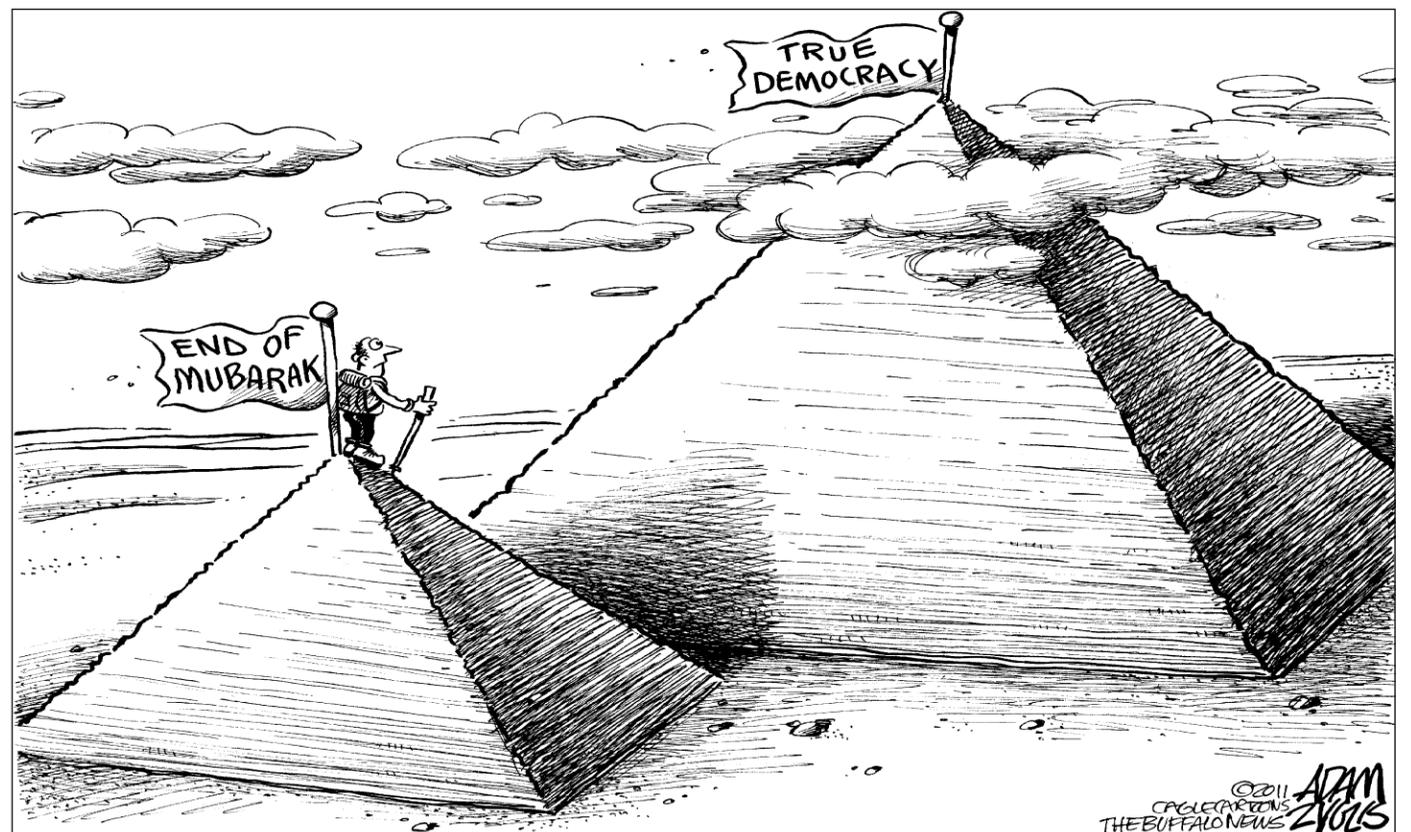
Let this Valentine's Day begin a new year for love at Notre Dame — love from one student to another, love from the administration to its students.

This Valentine's Day, be for love — gay, straight, friend to friend. Be for love: That's the greatest thing you'll ever learn.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"What makes something special is not just what you have to gain, but what you feel there is to lose."

Andre Agassi
U.S. tennis player

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Never do today what you can put off till tomorrow. Delay may give clearer light as to what is best to be done."

Aaron Burr
U.S. politician

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Leprechaun Legion of doom

Our hoops team is straight ballin'. Sadly, if you take a step back during a game in the JACC you will notice that our arena is usually embarrassingly empty for a team that is ranked No. 7 nationally. Most students found it too hard to keep the faith this season, refusing to buy season tickets.

There is a simple solution:

1. Make sure every ticket already bought is being used for every game. Many who bought the entire booklet sit out some of the games, and their tickets go to waste. Unlike football stubs, individual basketball tickets are transferrable to other students. If you don't feel like going to a game, give your ticket to someone who does. If you want to go but don't have a ticket, ask around campus and odds are you will find one floating around somewhere.

2. Those of us who do attend must make up for our comrades' absence. This includes not only the student section, but the entire crowd inside the JACC. For every empty seat you see, you need to be that much louder. Every time the entire crowd gets on their feet, our team can't help but go on a scoring run or buckle

down for a great defensive stand. They feed off our energy, and there's nothing better than watching the direct impact our collective energy can have on a game.

3. For our final home game, a critical in-conference contest against Villa-no-fun, the powers that be need to find their inner generosity and open up the doors for all students to attend free of charge. As the world's preeminent Catholic university, we should be able to find it within ourselves to forgive their lack of loyalty by welcoming back our prodigal sons and daughters to return for one last send-off worthy of a team currently ranked No. 7. Not only could doing so seal the deal on an undefeated season at home, but it could represent a tremendous showing of unity that gives the team something to remember as they head off to battle in the Big East Tournament and beyond.

Daniel Collins
 Law Student
 off campus
 Feb. 12

An ode to Jose (Cuervo), Jack (Daniels) and James(on)

We all know the Feast of St. Valentine is near
 And confessions of love will be what you hear
 In hallways and classrooms, in texts and on Skype
 But for those who are single, it may seem over-hyped

Some resort to sad movies that bring them to tears
 Others write articles in the Viewpoint, like Pierce
 But for single 21-year-olds, I think I can say
 Valentine's is a reason to drink the day away

While couples sit on the same side of tables at South
 I'll be at the bar, getting tipsy when I go out
 While duos celebrate the most romantic day of the year
 I'll forego that champagne for a nice can of beer

I won't drink to excess ... just socially sip
 Since on Tuesday morning, I have classes I can't skip
 I will even wait until after my Monday tap class is through
 Before I crack open my first can of brew

I'll do dinner at Kildare's, where there is a special on wings
 And maybe some songs at 23 I will sing
 Whatever I do, I will be having some fun
 Even though I don't have a "special someone"

But drinking alone is bad ... a taboo, if I may
 So this Viewpoint poem is an invitation to say
 If you aren't dating someone and don't want to study
 Come out Monday night, and be my drinking buddy

Hannah Ha
 junior
 off campus
 Feb. 13

UWIRE

Oscars must drop uniformity

When marginalized people lament the lack of diversity on the big screen, a common, though patronizing, retort is they need not seek validation from the entertainment industry. Hollywood is about as quintessentially American as football. It is a staple of our culture and if people of color are not represented, they might as well not exist.

Eva Mckend

The Phoenix

Although some might have been hopeful after the Academy Awards last year

when Mo'Nique took home the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress for her role in "Precious" and Kathryn Bigelow became the first woman to win Best Director for the "The Hurt Locker," others were rightfully trepidatious.

While it was exciting to see Mo'Nique recognized, one must wonder why it took such a dark role for her to earn the accolade.

The problem with the Hollywood machine is that it continues to typecast people of color. This is evident in the midseason replacement "Harry's Law" by the wildly popular David E. Kelley.

While the show has endearing qualities and witty writing, the supporting characters of color reify negative stereotypes of drug addiction, poverty and helplessness.

Kelley is a liberal and one of the best writers and producers in television. But even if he, at times, misses the sociocultural mark, the implications for less prudent storytellers are harrowing. I only wonder if the gag about "a black man falling from the roof" would have made it into the script had there been more voices of color at the table.

In an interview with "Complex" magazine, Michael B. Jordan ("The Wire," "Friday Night Lights"), by far the most promising star of my generation, reflected on the challenges of being a young black actor in a white-dominated industry. "There are still a lot of white writers writing for black people, and there's always going to be a lot of stuff lost in translation," he said. The 23-year-old acknowledged he felt a responsibility to speak out against mischaracterizations especially in a business that relegates black talent to a "crab-in-a-barrel mentality."

In response to the heavy criticism The Academy will receive throughout this award season for what many are deeming "the whitest Oscars in a decade," we will hear the age-old excuse that there was merely not enough talent of color to chose from. Filmmaker Ava DuVernay, who was cited in several recent articles about the lack of diversity, recently formed the African-American Film Festival Releasing Movement, a campaign to widen the distribution of black films. Her efforts and her mission are compulsory in a field that treats people of color as if they are invisible. However, one must wonder how long African Americans will have to rely on their own mediums. In a society where all races coexist, black people should not be limited to black media.

Alicia Niwagaba '11 argues that people of color don't generally receive roles that would garner them critical praise. She cites her frustration with films like "The Social Network" (nominated for eight Academy Awards) that cast a white actor to play an Indian man. "I have a hard time believing there was not one Indian actor who fit that role. It was a small part but it just exemplifies what is wrong with casting and the film industry." Ultimately, Niwagaba maintains it is a numbers game. "Studios don't think audiences want to see films with minorities or strong women, so films about white people (especially men) are disproportionately funded and supported."

The few times that people of color were celebrated in the past were what DuVernay described as anomalies. "People of color do not receive awards unless we are degrading ourselves and playing downtrodden characters," Niwagaba said. "We are always represented as the other, something to be pitied, never triumphant and never strong. It just shows you what kind of narrative Hollywood wants to maintain."

Tanya Hamilton, a black Philadelphia director who showed her exemplary film "Night Catches Us" on Tuesday, said more black talent need the opportunity to "fill in the empty center, melding art and commerce." There are few films with strong artistic vision that can also be profitable. More filmmakers of color should be given the chance to fill that void.

Some might ask why we should care about what is going on in the lavish likes of Hollyweird at a time when many Americans are fighting to keep their jobs. As Marie Wilson, President of the White House Project, said in the trailer for "Miss Representation," a new documentary about the portrayal of women in the media, "You can't be what you can't see." The media is the most powerful tool of dissemination in the world and America dominates the message.

It is not unusual to travel to another country and find an entire evening line up of programming of American shows, or travel to a local theater and find only American films. The diversity that we represent in America will be the diversity illustrated around the world. If The Academy continues to ostracize and marginalize certain voices, they will make themselves an irrelevant program.

We don't have to look any further than the Miss America pageant to see that viewers can easily outgrow award ceremonies if they lose touch with reality.

However, industry power players are equally responsible. People of color and women need a platform within mainstream spaces to showcase their array of talent and when they do so they should be similarly celebrated for their work.

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Gentlemen of Notre Dame

Dear Men,

I would like to thank you for proving that chivalry is not dead. After flying into hysterics when I left my cell phone on my tray in South Dining Hall on Friday, several of you leapt into action to save me. As I am a strong, independent woman, I managed to save myself (eventually), but I sincerely appreciated the chivalrous instinct to help a neurotic, flailing person in need. And, as an added bonus, you looked really good doing it. That never hurts.

Hannah Greggs
 sophomore
 Ryan Hall
 Feb. 13

Tell us about your plans
 for
 Single's Awareness Day.

Write in a Letter to the Editor.

LECTIO LIVE! **Black History** celebrates month

By **MARIELLE HAMPE**
Scene Writer

Carter G. Woodson, known as the "Father of Black History," started "Negro Week" in 1926 in an attempt to educate the American people about the culture and achievements of African-Americans. 85 years later, Woodson's vision endures as Americans around the nation pause to remember the history of African-Americans during Black History Month every February.

Clubs and organizations associated with the University of Notre Dame host a variety of events annually to commemorate Black History Month. Some previous events have included talk series, art exhibits, musical performances and coffee house events.

Notre Dame's First Year of Studies celebrates Black History Month on Tuesday, February 15 at Reckers with the performance of various freshmen as Lectio Live! celebrates Black History Month.

Lectio Live! brings first-year performers together for a night of

entertainment. This event was coordinated by first year advisors Ricky Ramon and Sean Wernert. Admission is free and all faculty members and students are encouraged to attend. The Lectio Live! series provides a welcoming and relaxed atmosphere for all performers and audience members.

All performers were asked to perform pieces that celebrate African-American history. In addition to eight student performers, Ricky Ramon will be reading poetry, and Dean Hugh Page of the First Year of Studies will sing.

"President John Jenkins has clearly stated on numerous occasions the importance of celebrating Notre Dame's diversity," Ramon said. "There are many venues where we as faculty can show our students that we, too, believe in Fr. Jenkins' message to celebrate diversity. The First Year of Studies wholeheartedly believes that we need to expose our First Year students the importance of celebrating each other's uniqueness. Lectio Live! gives our First Year students the platform to celebrate that uniqueness while meet-

ing Fr. Jenkins' mission to celebrate the diversity Notre Dame has to offer. Celebrating Black History month is just one way of doing that."

Freshmen Noah Rangel and Amanda Ly are two of the performers on Tuesday night. Rangel said he has been singing since he was four and has been playing guitar for almost two years. He will be playing three songs on Tuesday night — "Walk Away" by Ben Harper and Jack Johnson's "No Other Way," as well as an original piece.

"Black history month is a celebration of the achievements of black individuals and groups that have bettered our nation," Rangel said. "I am playing in Lectio Live! for mostly the performance experience, but in honor of Black History Month, I am performing a song by Ben Harper, a black musician who has influenced my musical style."

Ly will also sing and play guitar. Ly said she started writing songs and singing when she was nearly 17 years old and will be performing an original composition with

acoustic guitar and vocal called "Recycled."

"I enjoy performing, and Black History Month is a commendable occasion. Black History Month means a celebration of both the progress and rich heritage of the African American race," said Ly.

Rangel and Ly will be joined by other first-year students at the Lectio Live! event.

"The audience can expect to be blown away and possibly see some serenading," Ly said. "Live! is going to be epic — tell your friends."

On campus

What: Lectio Live! Celebrates Black History Month
Where: Reckers
When: Tuesday, Feb. 15, 8:30 - 10:30 pm
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By MARIA FERNANDEZ
Scene Writer

Spotted: Paulina Rullan and Kike Gorbea

Where: South Quad

Paulina and Kike are enjoying this week's amazing weather with style! She made a great choice by pairing up her black ballerina flats and tank top with a neon vest. She looks both chic and fun. His choice of sneakers, jeans and jacket also looks comfortable and cool. Their trendy outfits make them the perfect Valentine's Day fashion couple!

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food
FOR THOUGHT
by Nathaniel Lee

School weighs on you at this time of year, and can make you long for the comfort of home. To remedy the malaise of the late winter, this week we will make a down-home favorite, the grilled cheese sandwich. Although, toss your notions of wonderbread and Kraft singles out the window, because we are going to upgrade the recipe a bit.



Nathaniel Lee

Scene Writer

Grilled Cheese

- 1) Begin with two slices of sour-dough bread, buttering one side of each
- 2) Spread the opposite sides from the butter with a thin layer of mayonnaise
- 3) Add a layer of two slices of provolone cheese
- 4) Next, layer pretzels on top of the provolone, just enough to cover the sandwich with no overlapping of pretzels
- 5) Top the pretzels with a layer of two slices of cheddar cheese
- 6) Add two slices of tomato on top of the cheddar
- 7) Finish the sandwich with 2 slices of Swiss cheese
- 8) Place the second slice of bread on top, making sure that the buttered sides face out and the mayo sides face in
- 9) Heat on a panini press or conveyor belt toaster, depending on location

This dish goes particularly well with a bowl of tomato soup, naturally.

Dinner Discussion: The Seminar

Nothing drains a student at Notre Dame like a particularly cruel seminar. Everyone takes them, and the small-class, discussion-based style certainly has its benefits. However, a few key flaws can send the seminar class into a downward spiral, turning one hour and fifteen minutes of your Tuesday and Thursday into a marathon of doodling, trying to stay awake, clock-watching and tuning out classmates.

Speaking of classmates, no single factor can destroy the chemistry of a seminar like some troubling classmates. Here is a selection of the worst:

The Repeater: You've read the assignment, you have a pretty good grasp on it, and you have the most insightful, thought-provoking comment to make once the class discussion gets going. When the opportunity arises, you strike, and blow the professor and other students right out of the water. Everyone around you is too ashamed of their own incompetence in the subject to even look up from their desks.

Then, all of a sudden, an all-too confident hand shoots out of the masses. That kid is called on, and proceeds to say THE EXACT SAME THING YOU JUST SAID. The leech of the classroom has sucked away your glory, since everyone knows that the most recent comment is the more brilliant one.

The Suck-Up: At Notre Dame, participation counts for a lot. 10% is the standard for classes such as seminars. Thus, everyone knows that it isn't how good our arguments are or how frequently you speak, only how much the teacher likes what you are saying. This weasely classmate figures that by waiting for the professor to say something, then agreeing and repeating the idea in slightly different words, will get them a lot of brownie points. What makes this person so tough to handle is that their strategy almost always works.

The Glenn Beck: This character spends the majority of the class trying to compare the opposing argument to something Adolf Hitler and the Nazis would do. The sensationalism, quick jumps to being off topic and Nazi fetish this person demonstrated makes them unbearable.

The Last-Minute Man: It is 11:29 and class gets out in one minute. Wrapping up the day's discussion, the professor asks if anyone has any final remarks or last questions, a request barely audible over the rustling papers and zipping backpacks. Then, in the corner, one student wakes up from the nap they've been taking the last hour and realizes that if they ask an insightful question, the professor won't remember that they slept through the whole class. The hand shoots up, the kid is called on, and the clock strikes 11:30. You, meanwhile, have to stay put for a precious seven more minutes while the useless question is answered, cursing the student with every breath.

That Guy: On top of all these sinister people, there is always one who rises above the rest. That guy. So smug, so callous. He is always the first to arrive, and the last to leave, ensuring that he gets to chat up the professor as much as possible as if he hadn't talked enough in class. He over-prepares for each class, bringing in hand-typed notes on each book, as well as on all the outside research he did on the topic at hand. He combines the worst of all characteristics, goes above and beyond in every aspect of the class, and we despise him for it.

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NBA

Howard, Magic rebound to silence Bryant, Lakers

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dwight Howard had 31 points and 13 rebounds as the Orlando Magic earned their first victory over a winning team in more than a month, downing the Los Angeles Lakers 89-75 on Sunday.

Kobe Bryant and Andrew Bynum each had 17 points to lead the Lakers. Lamar Odom added 15 and Pau Gasol 11.

Jason Richardson chipped in 12 points for the Magic.

Orlando rebounded from a six-point home loss to New Orleans on Friday and a snapped a string of eight straight losses to teams with winning records. Orlando's previous win against a team above .500 was Jan. 8 at Dallas.

The Lakers' loss snapped a four-game winning streak. They conclude their seven-game road trip with visits to Charlotte on Monday and Cleveland on Wednesday.

Howard scored his eighth straight point to give the Magic a 71-60 edge with just under 10 minutes to play in the game.

The Lakers scored five straight, but the Magic quickly

responded with six straight points — including a pair of baskets by Brandon Bass — to increase their lead to 77-65 at the 7:48 mark.

Bass, who had missed the previous six games with a sprained left ankle, didn't start Sunday, but made his first appearance since Jan. 31 with 7:56 left in the first quarter after Ryan Anderson picked up his second foul.

Howard was fouled on a put back dunk by Gasol with 5:38 left, and his ensuing free-throw made it 84-69. The Lakers closed to within 13 points, but never got any closer.

Orlando came out of halftime hot from the field and built a 56-47 lead with 6:38 to play in the third.

Los Angeles used a 9-2 run to trim it to 58-56 with 3:37 left, forcing a Magic timeout.

But the Magic closed the quarter on a 9-4 spurt, capped by a desperation heave, turned alley-oop by Howard at the buzzer. Orlando guard Gilbert Arenas dribbled the ball off his foot in the closing seconds and tossed a wild shot toward the basket. Howard caught it and dunked it

just before the horn to give the Magic a 67-60 lead entering the final quarter.

Orlando took a 45-41 advantage into the break, playing one of their most balanced offensive halves in several weeks.

Richardson, who came into Sunday's game having connected on just 12 of his previous 34 shots from the field, had a team-high 12 points on 5 of 9 shooting.

The Lakers stayed close thanks to 13 first-half points by Bryant and 11 from Bynum.

Bynum was active early underneath and had team-high nine points and six rebounds in the first period to lead Los Angeles.

The Lakers played Howard straight up defensively when Bynum was in the game and then used a combination of Gasol and Odom when Bynum was on the bench.

Howard led the Magic with nine points and five rebounds in the opening 12 minutes. He stayed clear of foul trouble until being whistled for his second personal — via a charge on Gasol — with just 17 seconds left in the quarter.



Orlando's Dwight Howard drives to the basket against Los Angeles' Andrew Bynum. Howard finished with 31 points and 13 rebounds.

PGA TOUR

Woods still confident despite tumble on Sunday in Dubai

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The flashes of brilliance at the Dubai Desert Classic didn't blind Tiger Woods to the signs that his new swing remains a work in progress.

Even so, Woods has no doubt about his future after stumbling in the final round Sunday, shooting a 3-over 75 to finish seven shots behind winner Alvaro Quiros in a tie for 20th.

"I feel like I can still win golf tournaments," Woods said. "I'm not that old. I've still got some years ahead of me."

Woods drew cheers Thursday when he hit a 3-wood 250 yards to the 18th green for an eagle. But he had trouble finding the fairway for much of the week in Dubai, his putter ran hot and cold, and his once-dangerous short game continued to let him down.

Woods started the final round a shot behind, but opened with two bogeys on his

first three holes. He came back with birdies on Nos. 6 and 11, but followed that with a bogey on Nos. 12 and 14, and then a double bogey on the last.

Woods, who won in Dubai in 2006 and 2008, has now gone 16 tournaments and 15 months without a victory after previously winning 14 majors and 82 tournaments.

"Yeah, very frustrating," Woods said of his final round. "I got off to such a poor start, I was 2 over through three early and just couldn't make it up from there."

Quiros shot a 68, surviving a wild round that included a hole-in-one and a triple bogey to finish at 11-under 277, one stroke ahead of Anders Hansen of Denmark (70) and James Kingston of South Africa (67).

Woods opened with a 71, moved into contention Friday with a 66, and survived windy conditions Saturday for a 72 that put him in position for his first victory since the Australian Masters in November 2009. He just could-

n't keep the momentum going Sunday in a final round that exposed the problems with his swing.

On the second, he drove over the green and then chipped past the hole, leading to his first bogey. On the third, he yelled at several photographers for disturbing his swing after his approach went left.

But the No. 3-ranked Woods also showed signs that the work he has been doing on his swing with coach Sean Foley is paying dividends. He hit a 160-yard approach to within a few feet of the pin for a birdie on the sixth and then on the par-3 11th hit a tee shot that settled a few feet away from the flag for an easy birdie.

Woods said he just needed "more work and more practice."

"As I said when I came in this week, I hit the ball pure, and that's the thing," he said. "When the wind blows, I have to shape shots and hit shots differently and all my old feels are kind of out the window. That's the thing about making

changes. As I said, I've been through this before with my last two instructors and it will come around."

The former world No. 1 believes his performance this week was "a step in the right direction."

"I improved a lot considering where I was at Torrey Pines a couple of weeks ago," Woods said of the tournament where he had his worst season-opening performance. "Obviously, I didn't finish the way I needed to win. ... Put myself there after two rounds and just didn't get it done."

Woods tied for 44th at Torrey Pines, where he had won the last five times he had played and had never finished out of the top 10.

On Sunday Woods couldn't have missed the cheers as Quiros chipped in for an eagle on No. 2 and then added several more birdies to move to 11 under and five shots ahead of Woods after six holes. By the turn, most fans had started shifting their attention to the duel between Quiros, Anders

Hansen of Denmark and James Kingston of South Africa.

Woods still had a mathematical chance as he came onto the 14th when he was four shots back with five holes to go.

But Woods hit his drive into the rocks, a second into the bunker and then missed an easy par put to settle for bogey that ended his chances. He finished with three more pars and the double bogey on 18.

A victory here would have drawn a line in the sand for the beleaguered Woods.

This would have been his 12th win outside the PGA Tour and perhaps his biggest since the Thanksgiving night car accident in 2009 that derailed his run as the world's top golfer.

For Woods, it's back to the driving range and the hope that he can make his mark at the upcoming Match Play Championships, starting Feb. 23 at Dove Mountain in Arizona.

"I know what I can do in the game and Sean and I are trying to get there," Woods said.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Boilermakers take down Illini in Champaign

Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — For one half Sunday, Purdue's shooting was brutal.

Airballs fell silently short. Balls that did find the rim clanked harmlessly off.

The shooting was so bad — 28.6 percent — that after one errant miss by JaJuan Johnson, Purdue coach Matt Painter eyed his leading scorer with exasperation as Johnson ran back upcourt, the coach's arms stretched wide and his hands raised as if to say, "What was that?"

But the No. 14 Boilermakers said their coach made just one calm request after the first half: Come out hard in the second.

They did, blasting the Illini with 54 second-half points, out-rebounding them 28-9 over that stretch and locking up a comeback 81-70 win.

"That first half, we shot terrible — I was missing layups,"

said Johnson, who finished with 24 points, sounding disgusted with himself over the memory. "When you make shots, it looks a lot better."

The Illini (16-9, 6-6 Big Ten) led or were tied for all but 1:17 of the first half and went to the locker room up 32-27. But they knew, coach Bruce Weber said, that a storm was coming.

"We told our guys, 'When you watch them, there's always one point in the game, they always turn it up,'" Weber said. "And they turned it up."

The result keeps the Boilermakers (20-5, 9-3) two games back and within reach of first-place Ohio State. The Illini, meanwhile, drop back to the middle of the Big Ten pack, and — just three days after a big road win at Minnesota — were left pointing fingers over who was to blame.

"A couple of us play hard and then three other people don't play hard — it's not going to

work," said Mike Davis, who finished with 16 points and seven rebounds.

The Boilermakers started their second-half push with a 10-4 run that gave them just their second lead of the afternoon. And they made it stick.

E'Twaun Moore, who finished with 20 points, hit a 3-pointer with 16:05 to play that put Purdue up 37-36.

Mike Davis made a pair of free throws with 12:48 left to cut Purdue's lead to 45-44. But Terone Johnson hit a 3-pointer 23 seconds later, and Ryne Smith followed that with a layup that made the score 50-44.

A minute later, with Illinois back to within 50-46, Smith and point guard Lewis Jackson combined for what might have been the offensive play of the game, and one that took the life out of the Illini crowd.

Jackson dribbled across the lane and spotted Smith open near the top of the key. Smith hit



Illinois guard Demetri McCamey dribbles around JaJuan Johnson during the Boilermakers' 81-70 road victory over Illinois Sunday.

a 3-pointer for a 53-46 lead.

As much as JaJuan Johnson and Moore hurt Illinois in the second half, Weber said, role players like Smith made key shots that stung, while Jackson — who finished with 10 points

and five assists — cut up Illinois' defense.

"It was all dribble penetration," Weber said when asked what the biggest offensive difference for Purdue was in the second half.

No matter how frustrated the coach looked on the sideline, Moore said Painter didn't lose his temper at halftime.

"He just said we've got to step it up," Moore said. "Just come out the first five minutes and try to pick up the tempo."

After Thursday's win raised Illinois' hopes for a strong finish and an NCAA tournament berth, the Illini said they let one slip away Sunday.

"We got out-toughed — we didn't play as hard as we should've played and could've played," Davis said.

Weber declined to address Davis' complaints directly, but didn't entirely discount them.

"We've got a lot of guys who are offensive-minded players, and when they don't make a shot or don't do something, they don't maybe give quite the effort on the other end," he said.

Illinois was led by Brandon Paul's 23 points. D.J. Richardson finished with 13. Demetri McCamey returned to the starting lineup after playing off the bench against Minnesota, but finished with just 4 points, 10.8 below his average.

Purdue takes on No. 13 Wisconsin at home on Wednesday before hosting Ohio State next Sunday.

Painter said that, no matter how tempting, he and his team had to forget the Buckeyes for now.

"If you let guys float talk about a Big Ten championship," he said, "you're about to get beat."

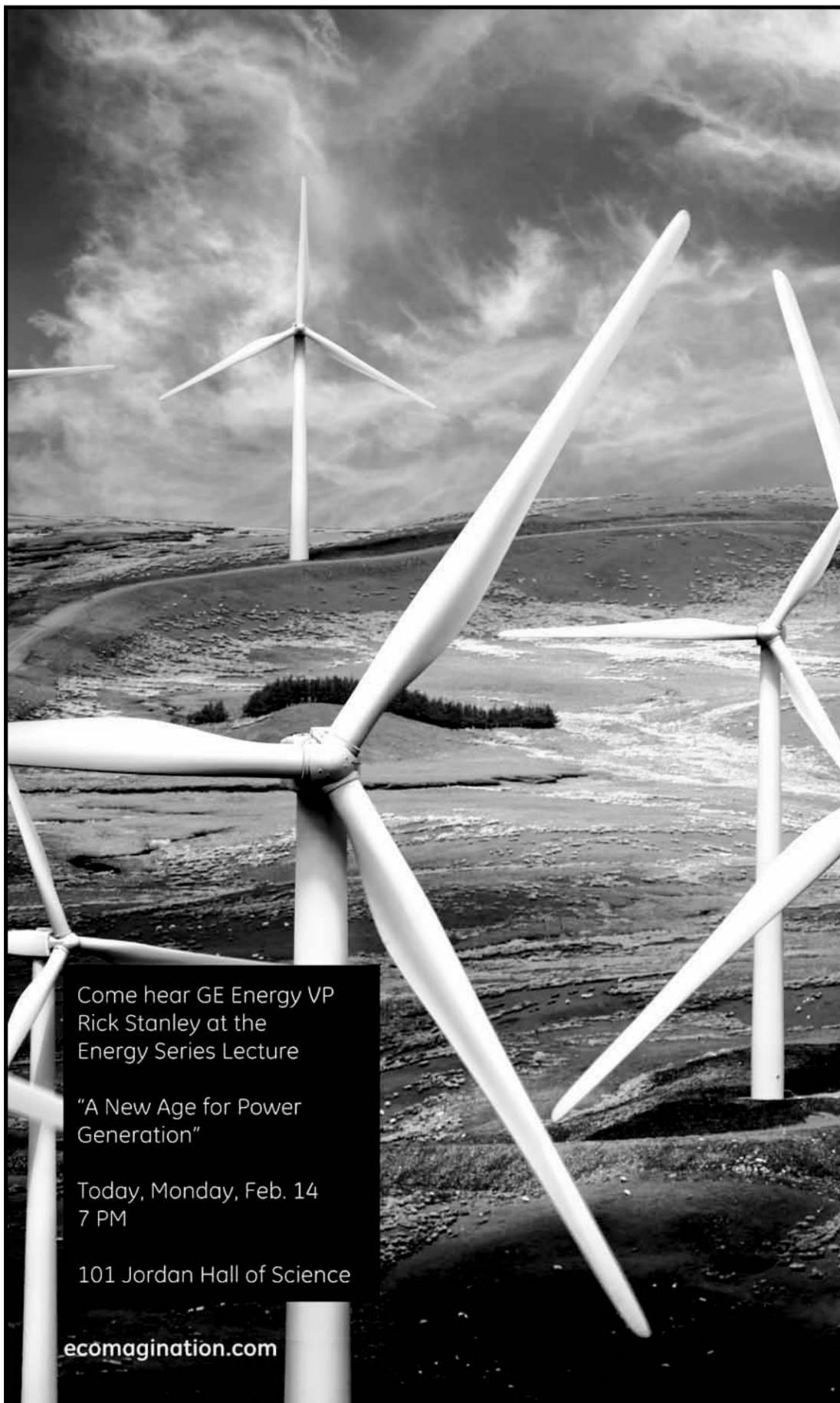
Xavier 71, Duquesne 63

Tu Holloway had 20 points and Dante Jackson tied a career-high with 19 as Xavier beat Duquesne on Sunday in a game with first place in the Atlantic 10 Conference on the line.

Jackson, a senior guard, made 7 of 9 field goals, including four 3-pointers, to help Xavier overcome a slow start by leading scorer Holloway and the fact second-leading scorer Mark Lyons fouled out with 11 ½ minutes to play.

The Musketeers (18-6, 9-1), who controlled the final 11 minutes of the game, have won 10 of 11 and put themselves in good position to win their fifth consecutive regular-season Atlantic 10 Championship.

B.J. Monteiro had 17 points for Duquesne (16-7, 8-2), which has lost two consecutive games after a school-record 8-0 start in conference play.



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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish split games in Calif.

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

After beating Cal on Friday, the No. 10 Irish headed 30 miles south to Palo Alto to face the No. 13 Stanford Cardinal on Sunday. Sunday's results were a bit different from Friday's victory, as Notre Dame (1-1) lost a heartbreaker by a score of 13-12.

After dismantling the Golden Bears in a 20-6 victory, the Irish ran into a bigger challenge in the first half of Sunday's clash, as the Cardinal jumped out to an early 4-0 lead. Managing to cut the deficit to 5-3 at halftime, Notre Dame fought back to an 8-7 lead in the second half.

"I was happy with our in-game adjustments," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said of the changes that allowed her team to respond to the early onslaught.

However, after a goal from senior captain Shaylyn Blaney put the Irish up 12-11 with 7:24 to play, the Cardinal scored the

final two goals of the game against a Notre Dame squad that played mostly shorthanded due to a rash of penalties. Coyne said her squad hurt themselves with their sloppy play.

"Our decision making wasn't the best," she said. "We had opportunities to make plays but we just had a lot of unforced errors. For the most part it wasn't anything [Stanford] was doing, we just hurt ourselves a lot."

A lack of preparation may also have contributed to the loss, as Coyne noted her coaching staff's lack of film on this season's version of the Cardinal after Stanford hired a new coach in 2010.

"From a preparation standpoint, we didn't have much film on them," Coyne said. "Give them credit though, they had a really good game plan and they stuck to it."

Despite losing on the road to a ranked opponent, Coyne still felt irked by the loss.

"It's the opening weekend on

the road, and to play two teams this early is tough," she said. "I'm definitely disappointed, though. There were a lot of things that annoyed me about this loss."

After winning 20-6 just two days earlier and seeing 12 players score goals, including three for the first time in their careers and a career-high four goals and two assists from sophomore midfielder Jenny Granger, fatigue may also have played a role in Sunday's result.

"I think we we're a bit tired," Coyne said. "We're in great shape for this time of year, but we kept turning it over and making ourselves play a lot of defense."

With nearly a week off before facing No. 2 Northwestern Saturday at home, the Irish hope to get back to their winning ways against a more familiar opponent in a rematch of last season's NCAA first-round matchup.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Former players sue NCAA, EA

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — There was a time when Sam Keller and his teammates couldn't wait to get their hands on Electronic Arts Inc.'s latest edition of NCAA Football, which included their team and images down to Keller's distinctive visor he wore while playing quarterback for the University of Nebraska in 2007.

EA shares undisclosed royalties with the NCAA for use of college stadiums, team names and uniforms and the players' images in a game that racks up hundreds of millions of dollars in annual sales. Because they are amateur ath-

letes, the players don't receive any direct benefit from the appearances of their nameless images in the game.

But Keller and an increasing number of players, such as former UCLA basketball star Ed O'Bannon, think they should and have filed at least nine federal lawsuits against the NCAA and EA over the last two years.

On Tuesday, Keller will be in Pasadena to watch his team of lawyers urge the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to uphold a trial judge's decision that EA and the NCAA appear to owe the former Cornhusker and — by the extension — thousands of other former

players millions of dollars for using their images in the video game.

"When you are playing, you are kind of naïve to the idea that you are being taken advantage of because you are so caught up in playing college football," said Keller of his decision to sue.



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Senior Ben Hansbrough handles the ball during Notre Dame's 89-79 win over Louisville Feb. 9 in the Purcell Pavilion.

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the Big East standings, behind a Pittsburgh team the Irish beat on the road Jan. 24.

"This week got us confidence. The Louisville game [Wednesday] was a great win," Brey said. "I think right now our energy level is very good. The vibe around our group, I love. And we're in the mix and chasing down a regular-season title. It's a realistic thing for us down the stretch."

Notre Dame held the Bulls (8-18, 2-11) scoreless for more than seven minutes to turn a 3-2 deficit into a 24-3 lead, which the Irish sustained the rest of the way.

The early run gave the Irish a chance to use 11 players and rest some of their starters — namely senior guard Ben Hansbrough, who typically

plays nearly 40 minutes per game but was only needed for 27 on Saturday. Hansbrough finished with 12 points and eight assists.

Senior forward Carleton Scott notched a double-double for Notre Dame, scoring 13 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. Fourth-year forward Tim Abromaitis scored 12 points, and Tyrone Nash and Scott Martin each added 10. Freshman guard Eric Atkins came off the bench and chipped in seven assists in a 23-assist team effort.

Shaun Noriega scored a career-high 23 points for the Bulls.

The Irish travel to No. 25 West Virginia on Saturday, when they can match their best-ever record through 14 conference games (11-3 in 2000-01). Tip-off is at 1 p.m.

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said. "You're going to play a tough opponent in the second round. The most important thing to me is that we're playing well at the right time in the season. I thought we made some good strides tonight."

Notre Dame struggled to put the less talented Falcons away Friday night, taking a 1-0 lead in the first period on a goal by freshman forward Bryan Rust. Bowling Green tied the game in the middle of the second period, and despite a number of shots on goal, the Irish could not break through until late in the game when freshman center Anders Lee beat Falcon goaltender Andrew Hammond with a wrist shot from just inside the blue line. Despite the struggles, sophomore goaltender Mike Johnson was happy with the fact that his team earned a gritty win.

"We really showed some guts tonight," he said. "We won ugly tonight, we're going to have to do that down the stretch and we understand that."

Johnson played in net Friday night, stopping 21 of 22 shots in a solid performance. Saturday night, however, freshman Steven Summerhays made a start in goal and turned away 12 of 13 shots in a performance that pleased

Jackson.

"Right now I'm feeling a little bit better about our goaltending than I did about three weeks ago," he said after Saturday's game. "Mike played well [Friday] and I thought Steven was good tonight. I don't have any problem with playing two different guys right now."

The second game was a much more complete affair for Notre Dame, as the Irish shook off a slow start to earn a wide-open victory.

"We started out very similar to [Friday] and as the game progressed we kind of changed and played a little more simply," sophomore right wing Billy Maday said. "I think we started to get our scoring chances then. It kind of opened up a little bit."

Maday led the Irish with two goals, the second of which came on a breakaway as he corralled a clear coming out of the penalty box as his two-minute penalty for high sticking expired.

"[Senior defenseman] Joe Lavin made a great clear on the penalty kill and I perfectly timed it as I was coming out of the box," Maday said with a laugh. "I don't even know if he saw me, to be honest."

Freshman forwards Jeff Costello and T.J. Tynan both found the back of the net, but the goal that most excited the Irish was that of freshman defenseman Jared Beers, who scored the first

goal of his career 4:02 into the third period.

"Everybody's rooting him on, he's one of the good members of the team," Jackson said. "I'm happy for him. He plays a smart game for us back there."

While Notre Dame had been struggling recently with its special teams play, the Irish displayed effective power play and penalty kill units Saturday, killing off six penalties without giving up a goal.

"In all, I was really happy," Jackson said. "That's important for us. We've got to be strong on special teams to have any chance of doing well in the playoffs."

The gritty pair of wins put Notre Dame in prime position for an extended playoff run and demonstrated a consistency that the Irish have just now begun to find. With four difficult games remaining against Ferris State and Western Michigan before the playoffs, that consistency will be crucial as the season draws to a close.

"It's about guys just being prepared to play every night — you get to the playoffs, you don't, you're out," Jackson said. "Learning to play back-to-back is part of the process."

Notre Dame seeks to clinch second-round home ice next weekend in a pair of games at Ferris State.

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Dame the doubles point, despite an 8-5 loss by the new duo of senior Kristen Rafael and freshman JoHanna Manningham.

In the singles rounds, five of the six matches went to the Irish. Frilling began the sets when she took down Nicky Stracar 6-2, 6-1 and Mathews followed with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Hois to seal the Irish victory. Both Frilling and Mathews remain undefeated (8-0) in singles play.

Sabacinski moved up to No. 5 singles, where she defeated Chupa 6-1, 6-4. Rafael and Kellner also racked up victories, with Manningham standing as the only Irish loss.

"Our coach said a great thing about college tennis is that there is always another match to play, and that's what we did. We regrouped from two tough losses," Frilling said.

The weekend began on a less than desirable note when

Michigan took all three doubles matches, two of which consisted of new Irish pairings. The new duo of Rafael and sophomore Chrissie McGaffigan fell 8-3 at No. 2 doubles while the other first-time pair of freshmen Kellner and Sabacinski fell 8-2 at No. 3 doubles.

Singles got off to a better start. Frilling dominating over Michigan's No. 11 Denise Muresan. Even with wins from Kellner at No. 6 singles and Mathews at No. 2, losses from the remaining three matches resulted in an overall loss for the Irish.

After a break on Friday, Notre Dame hosted Vanderbilt. Even with Frilling and Mathews defeating No. 20 Alex Leatu and Rachael Dillon 8-1 at No. 1 doubles, the Commodores sealed the doubles point by taking down the duo of Rafael and McGaffigan along with Kellner and Sabacinski.

With play resembling their efforts against Michigan, both Frilling and Mathews managed to overpower their singles competitors. Mathews had no trouble taking down No. 50 Leatu 6-3, 6-1,

while Frilling bypassed No. 83 Jackie Wu 7-5, 6-1, marking her fifth straight win against a nationally ranked opponent. Kellner notched up her second individual win of the weekend, taking down No. 64 Rachael Dillon 2-6, 7-6 (7-4) and 6-3 after three intense sets of play.

The victories were short-lived as Rafael, McGaffigan and Sabacinski fell at the No. 3, No. 4 and No. 6 singles, respectively.

The week's performances helped the Irish highlight its weaknesses and areas to work on, however.

"A key thing we really need to work on is doubles. We lost the doubles point in both those matches and lost 4-3, so that just shows how important that point is," Frilling said. "If we win the doubles point, we win the match."

The Irish now have a 12-day rest before their next series of matches on Feb. 25-27, when they will travel to Mobile, Ala. for the Blue-Gray Tournament.

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish beat Campbell in tiebreaker

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Sports Writer

Notre Dame defeated Campbell University Saturday to finish the weekend 2-1 and earn a share of fifth place at The Match Play at the TPC of Tampa Bay in Tampa, Florida.

"You know, it's nice to get a win, but we really fought to two ties," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "At this point in the season, ranked where we are, it's more important just to have a good showing."

Led by the bottom half of their lineup, the No. 26 Irish barely squeaked by Campbell on a tiebreaker. Tied at 2.5 apiece, Notre Dame took the match by virtue of having won six holes to Campbell's five. The win gave Notre Dame a share of fifth place as the fifth place match with Ball State was cancelled due to dark-

ness.

On Friday, the Irish defeated Morehead State (4.5-0.5) before falling to Marquette (2.5-2.5) in a tiebreaker.

Chris Walker, Niall Plat, Max Scodro and Paul McNamara all posted victories in their respective matches while No. 1 Tom Usher halved, picking up half a point against Morehead State. It was a dominating performance for an Irish team with hopes of a tournament championship.

Those hopes were dashed later in the day as Notre Dame experienced the heartbreak of a tiebreak falling on holes-won differential (2.5-2.5) to Marquette. Usher and Walker, Notre Dame's top two golfers, posted victories while Scodro battled to a draw and McNamara and Platt were defeated.

The Irish got back on their feet on Sunday and were lucky enough to be on the winning side

of tiebreaker. McNamara and Platt earned victories for the Irish over Ben Pollard and Mitch Gray, respectively, while Scodro battled Amanjyot Singh to a draw. The bottom three of the Irish lineup proved to be the difference on the day as both No. 1 Usher and No. 2 Walker fell.

Regardless of the results, Kubinski knew it was beneficial for his team to return to the course and compete.

"It was really important to get out on the course this weekend," Kubinski said. "It was our first match since October and our last until early March, so it was very important to get out and compete a little bit."

The Irish next take to the links in Scottsdale, Arizona, on March 5 for the Alumni Matches at Whisper Rock Golf Club.

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the second half was about as well as we've played all year," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said. "We got the press going and we shot the ball extremely well, which is rare against Rutgers because they are a great defensive team."

Sophomore guard Skylar Diggins and senior forward Devereaux Peters led the second-half surge. The duo scored a combined 41 points, 29 of which came in the second half. The offensive explosion was needed after a slow-paced first half in which the Irish scored a mere 29 points.

McGraw felt that the second half was played at Notre Dame's speed, and not at its opponent's.

"I thought we were playing at their pace in the first half," McGraw said. "Then Skylar got it into high gear and started pushing the ball, and that is when we're at our best. She was finding people on one end and driving the ball, attacking the basket."

Senior guard Brittany Mallory contributed with her first career double-double,

netting 10 points and picking up 10 assists in the win. She is the fifth Notre Dame player this season to record a double-double in a game.

"She's been our best defender all year, [was] on the opponent's best player and she really did it on offense tonight," McGraw said.

The win was Notre Dame's first against Rutgers at home in over six years. The Irish have now defeated the Scarlet Knights two consecutive times, the first time they have accomplished that feat since beating them in 1999 and 2000.

"This win was huge," McGraw said. "I think we're really in great shape now and can really focus on the next game."

The next game is against No. 2 Connecticut Saturday. The Irish will look to avenge a 79-76 loss to the Huskies at home earlier this season.

The matchup will be the start of a tough four-game stretch for the Irish, which includes road games at West Virginia and DePaul, two of the most talented teams in the conference, to conclude the regular season.

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Guilfoyle went 5-0 for the sabre.

Sophomore épéeist Jack Piaso said that while the fencers who did not travel to Duke only faced club team competition, the matches were still meaningful to many individuals.

"Even though the competition was not as strong, it was still important to perform well to finalize monogram qualifications," he said.

Piaso said that the team is in a strong position after the regular season and looking forward to post season events.

"We are definitely feeling fairly confident," he said. "We showed through the year

that there is a lot of depth on the team."

The women's squad finished the season undefeated, while the men had one loss to St. Johns. Piaso said that the loss was a great motivating factor for the Irish, and could even be a positive moving forward.

"Ever since the lone loss to St. Johns, it woke everyone up and humbled some people," he said. "We have been working a lot harder ever since. We have gone into NCAA's undefeated the past couple years and have underperformed. Now that we know we are beatable, we will go in even tougher."

The Irish begin their post-season effort March 5-6 at the Midwest Fencing Championships.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish pick up pair of wins

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

The No. 25 Irish picked up two key wins in an important doubleheader victory over Michigan State and Marquette in East Lansing Saturday.

"It was good to get two wins over the weekend," Irish associate head coach Ryan Sachire said. "We were able to keep the momentum going that we gained when we played well against Virginia, Illinois and against Duke a man down."

The Irish have now won four consecutive matches after dropping two in a row a few weeks back to Illinois and Duke.

"We're doing some good things," Sachire said. "The danger we faced was losing our confidence when we didn't see ourselves winning. But in those losses we played well against good opponents."

In the first match, Notre Dame defeated conference rival Marquette, 7-0. Junior Casey Watt led the way with victories in both singles and doubles. He won in straight sets at the No. 1 singles position, and won his doubles match with freshman Greg Andrews.

"Casey has been a force for us this year," Sachire said. "He's getting each opponent's top player, which is very impressive with the quality of teams we have



GRANT TOBIN/The Observer
Junior Casey Watt fires a backhand during Notre Dame's 5-2 loss to the Blue Devils Feb. 6 in the Eck Tennis Center.

played, as we have one of the toughest schedules in the country."

Senior Stephen Havens also added victories as both a singles and doubles player against Marquette. In the singles match, he came out on top in a tightly matched three-set victory, which was key in setting the tone for a strong team effort.

In the second match, Notre Dame defeated Michigan State, giving the Spartans their first loss of the season. Once again, Watt picked up a victory at both the singles and doubles positions.

"He's responded to the challenge this season," Sachire said. "He had his ups and downs last year, but it gave him a sense of what

to look for. His physical effort is as good as anyone in the country."

Michigan State was previously undefeated and was coming off a victory over No. 21 Wake Forest heading into the doubleheader.

Notre Dame will attempt to continue their winning ways as the spring season picks up. The Irish host talented opponents Michigan and North Carolina next weekend.

"Those will be tough matches on our home court next weekend," Sachire said.

The Irish will face Michigan on Saturday with a 1 p.m. start.

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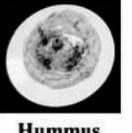

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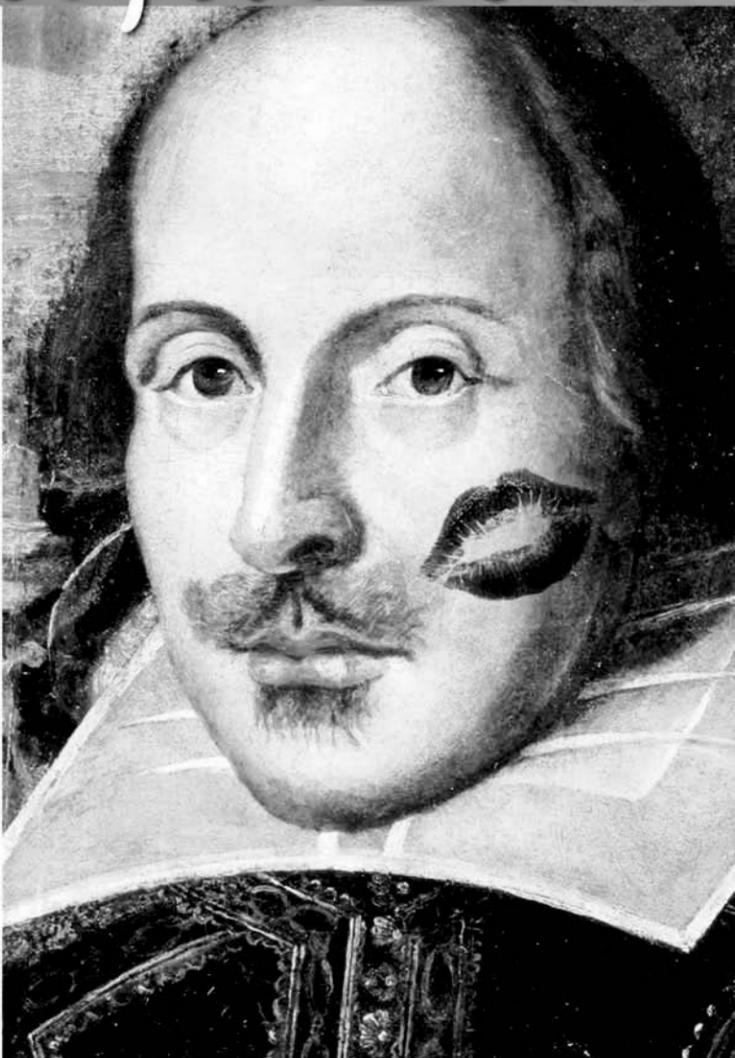
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HOCKEY

Green sweep

No. 10 ND takes lead in CCHA standings

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

Coming into the weekend needing six points to keep pace in the CCHA race, No. 10 Notre Dame did just that, sweeping Bowling Green to take sole possession of first place in the conference with just two weekends remaining. The Irish (18-9-5, 15-6-3-2 CCHA) defeated the Falcons (8-21-3, 3-18-3-1) 2-1 Friday night and came back with a much stronger performance Saturday night to earn a comfortable 5-1 victory.

With the victories, Notre Dame clinched a first-round bye in the CCHA playoffs and moved within one point of clinching home ice in the second round.

"Once you get into that position it's great, but really to me it's about how well we're going

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SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Freshman center Anders Lee skates with the puck during Notre Dame's 2-1 victory over Bowling Green Friday in the Joyce Center. Lee scored the game-winner for the Irish.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Michigan, Vanderbilt beat Irish

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

Despite back-to-back losses on Thursday and Saturday, the Irish (4-4) pulled back together to come out of the weekend's home tournament with a win on Sunday. After falling to both No. 8 Michigan and No. 18 Vanderbilt by 4-3 decisions, No. 13 Notre Dame triumphed over Wisconsin 6-1.

The Irish pulled out of their rut on Sunday, improving with a 6-1 win over the Badgers after two consecutive losses. The freshman doubles team of Julie Sabacinski and Jennifer Kellner, who began playing together against Michigan, moved up to No. 2 for the first time in the season, and proceeded to earn a crucial 8-5 win over Wisconsin's Jenny Hois and Angela Chupa. Their win was complemented by a

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FENCING

Notre Dame beats UNC, Duke, Hopkins to sweep Duke Duals

By MICHAEL TODISCO
Sports Writer

The Irish finished the weekend undefeated, capping off a successful regular season in which the both the men and women grabbed hold of the top national ranking.

A small group from the men's team traveled to North Carolina to compete in the Duke Duals, where they defeated Duke, North Carolina and Johns Hopkins, winning a

trophy at each weapon. The remainder of the men and women's teams remained at home, with matches against club teams from Illinois, Chicago and Michigan State.

At Duke, the Irish started off strong, defeating the Tar Heels 18-9. The foil squad led the way, notching a 7-2 win, while épée won 6-3 and sabre squeaked by with a 5-4 decision. Next, the Irish defeated the host Blue Devils 19-8. The foil and épée squads both recorded 7-2 advantages,

while the sabre was again victorious in a close match with a 5-4 edge. Notre Dame's most lopsided victory came against Johns Hopkins, where the Irish crushed the Blue Jays 23-4. The foil and épée posted impressive 8-1 victories, with the sabre not far behind, winning 7-2.

Senior épéeist Greg Schoolcraft led the weapon with a 6-2 record over the weekend. Junior Reggie Bentley and senior Steve Kubik led the foil with 8-1

marks, while freshman Kevin Hassett led the sabreists with a 6-3 mark.

Meanwhile, both the men and women stayed home and each posted three victories against Illinois, Chicago and Michigan State.

The men's team took down Chicago 23-4, Illinois 23-4, and Michigan State 25-2 all in dominant fashion. The women also swept through the day, with a 22-5 victory against Chicago, a 26-1 win verses Illinois and a 24-3 win over

Michigan State.

For the men, sophomore Jack Piaso led the épée with an 8-1 mark, freshman Nicholas Kubik went 6-0 for the foils, and senior Barron Nydam went 5-0 for the sabre.

Junior épéeist Diane Zielinski, who went 7-2, led the women, freshman Adriana Camacho and senior Katie Heinzen went 8-1 for the foils, and sophomore Daniele

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Press overwhelms Rutgers

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

It was not easy, but the Irish accomplished what they set out to do Saturday afternoon — to beat conference rival Rutgers to head into their showdown against Connecticut, Notre Dame's biggest game of the season, on a nine-game winning streak.

In front of 9,149 fans at Purcell Pavilion, the fourth sellout of the season, No. 8 Notre Dame (22-4, 11-1 Big East) went on an 11-0 run late in the game to put the Scarlet Knights (14-10, 7-4) away for good in a 71-49 victory.

"I thought that stretch in

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SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Sophomore guard Skylar Diggins goes up for a shot in Notre Dame's 89-38 win over Seton Hall Feb. 8 in Purcell Pavilion.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cooley gets big in win over South Florida

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

No. 8 Notre Dame used an early 22-0 run to sidestep a potential trap game and trounce South Florida, 78-55, on Saturday in Tampa.

The Irish (21-4, 10-3 Big East) led 41-17 at halftime, in large part due to the play of sophomore forward Jack Cooley, whose 18 points off the bench helped spark a Notre Dame offensive attack that included six scorers in double-figures. Cooley, who entered the contest averaging 3.8 points per game, made his first nine shots and added eight rebounds.

"I think you're seeing the

development and understanding and the confidence of a young guy believing he's a really good player with a chance to, maybe, be a great player one day," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "There's always been flashes of this, especially in practice."

The win was Notre Dame's seventh straight in the conference and gives the Irish their longest Big East win streak within a single season since 2000-01, when they won eight in a row. The victory also gave the Irish their first three-game conference road win streak since 2000-01, and put Notre Dame alone in second place in

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