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SENATE

Group passes resolution to amend clause

Members ask University to add sexual orientation to Notre Dame's nondiscrimination clause

By MARISA IATI

News Writer

Student Senate passed a resolution Wednesday requesting the University add "sexual orientation" to the nondiscrimination clause and publicly address why the phrase is not currently

The group also discussed restaurant contacts in the LaFortune Student Center.

The resolution to amend the nondiscrimination clause passed with 18 votes in favor and one opposed. Six members of Senate abstained from vot-

Third-year law student Steven Baugh told Senate that Notre Dame's exclusion of "sexual orientation" from its nondiscrimination clause makes it an anomaly among universities

and businesses.

"Now we're behind the times, basically, among peer institutions, regardless of whether they're universities or what-ever," Baugh said. "Remember that this applies not just to students, but to faculty and staff."

Student body vice president and president-elect Brett Rocheleau said the Board of Trustees ultimately decides what is included in the nondiscrimination clause. He said he will share Senate's opinion when the Board meets in May.

Rocheleau also said if Campus Life Council passes a similar resolution, the Vice President for Student Affairs is required to respond to it.

Baugh said there is currently no legal action a student could

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In 2010, demonstrators asked University President Fr. John Jenkins to add "sexual orientation" to the nondiscrimination clause. Senate passed a resolution Wednesday requesting the addition.

Notre Dame to create new research facility in local park

Linked Experimenta Ecosystem Facility Launched through a partnership between Notre Dame and St. Joseph's County Parks Will be located on 28 acres of land in St. Patrick's County Park

By MARY KATE NELSON

Notre Dame and St. Joseph County Parks launched a new partnership last week to create an environmental research and education facility at St. Patrick's County Park.

Plans to build the Notre Dame Linked Experimental Ecosystem Facility (ND LEEF) at St. Patrick's County Park were finalized Feb. 14.

According to a University

press release, ND LEEF is part of a larger initiative at Notre Dame called the Environmental Change Initiative (ND-ECI). One of the goals of ND-ECI, the release stated, is to monitor the effects of climate change, land use and invasive species in different ecosystems — specifically water resources.

ND LEEF Director Jennifer Tank said the new facility will allow researchers and students to study these effects

in stream, pond and wetland ecosystems, as well as on dry land. The facility will also feature advanced technology available to researchers.

"We can test the research we do in the field in a controlled environment," Tank

The facility will use cutting-edge sensor technology so students and researchers can monitor experiments in

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beauty, globalization

By KEELIN McGEE News Writer

Globalization influences beauty consciousness throughout the world, Sonalini Sapra, assistant professor of political science and women's studies at Saint Mary's College, said.

Sapra conducted an educational workshop titled "Globalization and Beauty: Prevalence of Whiteness Creams and Cosmetic Surgery" as part of Love Your Body Week on Wednesday.

She said she became interested in the globalization of beauty after returning home to her native country, India, and seeing the frequent use of beauty products — particularly whiteness creams.

"After traveling back to India on my summer and winter breaks, I started noticing the daily media bombardment of whiteness creams," Sapra said. "In India, fairness or whiteness equates with beauty and everything good in society.'

The obsession with lightening skin tone has been prevalent in India for a long time, Sapra said, but has blown up in recent years. Many women and some men use these whiteness creams to appear a few shades lighter in the advertised four to six weeks.

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Professor talks about | Students create flash mob

By ANNA BOARINI News Writer

On Wednesday night, diners at North Dining Hall were treated to a special surprise when they swiped in around 6:30 p.m. — a piece of live performance poetry.

As a way to promote the Silent Disco event at Legends this Saturday, senior Britt Burgeson, who is on the marketing team for the nightclub, decided to coordinate her own version of the Mp3 Experiment.

"The Mp3 [Experiment] is a flash mob of sorts," she said. "It's a 21st century happening.'

The Mp3 Experiment is the brainchild of Improv Everywhere, a New York City-based prank group. Staged yearly in

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Notre Dame students participate in a flash mob in North Dining Hall on Wednesday to promote the Silent Disco at Legends.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR LENTEN RESOLUTION?



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"Snacking between meals.'



Jessica Puricelli

sophomore Walsh

"Chocolate."



Jordie Wasserman

freshman *McCandless*

> "Candy and pop.



Nancy Joyce

sophomore Welsh Family

"Diet coke."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email obsphoto@gmail.com



Junior guard Joey Brooks celebrates with fans after Notre Dame's 71-44 victory over the Mountaineers of West Virginia on Wednesday night. Notre Dame has now won a program record nine straight Big East games.

OFFBEAT

Commuter bus driver stabbed with pen

KENNESAW, Ga. — Georgia authorities say a commuter bus driver is recovering after being stabbed repeatedly with a pen when he tried to break up a fight between passengers that involved a dispute over a cell phone.

Police say the melee on the Cobb County Transit bus occurred Monday afternoon in Kennesaw, of Atlanta.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports that the driver went to the back of the bus to keep the quarrel from escalating, and a woman pulled a knife.

Authorities say other

passengers were able to get the knife away from the woman, but police say she grabbed a pen from the bus driver's pocket and stabbed him several times.

The bus driver's condition was not immediately known.

Meth case spans three generations of one family

CROSS CITY, Fla. It's a generational thing: Deputies in Florida say man, his daughter and his grandson, along with a fourth person said to be a family relative, are accused of working together to manufacture methamphetamine.

Dixie County Sheriff's officials say 54-year-old Allen J. Brannin, his 34-yearold daughter, Amy M. Brannin and her 18-yearold son, Austin J. Brannin, were arrested Thursday. Another relative, 18-yearold Tyler W. Cannon, was also arrested.

The Gainesville Sun reports the suspects were arrested after deputies served a search warrant at their Cross City home.

Sheriff's Maj. Scott Harden says it's hard to imagmeth" with their daughter or grandson, let alone both.

The four of them were booked into the Dixie County Jail.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

Student Government will be giving out free fitness bars at Rolfs Recreational Center and the Rockne Memorial Gym from 4 to 6 p.m. today as part of Body Image Week 2012.

There will be an opening reception for the exhibit titled, "Second Wind: New Work by Second-Year MFA Students," at 5:30 p.m. to-night at the Isis Gallery in O'Shaughnessy Hall. The exhibit will stand until March 25.

There will be a reading by Japanese poet Hiromi Ito titled, "The Maltreatment of Meaning: Poetry and the Poetics of Identity," at 6:30 p.m. tonight in Rooms 210 to 214 of McKenna Hall. Ito's work deals with issues of the feminine body, sexuality and motherhood, making her the most prominent voice of the women's poetry boom.

There will be a screen $ing\ {\rm of}\ the\ film\ titled,\ "How$ to Die in Oregon," at 7 p.m. tonight in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The film's director, Peter Richardson, is scheduled to appear in person as well.

There will be a performance of "Antigona Furiosa" at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Philbin Studio Theater in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. A reshaping and re-telling of the classic Greek tragedy Antigone, the performanc will continue through March 4.

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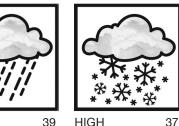
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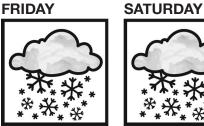
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SGA

Association approves new council constitutions

By CAILIN CROWE News Writer

Saint Mary's College Student Government Association (SGA) has moved one step closer toward finalizing its new structure by passing four new council constitutions, Emma Brink, executive secretary, said.

"As part of SGA's new structure, each individual council has created a constitution," Brink said.

This week SGA passed constitutions for the Student Academic Council (SAC), Council of Committee Chairs (CCC), Council of Activities (COA) and Council of Class Boards (CCB).

"We are really excited that the four constitutions passed," Brink said. "The groundwork for SGA's structure has been established and is almost complete."

Silvia Cuevas, mission commissioner, said passing the

constitutions is significant for underclassmen, especially juniors

"Passing the constitutions is significant for the SGA juniors because we have the opportunity to implement these changes as seniors," Cuevas said. "We look forward to working with the new structure and new council and committee members."

According to the SAC constitution, the purpose of the Council is "to foster the academics at Saint Mary's College through collaboration of academic departments."

Brink said SAC will fulfill its purpose by raising awareness of each major of study among Saint Mary's students. SAC will also be a liaison between faculty and students, she said.

According to the CCC constitution, the purpose of the Council is "to identify concerns and issues of all Saint Mary's students through the implementation of various committees."

The CCC will also address important areas of student life and act in the interest of the student body, Brink said.

The purpose of the COA is "to coordinate the programming for the campus community to meet the needs of the entire student body," according to the Council's constitution.

The COA will ensure that every board properly fulfills its role and duty to the College, Brink said.

The CCB's constitution's pur-

pose is "to promote class activities and create any class conscious legislation or proposals."

Brink said the CCB will maintain communication between the four class boards and encourage those members and executives to fulfill its goals

SGA concluded the weekly meeting by announcing that the "Proud Past, Promising Future" leadership series will occur Feb. 27 in Carroll Auditorium. The series will feature a motivational speaker, Chad Gaines, who will discuss how to develop and transform young leaders.

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take against the University to address perceived discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

"The second [the addition of 'sexual orientation' to the non-

discrimination clause] gets approved, someone were to be subjected to some kind of action would qualify for legal recourse under nondiscrimination clause person that could use that

against the school," Baugh said. "Whoever it is would have to prove that they were fired or whatever because of their sexual orientation."

The addition of "sexual orientation" would apply mainly to situations involving employment, expulsion or removal from a residence hall, Baugh said.

Katie Rose, gender issues di-

rector for Student Government and vice president-elect, said although there is concern about alumni support, an unofficial GLBTQ alumni association has been disappointed with some of the University's positions on same-sex issues.

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Senate

the alumni have to say, because we would hope that they have some of the same values," Rose said.

Baugh said the legalization of samesex marriage in Indiana would complicate the effects of the addition of

"sexual orientation" to the nondiscrimination clause in ways not completely foreseeable at this time.

Senate also discussed adding a new food establishment to La-Fortune when Sbarro's contract expires at the end of the academic year.

Rocheleau said the business must be franchised or leased and must not interfere with existing non-compete clauses. The options currently in discussion include Panda Express, Papa John's, Pizza Hut Express, Moe's Southwest Grill and Taco Bell.

Rocheleau said Pizza Hut Express and Taco Bell could both be added to the basement of La-Fortune.

Administrators are also considering adding a food establishment to the Hesburgh Library, Rocheleau said.

"The room in the library where there are all those vending machines, they're looking at making a new café or new healthier option that would take that place there," he said.

Senate approved junior Hannah Burke, current president of the Club Coordination Council, for the same position for the 2012-2013 term. The group approved junior Ashley Markowski as the next Board Manager for the Student Union Board.

Senate also passed two resolutions regulating the technical aspects of Student Government's operations. One resolution, effective April 1, made constituent services a permanent department and changed the multicultural affairs department chair into a multicultural affairs liaison from Diversity Council.

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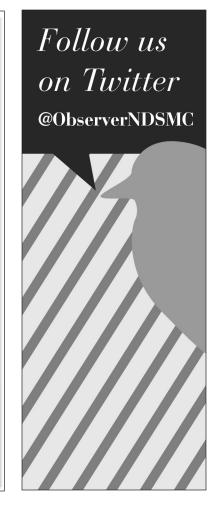
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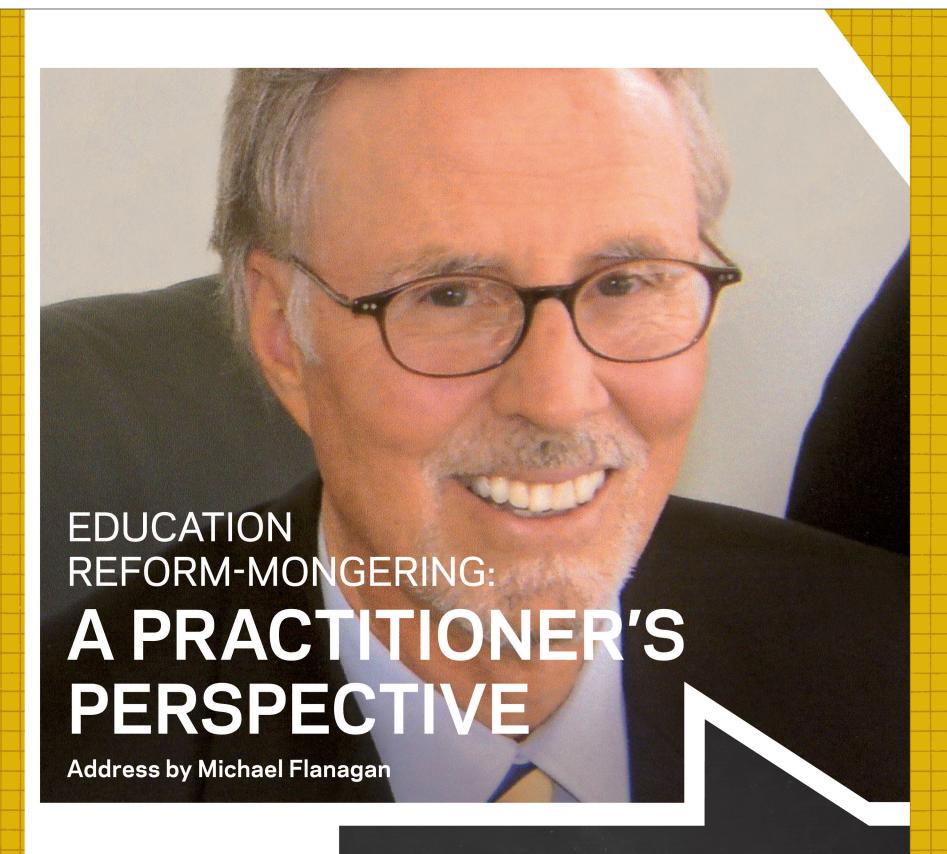


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brainchild of Improv Everywhere, a New York City-based prank group. Staged yearly in New York City, the group also tours college campuses and international festivals.

According to Improv Everywhere's website, improveverywhere.com, the group puts an original Mp3 file online that people download and transfer to their mobile devices. Participants will head out to the same public location and at the same time, everyone presses play. Participants carry out coordinated instructions that are delivered to their headphones, confusing outsiders.

Burgeson decided to bring the Mp3 Experiment to campus after experiencing one of the events this summer in New York City.

"I was involved in one event this summer at Battery Park," she said. "You follow the instructions from a track downloaded on your phone — they are varied and ridiculous," she said

She said the MP3@ND event came into being during a Legends marketing meeting.

"I was in charge of promoting the Feb. 23 to 25 events, one of which is a silent disco," she said. "I was unfamiliar with the term — this is Legends' first time hosting this nightclub. I wanted to make sure people knew what the 'Silent Disco' would look like."

Burgeson said participants downloaded an almost seven minute Mp3 file to their phones, iPods and other mobile devices. Students then showed up at North on Wednesday night and followed the instructions on the track.

Sophomore Nicole Brooks said she enjoyed participating in the event.

"This was a really fun idea to go and bring attention to what's going on with Silent Disco," she said. "Plus, it is fun to do something insane."

Brooks said she expects this

weekend's Silent Disco to be a unique experience because when people enter Legends, no music will actually be playing. Instead, people will pick one of two tracks to listen to with their headphones.

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Burgeson said it was fun to watch students' reactions to MP3@ND.

"It was interesting, and I enjoyed watching people who had no idea what was going on," she said.

She said members of NDTV filmed the event and will create a YouTube video to be posted on the Legends YouTube channel.

While Burgeson enjoyed herself and said the event went smoothly, she said she is not sure if she would coordinate a similar event again.

"This is the beauty of performance art — it happens once, and if you miss it, you miss it," she said. "I just hope people can enjoy watching it again on the video."

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ND LEEF

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said.

"It's a beautiful area with quite a bit of land," she said.

Conversations between the St. Joseph County Parks System and Notre Dame regarding the project began two years ago, Tank said.

ND LEEF will benefit various members of the community. The St. Joseph County Parks System plans to provide environmental education through ND LEEF to local K-12 students, adults continuing their education and nontraditional learners, she said.

Notre Dame will collaborate with the St. Joseph County Parks System to create appropriate curricula for these programs. The facility will also cater to visiting scientists and researchers from other academic institutions.

ND LEEF is still in the design and development stage, Tank said. She estimates the design will be finalized in April or May, with construction beginning in June. ND-EIC staff is working closely with faculty members of the Notre Dame College of Architecture to design the facility.

Tank estimates that construction may take four months to complete.

She said this new facility will be one of a kind.

"There are experimental facilities all over the country," Tank said, "but no one has ever done one where you have all of the systems linked together. This makes it very different."

Tank said she is excited for the project to begin.

"It's totally new, totally innovative," she said.

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Beauty

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said. "Although the app was removed because people called it 'blatantly racist,' the app generated almost 80,000 likes, which goes to show that it was popular."

Advertisements are persuasive in generating the use of these whiteness creams, Sapra

said. She said these advertisements send a message to their audience that lighter skin leads to social and economic mobility.

"In ads for women, they target modern, upwardly mobile women with themes that lighter skin will help them not only transform their complexion, but also their personality, marital prospects, jobs prospects, social status and earning potential," she said. "Men with light skin are also portrayed as those that

get the girl, have hero status, get jobs and go to all the parties."

One thing that is not included in these advertisements, however, is the level of toxicity found in whiteness creams, Sapra warned. She said beauty comes at a cost when using these creams.

"Mercury, hydroquinone and corticosteroids are typical substances in these creams," she said. "A Harvard researcher found mercury poisoning in groups of women and their children in Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Tanzania and directly attributed the poisoning to skin bleaching creams."

Efforts to transform the color of skin are not the only methods used around the world to achieve "beauty," Sapra said. She said people are known to undergo cosmetic surgery in order to attain more of a "Western" face.

"There are surgeries happening around the world where women are trying to achieve the 'ideal female face,'" she said. "Women want the small, narrow and sharp-pointed nose that is a dominant trait among Western women."

Sapra concluded that the legacy of colonialism is one of the main contributors to this globalization of beauty.

"Certainly these surgeries and creams are complicated issues, but they seem to go back to colonial times in Africa and Asia," she said. "Colonials would say that white people are smarter, more beautiful and more capable of governing, and I believe these ideas are still permeating in postcolonial areas."

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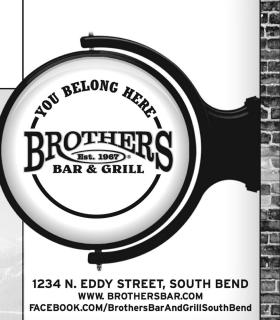
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Obama beats opponents in early election poll



President Obama welcomes guests to the White House Music Series saluting Blues Music on Tuesday.

WASHINGTON — A surging Rick Santorum is running even with Mitt Romney atop the Republican presidential field, but neither candidate is faring well against President Barack Obama eight months before Americans vote, a new survey shows.

Obama tops 50 percent support when matched against each of the four GOP candidates and holds a significant lead over each of them, according to the Associated Press-GfK poll. Republicans, meanwhile, are divided on whether they'd rather see Romney or Santorum capture the nomination, with Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul lagging behind. It's a troubling sign for the betterfunded Romney as the GOP race heads toward crucial votes in his home state of Michigan, in Arizona and in an array of states on Super Tuesday, March 6.

"I'd pick Santorum, because it seems Romney may be waffling on a few issues and I'm not sure I trust him," said Thomas Stehlin, 66, of St. Clair Shores, Mich. He thinks the Detroit-born son of a Michigan governor is facing a strong challenge from Santorum in his home state because of his tangled answers on the auto industry bailout.

Also, he says, there's this: Romney, the self-described cando turnaround artist of the corporate world and the troubled Salt Lake City Olympics, with his millions of dollars, has been unable to vanquish his political opponents.

"That may be the reason right there," said Stehlin, a retired government worker and a Republican. "He spends lots of money and he doesn't get anywhere."

Nationally, Republicans are evenly split between Romney and Santorum. The poll found 33 percent would most like to see Santorum get the nomination, while 32 percent prefer Romney. Gingrich and Paul each had 15 percent support.

Romney's fall from presumed front-runner to struggling establishment favorite has given his opponents an opening as he tries to expand his support. His Republican rivals have stepped in claiming to be a more consistent conservative and viable opponent against Obama, and each of the last three AP-GfK polls has found a different contender battling Romney for the top spot. But Santorum, the former Pennsylvania senator and abortion foe, has hit his stride at a key moment in the nomination contest.

Santorum's spike comes as satisfaction with the field of can-

didates remains tepid and interest in the contest is cools. About 6 in 10 Republicans in the poll say they are satisfied with the people running for the nomination, stagnant since December and below the 66 percent that felt that way in October. Only 23 percent are strongly satisfied with the field and 4 in 10 said they are dissatisfied with the candidates running, the poll found. And deep interest in the race is slipping: Just 40 percent of Republicans say they have a great deal of interest in following the contest, compared with 48 percent in De-

"It seems like in the last month or so everything's just chilled out," said James Jackson of Fort Worth, Texas, a 40-year-old independent who leans Republican. "I just haven't been following it lately."

Santorum remains Romney's biggest threat. He won GOP contests in Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri and Colorado, stunning the GOP establishment that Romney has methodically courted since his first bid for the GOP nomination in 2008. The poll suggested more people are getting to know and like Santorum, with 44 percent of all adults saying they have a favorable impression of him, compared with 25 percent in December. The share with negative views has grown as well, with 42 percent having an unfavorable opinion of Santorum.

Among Republicans in that time period, Santorum has shot from 37 percent to 70 percent favorable.

There's evidence that Santorum's comments about social issues may not have hurt him so far among women.

The former Pennsylvania senator has been unapologetic in his opposition to abortion and his concerns about working moms, women in combat and contraception — some of the many examples he cites while making the case that he would draw a clearer contrast than Romney against Obama

For all that, there's little evident gender gap between Romney and Santorum, the AP-GfK poll showed. Santorum, who made some of the comments while the poll was being conducted Feb. 16-20, runs even with Romney among both Republican men and women. And Republican women may be rallying to his defense: Seventy-five percent of GOP women have a favorable impression of Santorum, compared with 66 percent of Republican men, the poll found.

SYRIA

Two journalists killed in Syria

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syrian gunners pounded an opposition stronghold where the last dispatches from a veteran American-born war correspondent chronicled the suffering of civilians caught in the relentless shelling. An intense morning barrage killed her and a French photojournalist — two of 74 deaths reported Wednesday in Syria.

"I watched a little baby die today," Marie Colvin told the BBC from the embattled city of Homs on Tuesday in one of her final reports.

"Absolutely horrific, a 2-year old child had been hit," added Colvin, who worked for Britain's Sunday Times. "They stripped it and found the shrapnel had gone into the left chest and the doctor said, 'I can't do anything.' His little tummy just kept heaving until he died."

Colvin and photographer Remi Ochlik were among a group of journalists who had crossed into Syria and were sharing accommodations with activists, raising speculation that government forces targeted the makeshift media center, although opposition groups had previously described the shelling as indiscriminate. At least two other Western journalists were wounded.

Hundreds of people have died in weeks of siege-style attacks on Homs that have come to symbolize the desperation and defiance of the nearly year-old uprising against President Bashar Assad.

The Syrian military appears to be stepping up assaults to block the opposition from gaining further ground and political credibility with the West and Arab allies. On Wednesday, helicopter gunships reportedly strafed mountain villages that shelter the rebel Free Syrian Army, and soldiers staged doorto-door raids in Damascus, among other attacks.

The bloodshed and crackdowns brought some of the most galvanizing calls for the end of Assad's rule. "That's enough now. The re-

rnat's enough now. The regime must go," said French President Nicolas Sarkozy after his government confirmed the deaths of Colvin, 56, and Ochlik, 28.

The U.S. and other countries have begun to cautiously examine possible military aid to the rebels. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton heads to Tunisia for a meeting Friday of more than 70 nations to look at ways to assist Assad's opponents, which now include hundreds of defected military officers and soldiers.

"This tragic incident is another example of the shameless brutality of the Assad regime," U.S. State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said of the killing of the journalists.

In Saudi Arabia, the state news agency described King Abdullah scolding Russian President Dmitry Medvedev — one of Assad's few remaining allies — for joining China in vetoing a U.N. Security Council resolution this month condemning the violence.

But even Moscow said the ongoing bloodshed adds urgency for a cease-fire to allow talks between his regime and opponents. Washington had strongly opposed arming anti-Assad forces, fearing it could bring Syria into a full-scale civil war. Yet the mounting civilian death tolls—activists reported at least 74 across Syria on Wednesday—has brought small but potentially significant shifts in U.S. strategies. It remains unclear, however, what kind of direct assistance the U.S. would be willing to provide.

The toppling of Assad also could mark a major blow to Iran, which depends on Damascus as its main Arab ally and a pathway to aid Iran's proxy Hezbollah in Lebanon.

"We don't want to take actions that would contribute to the further militarization of Syria because that could take the country down a dangerous path," White House press secretary Jay Carney said. "But we don't rule out additional measures if the international community should wait too long and not take the kind of action that needs to be taken."

The U.N. estimates that 5,400 people have been killed in repression by the Assad regime against a popular uprising that began 11 months ago. That figure was given in January and has not been updated. Syrian activists put the death toll at more than 7,300. Overall figures cannot be independently confirmed because Syria keeps tight control on the media.

On Wednesday, the U.N. said that Secretary-General Ban Kimoon would dispatch Valerie Amos, the undersecretary-general for humanitarian affairs, to Syria to assess the situation. No date was set.













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Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel gave preliminary approval on Wednesday to a plan to build 600 new homes in a settlement deep inside the West Bank, a move that drew rebukes from the United Nations and Palestinians and threatened to raise tensions with the U.S. as the prime minister prepares to head to the White House.

Israeli officials tried to play down Wednesday's decision, saying construction was years away at best.

But the timing of the move may further hinder already troubled Mideast peace efforts. It casts a shadow over a trip by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to Washington in March, in which he is expected to discuss Iran's nuclear program and other regional issues.

The U.N.'s Mideast envoy, Robert Serry, called the Israeli announcement "deplorable" and said it "moves us further away from the goal of a two-state solution."

Speaking to reporters, State Department spokesman Mark Toner declined to comment about the announcement, but said the U.S. policy on settlement activity is clear.

"We don't believe it's in any

way constructive to getting both sides back to the negotiating table. And we want to see clearly a comprehensive settlement that delineates borders and resolves many of these issues."

Israeli-Palestinian peace talks have been stalled for the past three years over the issue of Jewish settlements.

The Palestinians, who claim the West Bank and east Jerusalem for a future state, say there is no point negotiating while Israel continues to expand its settlements. Israel, which captured the areas in the 1967 Mideast war, says negotiations should begin without preconditions. The international community opposes all settlements.

A low-level dialogue launched last month in Jordan failed to make any breakthroughs. On Tuesday, Jordan blamed Israel for the impasse, citing Israel's "unilateral policies."

Israeli defense officials played down Wednesday's decision, saying it was made by a low-level planning committee under the control of the Defense Ministry.

One official said the project was in the "embryonic" phase and would require "multiple stages of authorizations," including approval by top leaders, that would take years to complete.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity under ministry guidelines.

But Yariv Oppenheimer, director of Peace Now, a dovish group that opposes settlement construction, called it the biggest settlement construction plan in the West Bank since Netanyahu took office three years ago.

Construction is to take place in Shiloh, a hardline settlement nestled in the heart of the West Bank. Peace Now claimed that Wednesday's approval also included retroactive legalization of about 100 homes built without permits. Defense officials could not confirm the claim.

"The government is giving a prize to building offenders and continuing the system by which every time the settlers build without permits, the government approves the construction and allows them even more construction," Peace Now said.

Palestinian spokesman Ghassan Khatib said Wednesday's approval "shows how Israel has no respect for the international community or international laws, while at the same time sheds a light on the ... lack of effective actions by international community toward Israeli settlement policy."

Netanyahu's office did not return requests for comment.

Romney, Santorum spar in debate

Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — Primed for a fight, Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum traded fiery accusations about health care, spending earmarks and federal bailouts Wednesday night in the 20th and possibly final debate of the roller-coaster race for the Republican presidential nomination.

With pivotal primaries in Arizona and Michigan just six days distant, Romney and Santorum sparred more aggressively than in past debates, sometimes talking over each other's answers.

Texas Rep. Ron Paul chimed in from the side, saying with a smile that Santorum was a fake conservative who had voted for programs that he now says he wants to repeal. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich acted almost as a referee at times.

The most animated clash of the evening focused on health

Santorum, surging in the presidential race, said that Romney had used government funds to "fund a federal takeover of health care in Massachusetts," a reference to the state law that was enacted during Romney's term as governor. The law includes a requirement for individuals to purchase coverage that is similar to the one in President Barack Obama's landmark federal law that Romney and other Republicans have vowed to repeal.

In rebuttal, Romney said Santorum, a former Pennsylvania senator, bore responsibility for passage of the health care law that Obama won from a Democratic-controlled Congress in 2010, even though he wasn't in office at the time. He said that in a primary battle in 2004, Santorum had



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Mitt Romney, right, and Rick Santorum face off in the 20th Republican presidential nomination debate Wednesday.

supported then-Sen. Arlen Specter, who later switched parties and voted for the law Obama wanted.

"He voted for Obamacare. If you had not supported him, if we had said no to Arlen Specter, we would not have Obamacare," Romney contended.

Santorum was the aggressor on bailouts.

While all four of the Republicans on the debate stage opposed the federal bailout of the auto industry in 2008 and 2009, Santorum said he had voted against other government-funded rescue efforts.

"With respect to Governor Romney that was not the case, he supported the folks on Wall Street and bailed out Wall Street — was all for it — and when it came to the auto workers and the folks in Detroit, he said no. That to me is not a principled consistent position."

The debate had a different look from the 19 that preceded it. Instead of standing behind lecterns, the four presidential rivals sat in chairs lined up side by side.

There was another difference, as well, in the form of polls that underscored the gains that Obama has made in his bid for re-election.

An Associated Press-Gfk poll released Wednesday found that Obama would defeat any of the four remaining Republican contenders in a hypothetical matchup. It also found that the nation is showing more optimism about the state of the economy, the dominant issue in the race.

But for two hours, Romney, Santorum, Paul and Gingrich had a different campaign in mind, their own race for the Republican nomination and the right to oppose Obama in the fall.

After a brief lull, the campaign calendar calls for 13 primaries and caucuses between next Tuesday, when Arizona and Michigan have primaries, and March 6, a 10-state Super Tuesday.

Romney is campaigning confidently in Arizona, so much so that his campaign has not aired any television ads.

Inside Column

Education in the arts

Some of the most brilliant minds in the human race have mastered visual arts, but most modern students stop learning visual expression techniques after the clay snowmen they make in middle school.

Leonardo Da Vinci Brandon Keelean used drawing to

explore the human Graphics Editor form, and the late

Steve Jobs often explained how a typography class he took in college helped him in his work at Apple.

I am from Michigan. Our government passed legislation increasing the specificity of requirements for high school graduation in 2006. The new law did not go into effect until the graduating class of 2011, so I was spared the stringent new requirements of four years of math and English and three years of history and science. My brother, however, was not. These new requirements, and others like them around the nation, represent a movement away from arts education.

I received an education in art starting at a young age. My parents sent me to art camp at the age of eight; I had the opportunity to take a number of arts classes before I came to Notre Dame and I have continued my arts education here. An education in basic visual communication methods is one that would benefit any student, regardless of their intended career path. Let's explore why.

First, an understanding of drawing or modeling is an invaluable skill to communication. To explain a complex problem or method, the ability to sketch it out on a piece of paper or build a model that represents the solution can communicate faster than words. Like they say, a picture is worth a thousand words — and I challenge you to find a career path that does not require you to communicate.

Second, even if you are not an artist yourself, you will likely work with an artist of one form or another at some point in your career. Design, illustration and 3D modeling, among others, affect so many of the things we see in the world. Every ad, program, logo, picture and app you see was created by an artist. (Maybe it wasn't exactly a good artist who created them, but they were created nonetheless.) When you are trying to articulate a concept to these creative professionals, it will help to have walked in their shoes. You will know what they have to do in order to accomplish what you've asked of them.

Third, and perhaps most importantly, it gives you a way to express yourself. can provide should not be taken lightly. Child psychologists sometimes ask children to draw in order to explain their feelings because visual expression is an instinctive way we communicate. Just like writing in a journal can help clear your thoughts, painting, drawing, pottery or any number of other artistic methods allow you to express what you

I cannot promise that by taking an art class you will become the next Da Vinci or Jobs, but you will probably enjoy it and it will definitely benefit you in your life and career.

So, when you are considering what to take for your fine arts requirement, think seriously about the visual arts classes offered in Riley Hall.

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A case for fair taxation

We should tax the rich people more. It makes sense, doesn't it? You have just fallen into the trap. You have accepted the premise put on by liberals to separate a group of people, your fel-

low Americans, and to treat them differently. Negatively. It literally is the same as

Elephant in the Room

Mark Easley

saying we should tax African-Americans more, or we should tax Jewish people more. It discriminates against them, creates class envy at the minimum and class hatred and bigotry at the worst. These are the same type of tactics used by socialists to spark failed and bloody communist revolutions across the world only decades ago. These are the same type of tactics used by racists and extremists to eventually justify violence or genocide. It's dangerous thinking.

The problem we are facing is the large and unsustainable deficit the federal government has accumulated after a decade of intense spending by both parties. For a short term solution, it's easy to make a scapegoat out of the "wealthy." Who are the wealthy, anyway? Are we talking about the top one percent like Warren Buffet and Bill Gates? Are we talking about the CEOs and senior executives of Fortune 500 companies? The fat cat Wall Street

bankers? Or is it the successful small business owners who own a chain of successful restaurants or service providers?

The great thing about America is there are a lot of wealthy people among us. Most of them are self-made, rewarded for the positive contributions they have made to society by our free market system. Yeah, you get the occasional silver spooners and trust fund babies, the old money aristocracy, but they are far from the norm. In America's meritocracy, most of us earn what we get. The rich don't always stay rich. Wealth can be lost with poor decision making. In our country, success is something to be celebrated and emulated, not punished. Even if a rich person just sits on his/her money, it is likely in a bank or investment that gets loaned out to others in order to potentially create more wealth and progress for society. Let me share with you the big, bad secret: Without rich people, we couldn't get anything done. No new businesses, no great charities, and no new research came into existence without wealthy backers who risked their money to see financial returns and social progress.

Demonizing the rich only makes them want to leave. They aren't stupid people. If it is bad enough, they are going to pick up and move. And nobody wants to live in an economy where there isn't enough wealth to drive wealth creation. That is what we call societal regression.

People of means are not the problem; the politicians are the problem. Politicians manipulate the ignorant to pass blame to the innocent for their own personal gain, when it is actually they who cause the problem in the first place. Washington bureaucrats are on a money high with the taxpayers' dime, racking up debts like there is no tomorrow. All our deficit troubles will go away if we can make real lasting cuts in our outrageous spending, without having to raise taxes on anybody. If you cut deep enough, you can even lower taxes. We haven't had conservative fiscal policy for many years, and that is hurting us now. We need real tax reform, such as a flat tax, instead of gimmicks like the Bush tax cuts. This would even the playing field and let the upper, middle and lower classes of America coexist instead of being driven apart.

All Americans should pay a fair share in taxes. However, if the system is inherently unfair, what is a fair share? Our tax code needs monumental reform in favor of simplicity and closed loopholes. Then we might get a better grasp of who really is paying what into this

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On Lenten sacrifice

This morning, I read "Lenten Promises: A How-To Guide," (Feb. 21) by Ms. O'Donnell, and although I appreciate the reminder for Lenten sacrifice, I must respectfully disagree with a few points.

The article's first "how-to" is to "one-up your friends". I deeply discourage doing so, as the Lenten season is not a contest. By viewing it as a competition (even for the intention of giving up more), we shelter ourselves from the deep meaning and spirituality of Lent, and instead focus only on the physical and materialistic side. Lent should be used to become closer to Christ, and all actions should have Him as our

The article continues, suggesting that we "make sure everyone knows" what we're giving up. I had a conversation with a close friend last year who asked me why so many people went around telling what they were Matthew 6:17-18, "But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly." Our Lenten sacrifices

should not be announced to all our friends, and definitely not Facebook or Twitter, as suggested, for everyone to see. Bishop Gilberto Fernandez (previous auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Miami, who passed away last September) stated, "Our sacrifice is not intended to feed our pride, but to follow Christ more closely and serve those in great need." On the other hand, I completely support having an accountability partner for the Lenten season: someone who can be there for you and pray for you when struggling in your fast.

The next suggestion: "Don't give up something you need" is definitely a true statement, but the examples listed completely obscure the meaning of "need." If you "cannot function without a morning cup of coffee/tea/Diet Coke, Lent is the perfect time to rid yourself of this addiction. These things are absolutely not necessary; at least use this time to cut back on them. Ending explanation with "your wallet also thank you" brings about another point. The purpose of this is not to save money! Everything that we are committing to accomplish during Lent should be solely for God.

As for Sundays, we should definitely not fast, as the Church explicitly

declares Sunday as a day of feasting. However, this "Sunday free pass" is not permissible in all situations. If you are giving up a sin (such as pride, arrogance, lust, etc.), you should not give yourself Sunday as a day off. Originally, Sundays were a time of feasting in contrast with the major fasting that used to occur, but nowadays, very few truly fast during the whole season of Lent. It does not really apply if we are giving up a small specific food, such as chocolate.

We need to truly view Lent for what is was meant to be, and when Easter comes and our fasting is over, we should rejoice in our Lord's resurrection! We should not rejoice in the sweet taste of chocolate that we have missed for so long!

So yes, give up something that will be difficult for you or strive to help out and give back to the community as Ms. O'Donnell states in her final point. Just make sure that your sacrifice is between you and God, and that you are doing it for God, not for other people And when you struggle, do not underestimate the power of prayer.

> Jake Bebar freshman **Knott Hall** Feb. 22

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A case for increasing taxes on the rich

Unprecedented inequality, a weak economy and rising deficits have propelled the question over whether or not to increase taxes on the richest Americans to the forefront of the American political discourses.

political discourse. Based on America's current and future fiscal situation, along with the growth in income

Adam Newman

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inequality over the past 30 years, I will make the case for increasing taxes on the richest Americans.

Even as the economy improves over the next decade, America faces massive deficits. While America can sustain high deficits temporarily during a weak economy, it eventually has to embrace deficit reduction through a combination of higher taxes and lower spending (economic growth can also help decrease the deficit, but it is very hard to predict the amount of growth certain policies will create).

Most economists agree that America needs at least four trillion in deficit reduction to stabilize the national debt over the next decade. It is mathematically possible to create an "all cuts" deficit reduction package. But many who promote deficit reduction with just cuts and no tax increases do not understand, or simply ignore, the human cost of their decisions. By 2015, roughly half of all spending will come from the main drivers of the debt: Social

Security, Medicare and Medicaid, the programs that provide for elderly, sick and poor Americans. Any major deficit reduction must come from reforms in these three programs. Changing how health care is delivered in America could reform Medicare and Medicaid without having seniors pay more, but these reforms are complex and politically difficult. As a result, almost all current deficit plans will force elderly, poor and sick Americans to pay more for these programs and receive less in benefits. It is not a question of "if?" but "how much?"

As political leaders contemplate the structure of deficit reduction, one trend cannot be ignored: the rising growth of income inequality in America. A recent report issued by the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) highlighted the disturbing increase in inequality for after-tax income growth between 1979 and 2007 (adjusted for inflation). The CBO found that the incomes of the wealthiest one percent of the population grew by 275 percent. The income of Americans in the wealthiest two to 20 percent grew by 65 percent. The income of Americans in the middle 21 to 80 percent bracket grew by 40 percent, and the income of Americans in the bottom 20 percent of income earners only grew by 18 percent. During this time, the average tax rate for the highest 20 percent of wage earners declined from 27.5 to

25.1 percent

At a time when the richest Americans have seen unmatched income growth, it is common sense that they should help soften the financial hit that the elderly, sick and poor Americans will take over coming decades. This is not a punishment of successful people or a call to end free enterprise, but simply part of a balanced plan to get America's fiscal house in order.

The best approach to increasing taxes on the rich would be to limit their tax expewnditures. Expenditures could be limited for the rich by taxing capital gains at ordinary income levels, limiting the tax exclusion for employer-sponsored health care benefits and limiting the deduction for mortgage interest. This method could raise revenue while allowing tax rates to stay the same (this is important because raising rates would discourage work).

However, the power of special interests in protecting favorable provisions in the tax code makes this type of tax reform unlikely. As a result, the simplest way to raise taxes on the rich would be to let the Bush Tax Cuts expire for the wealthiest two percent of Americans (individuals with income over \$200,000 and families with income over \$250,000). This would increase the two highest marginal tax brackets, currently at 33 and 35 percent, to 36 and 39.6 percent, respectively, increasing revenue by roughly

700 billion over a decade.

Many Republicans argue that letting taxes rise on these Americans would hurt small business owners (people who own businesses that file their business earnings as income taxes). While this claim has been used very effectively politically, it is wildly exaggerated. A report from the non-partisan Tax Policy Center projected that in 2011, 774,000 out of 36 million taxpayers who report business income would see a tax increase if the Bush tax cuts expired for the two highest marginal income tax brackets. This means that ending the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans would only affect two percent of small business owners.

I am always very hesitant to embrace the language of "us versus them," "American versus anti-Americans" or "one percent versus the 99 percent" because divisive language will never be able to unite Americans together to face the major fiscal challenges that lie ahead. So yes, let's raise taxes on the rich, but only as a part of a "shared sacrifice" where everyone does their part. In the end, America rises and falls as one.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Lenten proposal

A great number of people in past years have been concerned about Notre Dame's policy of not serving meat in the dining halls on Fridays during Lent. However, neither side of the argument ever addresses the fact that the dining halls are not doing enough to support the Lenten season.

Everyone knows the meaning of Lent centers around giving up the most unhealthy food one currently consumes in order to become closer to Jesus' experience leading up to his crucifixion and eventual resurrection. Yet each year as Lent rolls around, the dining halls only take away meat, and only on Fridays. How are Notre Dame students supposed to succeed in their Lenten promises if they are constantly faced with temptation? What are they to think of a Catholic institution that would ignore such a cornerstone of Lenten experience and expression? The only solution is for Notre Dame

Food Services to stop serving anything unhealthy during Lent. The major food groups of sweets, desserts, frozen yogurt and bread should not be available anywhere on campus. The dining halls and cafes should only offer fruit, vegetables and a few other options. Subway should eliminate meat, bread and cheese and Sbarro should be shut down permanently.

This is a chance for Notre Dame to make up for all its past mistakes. This is a chance to right a wrong that has been crippling Notre Dame's potential. By eliminating every food-related temptation during Lent, the students of Notre Dame will finally be able to fulfill their promises. Plus, spring break is coming soon.

Cate Ryan senior Pasquerilla West Feb. 22

Day of Man

Dear Notre Dame community,

Thank you for making this year's Day of Man such a success. With your efforts, we were able to raise about 5,000 dollars for the South Bend Center for the Homeless this year.

Your donations really showed solidarity with the homeless and we all thank you for your generous contributions. The point of this fund-raiser was to raise awareness about how the homeless struggle through the harsh winters with not much shelter and protection. Your donations are going directly to fighting this problem.

Although the Day itself is over, donations will still be accepted throughout the month of February. Checks can be sent to Fr. John Conley C.S.C. at 100 Siegfried Hall, or directly to the South Bend Center for the Homeless at: Development Center for the Homeless, 813 S. Michigan St., South Bend, IN 46601. Once again Notre Dame, thank you for making this year's Day of Man so successful.

Johnny Dang sophomore Siegfried Hall Feb. 22

Leprechaun Legion

I want to applaud the article, "Legion Expands to Unify Irish Fans at Sporting Events," (Feb. 20) written by Drew Pangraze in Monday's issue. As a dedicated fan of all Irish athletic teams, I have seen a number of positive changes surrounding our teams directly supported by the Leprechaun Legion. From basketball and hockey to soccer and volleyball, the Legion has taken the lead in unifying our student body in support of our entire athletic family and produced amazing results. No one can deny the wonderful job the Legion does with men's basketball as our team consistently ranks among the national leaders in home winning percentage.

Arguably one of the most memorable events of my years at Notre Dame took place during our upset victory over then-No. 1 Syracuse, and I thank our now nationally ranked men's basketball team and the Legion for making that special day possible. The Legion's creativity and unyielding passion for supporting Irish athletics has helped take our athletic program to new heights, and it will only continue to grow with their new social media outreach initiative and expansion into other sports.

The Legion's record demonstrates its willingness to serve the students of Notre Dame, and I believe that we, in turn, should help expedite the process for their inclusion in all Irish athletics. As we all know, no student athletic organization at Notre Dame is complete without a presence at football games, and dialogue with The Shirt Committee is exactly what the Legion needs.

In a viewpoint published on Jan. 24, President Andrew Alea of The Shirt Committee claimed, "The Shirt Project today remains true to its initial mission of being created by students, for students and supported by thousands of Notre Dame fans around the world." With the Legion quickly emerging as the leading authority of the Notre Dame student section, including it in the design and mission of The Shirt appears to be an ideal solution for allowing this accomplished group to bring its talents to Notre Dame Stadium, as well as spreading its name and influence across Irish Nation.

The Leprechaun Legion and The Shirt expound the similar goal of unifying the Notre Dame student section, so why not unite these groups for the common good of all Our Lady's students? Why not give the Legion an opportunity to do what it does best — help us win? I'm not saying The Shirt is flawed, but winning talks at this University, and no one can deny that the Legion wins, consistently. I have no doubt that if the Legion is allowed a greater presence at Notre Dame Stadium, with support from The Shirt, we will usher in an exciting new the unity and dedication of our student athletes and unwavering support of our student body.

Including the Legion in football would allow us to focus on more pressing issues than how many times we play "Crazy Train" on third down. Personally, I'm thinking about making room for a crystal football in Coach Kelly's office.

Joe Peluso junior Morrissey Manor Feb. 22

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By COURTNEY ECKERLE

Scene Writer

"It's no problem — I'm just sitting here, learning some songs on the guitar," Indie-folk crooner Matt Costa said when I called him Tuesday afternoon.

"I can't give away my secrets," he quipped before admitting he's messing around with "just some bossa nova stuff," referencing a Brazilian style of music. "Stuff you always hear and you're like, 'Someday, I'm going to learn that,' and today was that day."

Gearing up to record a new album, Costa will be gracing the Legends stage this Saturday night at 10 p.m. When I asked him why he would leave sunny Southern California in the middle of winter to come to Indiana, he responded in true rocker fashion.

"The thing is, when I first heard about it I thought I was going to Paris and agreed to it. And they're like, 'No, you're going to Notre Dame, the school,' and I was like, 'Aw, man' — No, I'm just kidding. Notre Dame is a nice excuse to go play some songs, you know?"

Costa is an inadvertent fan but a fan nonetheless of Notre Dame (the school) because of some childhood confusion on his part between a school in his hometown of Huntington Beach, Calif., called "Mater Dei" and Notre Dame. In his defense, the two school's logos are very similar—an 'M' instead of the Notre Dame 'N' ensnares the 'D.'

"When I was a kid it was the first place when I wanted to go to school," Costa said. "I don't know why I became a fan of Notre Dame ... There's a school right by called Mater Dei. I confused the two I think, but I ended up getting the Fighting Irish hat, and ever since then I've been a fan, and that's true."

Currently gearing up to record a new album, Costa claims it will be different from the last one.

"The last record [Mobile Chateau] was more of an experiment, trying out a lot of sounds that I heard for a long time. I just wanted to immerse myself in my songs and in that world for a little while, doing more of sort of a 60's sound ... some psychedelic, not crazy psychedelic, but like Beach Boys and Zombies."

Costa has lots of ideas for the new album, but isn't sure what type of inspiration will strike when he actually sits down in the studio.

"Some of the songs will be more complete stories and probably folkier, with more elaborate arrangements and ... prettier, maybe," he said. "But I don't even know — I'm about to go and do it pretty soon, so who knows once you get in there."

Recently Costa has been drawing from an unlikely muse in classical music: "I've been listening to a lot of different symphonies and composers and things like that. If I can convince my label to try to arrange an orchestra, then I would try to do

that. They're like, 'Can't you do that on GarageBand?'"

Legends will be an intimate venue for Costa, who has toured with acts like Jack Johnson (he is on Johnson's label, Brushfire Records), Oasis and Modest Mouse. Costa said the craziest venue he's played at was Hyde Park in front of 50,000 people with Johnson.

"If 50,000 people wanted to come see me everywhere, I wouldn't contest to that, but I just like playing music, so any opportunity to play songs and see other musicians," he said. "You know, that's kind of the best thing about those big shows, I've gotten to play with people that I look up to a lot ... That's kind of the coolest thing of doing those tours is seeing those guys play every night and seeing them work in the background. You learn a lot from that sort of thing."

Costa has been touring for "eight or nine years," and that has to get tiring, right?

"I feel like a veteran in some ways," he said, "because you feel like you have to roll with the punches in the sense that sometimes you have to eat beef jerky and peanuts when you're at a road house. But I still feel like every tour is fresh because there [are] always new thoughts coming in the brain as far as inspiration. I always feel like I have something new to share with whoever. It's exciting. It's more like a conversation — 'Oh, check this out,' [and] bouncing that off of each other."

Music stemmed from his first love, skateboarding, which he started around the same time he discovered guitar. His friends played an instrumental role in the development of both passions.

"I started skateboarding and playing guitar when I was twelve," he said. "I'd see my friends after school skating in the parking lot. Eventually somehow or another I came up to them and ended up chasing their skateboards around when they messed up on a trick and tried to ride it. Eventually, I saved up a bunch of lunch money and I bought a skateboard.

"Then when I went to those kid's houses, I realized they all had guitars too. Then it was the kind of thing where they'd put down the guitar and I'd play it and learn some Nirvana songs or whatever, and then I kind of continued down that path and started doing both those things."

But a decade ago, the choice between hobby and profession was made for him. Costa was on track to become a pro skateboarder when he injured himself. While laid up for a year recovering, he started writing songs.

"When I was 18 — I had sold my guitar actually. I traded it for a pair of shoes and a skateboard — I was skating heavily and I broke my leg. Then I think [about] two months before I broke my leg, I got a new acoustic guitar ... So I finally got

an acoustic guitar just in time for a whole year laid up in bed, in pretty much a full leg cast. I started writing songs. A friend had lent me a 4-track recorder."

It was the first time Costa felt confident in his skills, he said.

"I could hear myself back and start laying things back on top of it, and all of a sudden it made sense ... It sounded good instead of just bouncing my voice off a guitar and a wall," he said. "For me, that's how it all started. Then I met a bunch of people who helped me out along the way.

"It's in the simple," Costa said of good music. "The good thing about music is ... you could spend a lot of time writing a great story and put the simplest chords behind it. Or you can do the opposite. You can say one line and put a bunch of music behind it, and all of a sudden you're taken someplace equally as good."

Now instead of trading guitars for skateboards, Costa surrounds himself with them.

"I've got so many guitars around my house, closets and outside and on the ceiling — for real, I've got one hanging off of the ceiling."

As for what he does when he doesn't have a guitar in his hand, Costa said he has been culturing himself.

"Tve been working on my Spanish recently, traveling around. I like to read, I like to go into nature and taking walks."

Costa added that another source of inspiration is his other, less dangerous hobby: eavesdropping.

"I like to drive around and go to diners and hang out for a little while. See what I see; listen to other people's conversations."

You've been warned. Look out for Costa at Nick's Patio after the show on Saturday night and watch what you say. It might end up on his new album.

As for what to expect from Saturday's show, Costa said he likes to keep it simple.

"I'm just going to be coming there and playing songs, a mix up of everything that I've done so far," he said. "[I will] probably play some new songs that I've been working on for the record."

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Messi should move to EPL to be the best

In every sport there are plenty — those who go beyond athlete and venture into the status of worldwide celebrity.

Their aura escapes through the gates of the arenas and floods into the city that sur rounds



Andrew Gastelum

We see Sports Writer the Tom Bradys,

the LeBrons, the Derek Jeters and know they represent much more than just the sport they play with their celebrity superstardom.

One defies the odds in sports today.

He stands at 5'6" and weighs in at 150 pounds, perfect for a gymnast or maybe even a

But Lionel Messi plays the world's game for the world's people, defying the odds every step of the way.

Rather than being an athletic specimen since birth, Messi struggled with a growth hormone disorder which almost shelved his extraordinary career before it even started.

Rather than signing a multimillion dollar signing bonus, Messi signed his contract with FC Barcelona on an extra napkin in a grungy bar.

Rather than appearing like the others on the covers of GQ and Sports Illustrated, Messi $\,$ conquers the cover of Time Magazine because he is that

kind of a story. He transcends the celebrity athlete simply by being the underdog, the little guy who made it big. He is more than the usual unblemished, celebrity face of the sport. He is the

The striker averages an astonishing 0.71 goals per game in his career, in a game where one goal by both teams means

The same guy who wasn't supposed to even play professional soccer has made 18 additions to the Barcelona trophy case, including five La Liga titles and three Champions League championships.

Last season, Messi scored nore goals than any La Liga player with 53 and looks to break the record again this year, as he already scored 42 with over 20 games remaining.

And the world's best player has done all this by 24, an age at which most players are barely hitting their prime.

But Messi is not the greatest of all time yet. He must do two things to become the best: one radical, one plausible.

First, the striker must improve on the international stage and win a World Cup. In the 2010 World Cup, Messi didn't score a goal.

And now for the shocker. For Messi to truly surpass Pelé, he needs to make the transfer to the English Premier League (EPL). By season's end, he will add a few more trophies to his legacy and be Barca's all-time leading scorer. What more can he do in La Liga? There are only a few games per year that matter in that league and they all consist of Barcelona vs. Real Madrid; the rest of La Liga would have trouble even making it in the EPL.

Right now, Messi is what makes Barcelona the powerhouse it is. If Messi were truly the best, he would continue scoring at this record pace in any league, including the more physical Premier League where the world's best competition resides.

With Manchester City, United, Tottenham, Arsenal, Chelsea and Liverpool all registering as five-star squads, Messi would play the best defenses in the world (outside of Real Madrid, Barcelona and AC Milan) every week instead of Bilbao and Levante.

And with the fanaticism that puts all American sports to shame, England is the best place for the world's best. The Barcelona star has at least four years left in his prime, and with rumors of Ronaldo returning to the UK, Messi needs to make the move before he is all that is left in La Liga.

It seems sacrilegious to even think about pulling him from the Barca stripes, but

imagine the competition.
Don't worry, all the Barcelona fans will follow, because all the Barca jerseys you see are because of him.

Go to a five-star EPL team and become the best Leo, just stay away from City, Tottenham, Liverpool, Arsenal and

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PGA

Woods, Els move on in WGC

Associated Press

MARANA, Ariz. — Luke Donald won't be playing the 18th hole at Dove Mountain this year, either.

Donald, so dominant in winning the Match Play Championship last year that he closed out every match before the 18th hole, became only the third No. 1 seed to lose in the opening round Wednesday in another predictably crazy day on Dove

Ernie Els, who only got into the 64-man field when Phil Mickelson took his family on a ski vacation, delivered the biggest shocker in the first round with a 5-and-4 victory.

"I don't think it would have mattered who I played today. I just didn't play well," Donald said. "I struggled. I gave away too many holes and made too many mistakes. You can't do that in match play against anyone, let alone Ernie.

Tiger Woods nearly found that out against Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano.

Woods had to play left-handed in one of his three journeys into the desert. He trailed the Spaniard with four holes to play, and both of them looked beatable. That changed when Woods drove the par-5 15th green to win with a two-putt birdie, won the 16th with a par and then closed out the Spaniard with an 8-foot par putt for a 1-up

"We both made our share of mistakes, there's no doubt about that," said Woods. "But somehow, I was able to move

That was the only objective in this World Golf Championship, a single-elimination format in which the only proper use of the word "upset" is the mood of the 32 guys who are headed home.

Among them:

U.S. Open champion Rory McIlroy won four straight holes on the back nine to seize control against George Coetzee. He was 2 up with two holes to play. Lee Westwood never trailed in his 3-and-1 win over Nicolas Colsaerts of Belgium. The test for Westwood comes on Thursday against Robert Karlsson, when he tries to advance to the third round for the first time. Martin Kaymer easily dispatched Greg Chalmers, while Steve Stricker outlasted

McIlroy and Westwood now ald at No. 1 in the world with a win this week.

Donald will head home to Florida to shake off a poor



Tiger Woods chips during his first-round match at the Match Play Championships on Wednesday in Arizona.

start to his season.

A year after becoming the first player to win money titles on the PGA and European tours, he was not a factor at Abu Dhabi or Riviera, and this the first time he's had three straight events out of the top 30 since August 2009.

"I'm not sure where to start," Donald said. "I just didn't play very well. It's disappointing. I've been working really hard. To lose control of the golf ball like I did today is really frustrating, but I believe the hard work will start paying off soon."

Fernandez-Castano got some attention this week for saying Woods was "beatable" and not at his best. "He's beatable, too," Woods replied, and the way they played, both were right.

Woods lost the opening two holes and looked as though he might fall 3 down until making a 10-foot par save. Woods won three of the next five holes, one of them with a 50-foot birdie putt, and that's when the match became a case of give-and-take.

Woods was on the verge of going 2 up until he three-putted the ninth and Fernandez-Castano got up-and-down for bogey Three holes later, Woods had to make a par to avoid falling 2 down.

He wasn't wild all the time,

but it cost him when he was — a left-handed shot out of the desert on No. 2, too much club that sent him over the 11th green and into the desert. But he settled down right about the time the Spaniard began to struggle with the putter, missing putts inside 10 feet on the 15th and 16th holes that enabled Woods to take the lead.

"I think if there was one day to beat Tiger Woods, this was Fernandez-Castano said. "I didn't take the opportunity. I missed a few shots. And of course, you can't miss spots if you want to beat one of the greatest in history.'

Next up for Woods is Nick Watney, who had little trouble disposing of British Open champion Darren Clarke. Woods has not made it out of the second round the last two times he has played.

Els moves on to play Anders Hansen, who beat K.T. Kim, 5 and 3. The Big Easy is in dire need of ranking points as he tries to get into the next World Golf Championship at Doral in two weeks, and tries to get into the top 50 by the end of March to avoid missing the Masters for the first time in nearly 20 years.

He managed to escape Dove Mountain without talking about his big win.

In 1992, the sixteenth

Albertsville, France.

Olympic games were held in

On This Day in Music History

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On This Day in History

In 1821, the English poet John Keats

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In 1952, guitarist Brad Whitford of

In 1963, outfielder Fleetwood Mac was awarded the Grammy for album of the year. Bobby Bonilla was born.

Paape

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Carnevale's shoulder, the fighting continued, with Paape controlling the match until the end of the round.

The third round was consistent with the other two rounds. Paape was in charge the whole time and Carnevale had a limited use of his right arm. The round finished with the unanimous victory going to Paape

Chris "Stubbs" Sarkis def. Evan "Heavy Duty" Escobedo

The fight started with both boxers coming out aggressively, exchanging blows. Junior Chris Sarkis seemed to be gaining the upper hand, but with a strong punch, freshman Evan Escobebo brought him to a knee briefly.

The second round began with Sarkis gaining the advantage, forcing Escobedo on the move for the first part of the round. Sarkis then got Escobedo against the ropes but Escobedo fought out of it with some strong jabs, ending the round well.

Sarkis started the third round by forcing Escobedo up against the ropes twice with a storm of swings, but Escobedo fought them off with a few good combos. Toward the end of the round, Sarkis gave Escobedo a bloody nose with a right jab. From there until the end of the fight, Sarkis was in control, earning him the unanimous decision.

Bart "The Guv'nor" Dear def. Ricky "Scooter" Neville

Senior Bart Dear outlasted junior Ricky Neville in one of the closest fights of the night. Neville

by February 26

controlled the early round of the fight with quickness despite being pushed to the ropes.

In the second round, Dear continued to push Neville against the ropes, but Neville continued to slip away and counter.

In the final round, however, Dear started to land better punches as Neville started to tire out.

The solid third round was enough to earn the split decision for Dear.

Brian "Caesar" Salat def. David Fosselman

Junior Brian Salat capitalized on his versatility, making adjustments throughout the match to beat senior David Fosselman. In the first round, both fighters traded punches. Fosselman started off well with high activity and precise shots.

Salat responded by coming out in the second round with more aggression. Salat broke down Fosselman's guard by working the body.

Fosselman tried to swing momentum back in his direction by increasing his aggression in the third round, but Salat finished off the fight by using his reach to win the exchanges.

Salat earned the unanimous victory.

Heavyweight

John Rompf def. Sean "Too Tall" Lischke

The first round demonstrated a contrast of styles as senior Sean Lischke had a lot of energy, while law student John Rompf preferred taking calculated shots when Lischke let his defenses down. Rompf landed a string of strikes and ended the round well with a strong right jab.

Rompf continued the second

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round with the same strategy as he had in the first. He did not have much movement but made his hits count. Partway through the round Lischke landed a series of punches, but seemed to tire as the round came to an end.

In the third round, Lischke backed Rompf up twice against the ropes, but Rompf jabbed his way out of it quickly. Then with a powerful right jab Rompf, continued to be in control. Rompf won in a split decision vote.

Daniel Yi def. Mike Voge

Coming out aggressively, sophomore Daniel Yi gained the advantage and did not let it go. He was on the offensive much of the time, landing numerous blows. At the end of the round, Yi almost knocked freshman Mike Voge over with a right hook.

The second round looked much the same as the first round, with Voge on defense much of the time.

Early in the third round, Yi threw a strong string of punches, dazing Voge. The ref had to count Voge back in, and shortly after, Yi brought blood to Voge's nose with a right jab. Yi ended the fight with a right hook, causing Voge to stumble. At this point the ref stopped the contest, giving the victory to Yi.

Nate "Catdome" Arnold def. Rob "The Professor" McKenna

Law student Nate Arnold showed off his strength in a convincing victory against sophomore Rob McKenna. Arnold used an unusual combination of overwhelming power and quick hits to end the match early.

In the first round, despite a good guard from McKenna, Arnold's strength pushed McKenna back. Arnold also landed a devastating



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Freshman Kevin Katalinic, right, delivers a shot to freshman John Garvin in the quarterfinals. Garvin took the unanimous decision.

right hook that showed good accuracy.

Then in the second round, Arnold finished off the match with a high energy level. Arnold's constant activity left McKenna with little opportunity to respond. Arnold's dominance forced the referee to stop the contest in the second round despite McKenna's will to continue.

Brrian Ellixson def. Tony "Happy Puppy, Bulging Biceps" Jones

In the last fight of the night, law student Brian Ellixson out matched freshman Tony Jones with strength and technique. Ellixson kept up a high-energy rate that did not allow Jones any time to respond.

Ellixson started the fight with aggressiveness that forced Jones to back away, but good footwork

allowed Ellixson to still land a few punches.

few punches.
Ellixson began the second round with quick combinations that forced the referee to pause the fight. After the pause, Jones used precision to counter Ellixson's aggressiveness.

In the third round, Ellixson overwhelmed Jones by pressuring him into the corners. Ellixson's quick punches made it difficult for Jones to escape the corner. The referee stopped the contest in the third round to advance Ellixson into the final round.

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NBA

Lakers beat Mavs 96-91 as season hits midpoint

Associated Press

DALLAS — Andrew Bynum had 19 points and 14 rebounds as the Los Angeles Lakers hit the halfway point of their season with a 96-91 victory over the defending NBA champion Dallas Mavericks on Wednesday night

Bynum had a huge smile on his face when he grabbed a rebound of his own miss and was fouled trying to go back up with 5:29 left. He made both free throws to break an 82-all tie and finally put the Lakers (20-13) ahead to stay after 13 ties and 10 lead changes.

Pau Gasol had 24 points for the Lakers, while Kobe Bryant and Derek Fisher each had 15.

Dirk Nowitzki had 25 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Mavericks (21-13), who played their final game before the All-Star break. Vince Carter had 20.

After the Mavericks failed to take advantage of a turnover by Bryant when Jason Terry gave it right back, Bynum was underneath the basket with the ball. But he instead passed it to Fisher in the left corner for a 3-pointer. Bynum was smiling broadly when he ran and hugged Fisher when Dallas called timeout.

Fisher's driving short jumper with 3:41 left ended a 9-0 run that made it 89-82. The Lakers held on despite missing six consecutive free throws after that.

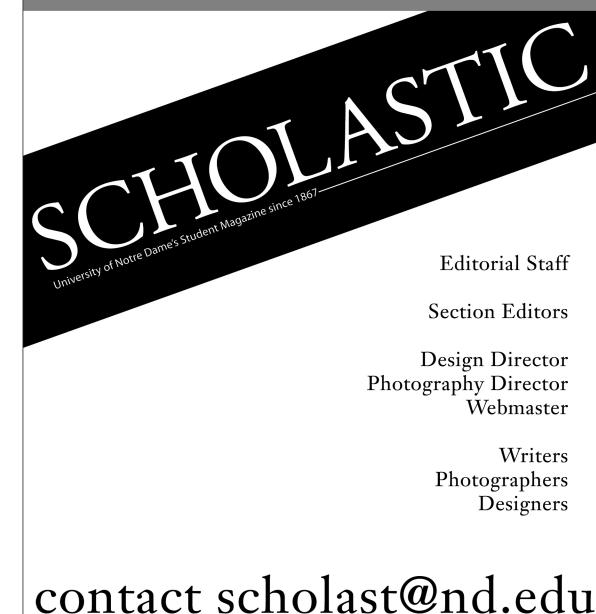
Bryant missed two free throws with 37 seconds left. After Nowitzki's tip-in got the Mavericks within 93-91, Gasol was fouled and missed both of his free throws with 20 seconds left.

But Matt Barnes grabbed the rebound and was quickly fouled. He ended the Lakers' charityline slump with two free throws.

Bynum had one more big play in that closing streak, with an alley-oop dunk from Bryant with 1:05 left for a 93-86 lead.

The Lakers have one more game before the All-Star break, on Thursday night at Oklahoma City.

Lamar Odom missed the game for the Mavericks against his former team. Odom was the NBA's Sixth Man of the Year for the Lakers last season and won three NBA championship rings in seven years in Los Angeles.



Joe

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punches.

Neither fighter showed any signs of fatigue in the third round, as they attacked each other with a series of wild punches. Joe landed a demonstrative right hook to Cooley's head, knocking him into the ropes with mere seconds left in the fight. Joe won the fight by unanimous decision.

Ryan "Dirty" Alberdi def. Zach "Dallas" Harris

In a bout of juniors, Ryan Alberdi defeated Zach Harris in one of the few fights stopped before the third round. Alberdi started the fight with great precision as he broke down Harris' guard, using his reach to get around the block and opening Harris up for straight punches.

In the second round, Alberdi kept up his momentum, working on Harris' body and opening him up once again. After Alberdi landed multiple combinations, the referee stopped the contest handing Alberdi the victory in the second round.

Jeff "Little Bear" Ulrich def. Luke "Cool Hand Luke" Murphy

Junior captain Jeff Ulrich used methodical quickness to trump sophomore Luke Murphy.

Throughout the match Ulrich used his quickness to dodge Murphy's punches and move into counter.

In the first round, Ulrich's strategy was successful as he could easily set up for the counters. The second round continued to see Ulrich dance around the ring and start to land bigger punches.

The third round almost saw a momentum shift as Ulrich slipped in the ring and seemed to limp after the fall. But Ulrich made up for limited mobility with more precise hits, earning him the victory by unanimous decision.

180 lbs.

Joe "Send in the Troll" Garrity def. Eric "P-Rex" Palutsis

Senior Joe Garrity controlled the pace of the fight in the first round, getting in the first punches and moving freshman Eric Palutsis around the ring. Palutsis responded with a series of quick jabs, but Garrity mixed in several punches and forced Palutsis toward the ropes.

Garrity continued to impose his will in the second round, using a flurry of low body shots and an intense right hook to Palutsis' head to force the freshman against the ropes twice during the round.

Palutsis displayed a strong performance in the final round, as the lanky lefty threw in a series of low body shots and hooks to stop Garrity in his tracks. His efforts were not enough to overcome Garrity's early performance though, as Garrity won the fight by unanimous decision.

Connor "The Skellator" Skelly def. Steve "Kraska, Steve" Kraska

Senior captain Connor Skelly started off the fight on the attack, landing several upper body shots on junior Steve Kraska. When Skelly attempted to land a high jab, however, Kraska countered with a right hook to Skelly's head, knocking Skelly to the ground.

Both fighters put in impressive showings during an evenly contested second round. Skelly started the round by landing numerous headshots, but Kraska recovered to pin Skelly against the ropes at one point.

Skelly took definitive control of the match in the final round, unleashing an aggressive attack that Kraska could not counter. Skelly continued to attack high and landed a few headshots, despite Kraska's efforts to evade Skelly's punches.

As a result of his continuous aggression, Skelly took the fight by unanimous decision.

Brian "Not Chris" Salvi def. Dan "Beardo" Winnike

Law student Brian Salvi earned the early victory against sophomore Dan Winnike with strong technique.

Salvi opened the fight by landing strong punches that overwhelmed Winnike's defense, but his long windup also left him open to Winnike's counters when Salvi missed his mark.

Salvi's aggressiveness in the second round helped push Winnike into the corners and let Salvi unleash powerful hooks. Late in the round, Salvi landed a combination that caused Winnike to fall.

In the third round, Winnike tried to come back but Salvi was opportunistic, choosing key moments to counter strongly. After one such precise counter, the referee stopped the fight to give Salvi the victory.

Nick "The Lancaster Disaster" Grasberger def. Hank "The Tank" Duden

In a slow, strategic match, senior Nick Grasberger outmatched sophomore Hank Duden in close spaces to earn the victory.

The first round featured both fighters trading blows, with Grasberger getting the better of the exchanges late in the round. Grasberger showed off his quick punches in the second round while the two fought in tight quarters.

In the third, Duden started to become more aggressive and attack Grasberger's body. But Grasberger keyed in on his lack of defense and landed more head blows. Grasberger earned a trip to the semifinals after a unanimous decision.

188 lbs.

Adrian "Yo Adrian" Moreno def. Tim Crowley

In this battle of seniors, both boxers came out swinging, attacking each other with a wild series of punches to open the first round. Tim Crowley used a strong left hook to drive Adrian Moreno toward the ropes, but Moreno managed to land a few upper body shots on Crowley.

The second round saw both fighters display moments of dominance. Crowley came out with aggression and landed several high jabs that drove Moreno into the ropes. Moreno, however, responded with a strong recovery, driving Crowley back to the center of the ring and landing a hard punch to Crowley's mouth.

Moreno took control in the final round, using his height advantage to move Crowley against the ropes. Crowley landed a few shots to Moreno's head, but Moreno countered with a strong series of low body shots.

This strong final round helped Moreno win the match by unanimous decision.

Chris "Not Brian" Salvi def. Carl Ianiro

In the first round, senior Chris Salvi came out swinging, gaining the upper hand quickly and putting sophomore Carl Ianiro on defense much of the time. Ianiro was only able to land a few solid punches in the opening round.

The second round was not much different than the first, except for Salvi's intensity. Halfway through the round with a strong



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Junior Casey Allare, right, punches freshman Eric Tommarello on Wednesday in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Allare earned the win in a unanimous decision.

right hook, Salvi knocked Ianiro to the mat. At this point, the referee called the match, awarding the victory to Salvi.

Frank "The Tank" Conway def. John Mapelli

Sophomore Frank Conway defeated sophomore John Mapelli with quickness and intensity.

Conway started the fight with a high work rate and moved Mapelli into the corners.

In the second round, Conway kept up the same energy, trying to break down Mapelli's defense with accurate punches.

Mapelli responded better in the third round, starting to use his length and jab to keep Conway away. Mapelli finished the match strong after the change in strategy, but it was not enough as Conway still earned the unanimous decision.

Brian Tower def. Matt Enzweiler

In a tight fight between two aggressive fighters, senior Brian Tower earned the victory against junior Matt Enzweiler. In the early round, Tower was successful by pushing forward and keeping Enzweiler on the ropes.

As the fighters became more comfortable, the match was decided as both fighters encroached on each other's space. In the second round, Enzweiler seemed to be the better of the two in close spaces. But in the last round, Tower improved in the short ranges and landed cleaner hits.

Tower narrowly snatched the victory in a split decision.

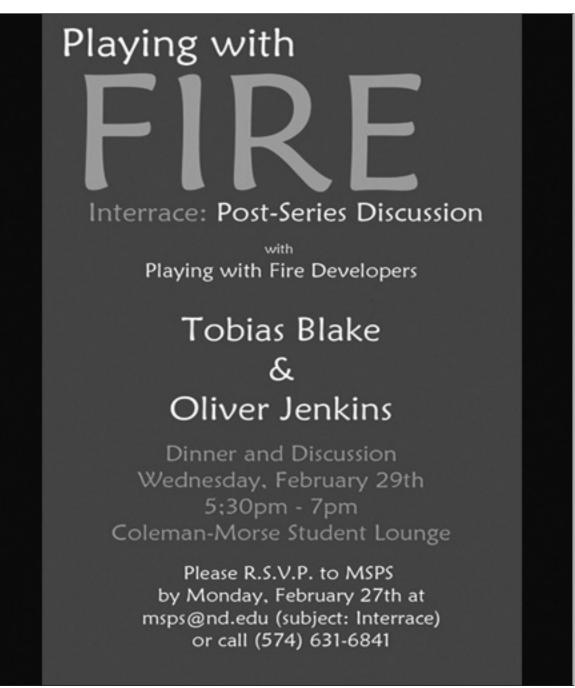
204 lbs

Reid "The Captain" Paape def. Tom "Son of Ted" Carnevale

The first round started off with junior Reid Paape on the offensive. Partially through the round, senior Tom Carnevale dislocated his right shoulder and the medical staff on hand had to pop it back into place. Despite the injury, Carnevale continued and finished off the first round.

Carnevale's shoulder injury put him on the defensive. He used his right arm sparingly and tried to avoid the flurry of Paape's punches. Carnevale tried to throw a punch with his right arm when a gap opened up, but his shoulder again separated. After another break to reset

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Somers

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ropes.

In a very evenly-fought fight, Somers won in a split decision.

Garrity "Biscuit" McOsker def. Josh Whelan

The freshman Somers came out firing on all cylinders in a wild first round, using his longer reach to force the senior Dupont into the ropes. Dupont countered with a strong display of his own, using numerous high jabs to force Somers into the corner.

Dupont looked to take control early in the second round, pummeling Somers with an array of high body shots. Somers kept up his aggressiveness to recover, swinging wildly at Dupont and landing a few headshots.

The final round saw both boxers go at each other in a highenergy battle. Dupont landed a powerful shot to Somers's head and engaged him in an intense sequence of jabs along the ropes.

In a very evenly-fought fight, Somers won in a split decision.

Joel "Hashtag" Hlavaty def. Andrew "Fess the Mess" Fessler

The sophomore Hlavaty began the fight with a strong effort, driving the senior Fessler toward the ropes in a matter of seconds. Fessler responded with a quick recovery, striking Hlavaty with an intense upper body shot and moving him into the corner late in the round.

Hlavaty attacked Fessler with

a flurry of headshots early in the second round, forcing him onto the ropes at one point. Fessler nearly knocked Hlavaty to the ground with a quick jab, but Hlavaty returned to mix with a few more upper body shots as well as a right hook to Fessler's head.

The final round saw both fighters land punches at different points. Fessler went on the attack to begin the round and connected on some lower body shots, but Hlavaty displayed success in attacking with multiple headshots.

With power and determination, Hlavaty won the fight by unanimous decision.

158 lbs.

Greg Cunningham def. Mark Felder

In a tight contest, senior Greg Cunningham did enough in the big moments to defeat graduate student Mark Felder. The first round started off slow with neither boxer landing a solid hit. Late in the round though, Cunningham finally landed a series of punches that pushed Felder to the ropes.

The second round was a continuation of the early first round with both exchanging punches. Felder finally broke through with a strong punch that opened Cunningham's guard.

The third was another even match until Cunningham landed a couple of combinations to seal the win. Cunningham earned the close victory in a split decision.

Joey Kim def. Nick "El Toro" Yulan



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Sophomore Dan Greiss, left, absorbs a hit from senior Chris LaCosta on Wednesday. Greiss defeated LaCosta in a split decision in the quarterfinal bout.

Sophomore Nick Yulan came close to stealing the match, but a big third round was not enough to defeat junior Joey Kim.

In the first, Kim used his length to keep Yulan away from his body. Kim continued to use his jab in the second to push Yulan back, jumping on Yulan as he backed away.

In the final round, Yulan responded in a big way. Kim left down his guard and Yulan capitalized with a series of quick jabs. Yulan started to duck under the jab and close the distance, which left Kim unprepared. Yulan dominated the third and Kim left almost dazed.

But the third round did not offset Kim's success in the first two as Kim won in a split decision.

Sean "Dark Side of the Moon" Mullen def. Peter "Ye Ye" Teneriello

In a bout between two seniors, neither boxer was able to establish control early on, as the first round saw few punches hit their targets. Mullen went on the attack for much of the first round but was unable to capitalize with any major blows.

The second round saw an impressive display of sparring in which both fighters landed some powerful punches. Mullen began the round by throwing a few headshots, but Teneriello countered with a headshot that briefly knocked Mullen to the ground.

Both fighters showed little sign of slowing down in the final round, but Mullen came out to take the advantage. After taking a few initial shots from Teneriello, Mullen went on the attack, landing a variety of headshots to keep Teneriello on his heads

For his final round efforts, Mullen won the fight by unanimous decision.

Danny Leicht def. Tim "Timbow Slice" Kissling

In a matchup of Dillon Hall residents, the junior Leicht went on the attack for the majority of the first round, successfully landing powerful uppercuts on the senior Kissling to take control early.

Leicht picked up right where he left off in the second, throwing a hard upper body shot that left Kissling wobbling toward the corner. Leicht added a few more uppercuts to his attack and successfully forced Kissling into the corner, continuing to control the tempo of the match despite a height disadvantage.

Kissling made his response in an even final round, landing upper body shots and moving Leicht against the ropes at one point. His performance was not enough to overcome Leicht's strong two rounds though, and Leicht won by unanimous decision.

165 lbs.

Dan Griess def. Chris LaCosta

Both boxers displayed remarkably high energy levels in the first round, as they went after each other with several wild series of punches. Though both fighters landed several punches, senior Chris LaCosta dished out a few more successful shots in the first round.

The fighters continued their aggressiveness in the second round, with neither taking a clear-cut advantage. LaCosta began the round on the attack, landing a few headshots on sophomore Dan Griess, but Griess recovered by hitting LaCosta with a strong left hook and moving him against the ropes on one occasion.

With an intense two rounds concluded, the pace of the fight slowed considerably in the final round, as both boxers displayed signs of fatigue. Griess established his presence in an early attack, landing upper body shots on LaCosta.

In a close fight, Griess won by split decision.

Alex "El Gatito Loco" Oloriz def. Alex "Goodness" Grace

Despite being a few inches shorter than MBA student Alex Grace, junior Alex Oloriz established his presence in the first round, swinging wildly at Grace with a series of rapid shots. Oloriz targeted Grace's lower body with a flurry of punches, a strategy that would continue for much of the fight.

Grace came at Oloriz with a series of upper body shots to commence the second round, but was mostly unable to take control of the match. Oloriz moved Grace into the corner and added a few headshots to his numerous lower body punches.

Grace landed a right hook to Oloriz's head to begin the third round, but Oloriz countered by assailing Grace's lower body with a quick series of punches that Grace was unable to defend.

Oloriz won the bout by unanimous decision.

Inoh "Lights Out" Choe def. Murphy Lester

In a fight that saw both fighters and the referee fall, senior Inoh Choe persevered against sophomore Murphy Lester. Both sides started the fight with solid hits as each fighter was knocked down twice in the first round.

In the second round, Lester caught Choe as he let his guard

down. Late in the round, Choe responded by landing a big right hook that caused Lester to topple once again.

In the final round, Choe sealed the win by coming out with aggression and keeping Lester off balance. Lester was knocked down a final time, the referee called the fight in the third round giving Choe the victory.

Dallas Bunsa def. Steve "One Man" Wandor

Junior Dallas Bunsa earned the unanimous victory by matching his junior Steve Wandor's strategy.

Despite Wandor backing away from Bunsa's aggressive attack, Bunsa landed a few solid punches in the corners.

When Wandor came out aggressively, Bunsa responded with quick punches in the close spaces. Wandor tried to finish the fight with more intensity but Bunsa still was able to push Wandor into the ropes, earning himself the unanimous victory and a trip to the semifinals.

171 lbs.

Patrick Spittler def. Pat "The Hit Man" Bishop

The first round largely set the tone for the remainder of the fight, as it was an exhibition of strong defenses. Junior Pat Bishop went on the attack for the majority of the round, but senior Patrick Spittler largely fended off his jabs.

After playing the role of defender for the first round, Spittler came out swinging for the second round, mixing in a flurry of upper body shots. One headshot left Bishop with a bloody nose, which would persist for the remainder of the match.

Bishop made a strong lastgasp attempt in the final round, throwing the majority of punches in the round. Spittler continued his defensive prowess though, utilizing his speed to get away from Bishop's attempts. Spittler won the fight by unanimous decision.

Jake Joe def. Bryan Cooley

Neither boxer had much of an advantage in the first round, as they both were largely unable to land punches. Junior Jake Joe attempted to use his longer reach to land headshots, while freshman Bryan Cooley displayed quickness in evading several big punches.

Joe controlled both the offensive and defensive fronts in the second round though, throwing in high jabs and knocking Cooley onto the ropes. Cooley went on the attack at different points, but Joe fended off most of his



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no real outbursts, the final stanza was a different story. Seim came out on the attack and connected with punches to the head. Frego hung in there and managed to land some shots of his own, but Seim's aggression was enough to land him the win by unanimous decision.

142 lbs.

Nick "Bronco" Bortolotti def. Charles "Charlie" Lee

The bout got underway with quick punches from junior Charles Lee and senior Nick Bortolotti. With his quick and potent punches, Bortolotti knocked down Lee twice in quick succession. The first round ended with Bortolotti holding a clear advantage thanks to his strong combination of jabs and hooks.

Lee made an effort to start the second round strong, but Bortolotti continued his campaign and landed yet another knock down. The third knockout caused the referee to end the bout 45 seconds into the second round.

Bortolotti, who received a first round bye, will move on to the semifinals after the quick fight.

John "The Forgetful Housecat" Garvin def. Kevin "Kat Daddy" Katalinic

Sophomore John Garvin displayed his power and skill right at the bell by landing a flurry of punches on freshman Kevin Katalinic. After a series of strong punches, Garvin forced Katalinic into a corner, and the referee paused the contest. The round ended the way it started — with a strong performance from Garvin.

Katalinic began the second round better than the first by avoiding some of Garvin's punches and landing a few of his own. But the patient Garvin would wait for an opportunity and then land a jab on Katalinic. The round ended with Garvin connecting on both right and left hooks, taking advantage of Katalinic dropping his gloves below his head.

The tussles in the third round were similar to those in the first — combinations from both boxers in the middle of the ring. Katalinic gave a valiant effort through all three rounds, but Garvin's accuracy and power of his punches gave him the clear advantage.

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Nick Rowek def. Chris "Heavy Hands" Hinman

The opening round was fairly even as both boxers landed punches early on. Law student Hinman and junior Rowek then both showed the ability to block shots to the head before Rowek managed to land a few to close out the frame.

In the second round, the two fighters came out drilling each other in the head to start the stanza. Hinman then tried to gain the upper hand by going on the attack, but Rowek stood strong and landed some counters.

The final frame began in the same fashion as the previous one with the two boxers landing punch after punch. Rowek seemed to gain control of the fight using a combination of jabs and hooks and ultimately won by unanimous decision.

Will "The Thrill" Peterson def. Willie O'Laughlin

Sophomore Will Peterson, a defending champion, was in complete control in his first fight of the year after getting a first-round bye. He began by landing big shots to the head but senior Willie O'Laughlin hung in there and landed some punches of his

The two O'Neill residents came out in round two looking to gain the advantage. O'Laughlin increased his aggressiveness, but Peterson was content to wait for opportunities to counter. Peterson landed three straight combinations to the head, which seemed to swing the fight in his favor.

The final frame saw Peterson work O'Laughlin all around the ring. The senior emptied the tank and connected on some punches of his own. In the end, though, Peterson won by unanimous decision, advancing one more round in defense of his title.

148 lbs.

Kevin "The Commissioner" Ortenzio def. Alex Calderon

At the referee's whistle, the bout commenced with both junior Alex Calderon and senior captain Kevin Ortenzio entering the fray quickly. While Calderon held a slight advantage to begin the match, Ortenzio quickly gained it back by trapping Calderon against the ropes and landing mighty jabs. Ortenzio asserted himself quickly with his one-two jabs, but Calderon stayed in the frays, landing a few punches to Ortenzio.

Ortenzio displayed his stamina in the second round, not letting up on Calderon with a flurry of punches. Both boxers looked strong, but Ortenzio used his footwork to move Calderon around the ring.

The third started out evenly, but Ortenzio, who often dodged and then fired in return, connected on a few strong punches in a row, causing the referee to pause the round. After the pause both boxers traded blows at a furious pace, but in the end, with his quick, strong jabs, Ortenzio defeated Calderon in a unanimous decision.

Casey "Man Beast" Allare def. Eric "Squirrel" Tommarello

Junior Casey Allare initiated the fight with his left and right jabs, but freshman Eric Tommarello returned fire. The first round ended with Allare connecting on four strong jabs to Tommarello's head, giving Allare the slight edge after the

The second round began again with strong punches from the junior. Tommarello continued his efforts, but Allare's blows to the head of Tommarello put him on top after two rounds. Allare was patient in his attacks and was able to move Tommarello around the ring at will.

The final round was reminiscent of the first two, but while Tommarello showed his stamina, Allare stayed on top with potent punches. After a pause to take care of Tommarello's bloody nose, Tommarello came running out of the gate and connected on two strong punches. There was not enough time for a comeback though, and Allare prevailed in a unanimous decision.

Ryan "Ho-Cro Heart" Power def. Joe Brogan

The Fisher residents were evenly matched throughout the bout, with senior Ryan Power landing some punches to begin the round, but freshman Joe Brogan deployed strong counters.

The second was more of the same, with Power connecting with some left jabs and Brogan countering. Each fighter had spurts of furious punching, but neither could gain a definitive

Both boxers again came out aggressively to commence the final stanza. Brogan ducked and countered many of Power's best efforts. Brogan then snapped off some left jabs before connecting with a powerful right hook. Power, however, turned it around and managed to land some strong punches, which were enough to earn him the win by split decision.

Ben "Danger Zone" Eichler def. Tighe "One Tough Son of a" Beach

Sophomore Ben Eichler took control of the fight right from the beginning, landing multiple punches to the head just seconds into the bout.

Senior Tighe Beach tried to gain some momentum by going on the attack, but Eichler made him pay, as he landed a strong series of punches.

Eichler capped the fight with a hard left uppercut, which left Beach dazed and unable to continue. The referee ended the fight in the first round, giving Eichler the victory.

154 lbs.

Sunoh "What is This? I don't Even" Choe vs. Calvin Hemington

The bout between the sophomores from O'Neill Hall commenced with Sunoh Choe landing quick hooks on Hemington. While Hemington stayed in the fray, Choe continued to connect on blows. Near the end of the round, Hemington countered with a strong left hook, gaining back some ground.

Choe initiated the second round with potent jabs. Soon



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Senior Kevin Ortenzio, left, and junior Alex Calderon face off during Wednesday's quarterfinals. Ortenzio won the match.

Hemington had moved Choe into a corner, but Choe countered with a continuous onslaught of right and left hooks to Hemington's head. Hemington was not afraid to go on the attack, though, and stayed in the match with his fearlessness.

The fast pace continued in a more even third round until a pause by the referee to fix Hemington's bloody nose. After the pause Hemington came running after Choe, who stayed calm and countered, eventually knocking Hemington to the ground. In a unanimous decision, Sunoh was proclaimed the winner and earned a trip to the semifinals.

Keegan "Unicorns and Butterflies" Somers def. Andrew "The King of Sting" Dupont The freshman Somers came out firing on all cylinders in a wild first round, using his longer reach to force the senior Dupont into the ropes. Dupont countered with a strong display of his own, using numerous high jabs to force Somers into the corner.

Dupont looked to take control early in the second round, pummeling Somers with an array of high body shots. Somers kept up his aggressiveness to recover, swinging wildly at Dupont and landing a few headshots.

The final round saw both boxers go at each other in a highenergy battle. Dupont landed a powerful shot to Somers's head and engaged him in an intense sequence of jabs along the

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Belles prepare to face Calvin in tournament

By PETER STEINER Sports Writer

After losing to No. 5 Calvin twice in the regular season, the Belles hope the third time will be the charm when they square off against the Knights tonight in the first round of the MIAA conference tournament.

Despite two double-digit losses at the hands of the Knights (15-1, 23-1 MIAA) earlier this year, Belles' coach Jenn Henley has faith in her team's ability to get the victory this time around.

"I believe in our team very much," Henley said. "I think it's hard to play anybody in this league three times. We are going to be very familiar with Calvin. They do have home court advantage, but at the end of the day it's tournament time, so anything can happen."

To defeat the Knights, the Belles (9-7, 13-12) will rely upon the play of seniors Kelley Murphy, Patsy Mahoney, Jessica Centa and Maggie Ronan. Murphy and Mahoney both average about 14 points per game, placing them in the top five in scoring in the MIAA. According to Henley, the seniors' experience of playing in the MIAA conference tournament three times before will be an advantage.

"It helps a lot [to have seniors with experience in the post-season]," Henley said. "They've been there before. They know what to expect and they'll lead us through this."

With only one loss on the season, Calvin enters the game as a formidable opponent. In ad-

dition to finishing this year's regular season at the top of the MIAA, the Knights also took home the MIAA tournament crown last season.

Much of Calvin's strength comes from junior forward Carissa Verkaik, who leads the MIAA in both scoring and blocked shots. Controlling the impact Verkaik has on the game will be a deciding factor in the Belles' success tonight, Henley said.

"We have got to find a way to shut down Verkaik," Henley said. "She is the heart of their team. She averages almost 20 points and 10 boards a game and can block anything. We've got to find ways to limit her touches offensively, and we've got to find ways to score while she's not in the paint."

Just this year, the MIAA switched to a new conference tournament format in which only the top four teams make the postseason instead of the top eight. While it was more difficult to make the cut, the Belles are now only one game away from the championship game.

"This is what we've worked for all season long to get into the tournament and get a chance to compete this week," Henley said. "We have done that, so we are ready. We had a good game on Saturday and now we are just focused on Thursday night."

The Belles will tip off on the road against the Knights tonight at 7:30 p.m.

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Bouts

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Tony "Lucky" Lucisano def. Andy Fausone

The fight between junior Tony Lucisano, who had a first round bye, and freshman Andy Fausone began with Fausone moving Lucisano into the corner, where Fausone landed a few strong punches. The round continued as a drawn out tussle, as both fighters avoided each other's punches. Strong punches from Fausone closed out the first as he trapped Lucisano in the corner again.

The second round got underway when Lucisano attacked and connected on a few blows to Fausone's head. But soon the fight was back on even ground with both fighters landing right and left hook combinations.

The final round started again at a furious pace. Though Fausone would trap Lucisano against the ropes and in the corner, Lucisano was still able to return fire with strong jabs while against the ropes.

Even though Fausone made strong attacks, Lucisano prevailed in a split decision with his more powerful punches.

Joe "Sweet Cheeks" Decker def. Dan Collins

Both boxers came out of the gates throwing and dodging punches. Law student and captain Dan Collins started to connect on some counters after slipping some of Decker's jabs, but Decker soon recovered and managed to block some of Collins' head and body shots. Decker then got Collins on the ropes and connected with a few punches to alone out the first round.

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Junior Alex Oloriz, right, lands a punch on MBA student Alex Grace during his quarterfinal victory by unanimous decision.

both boxers landing headshots. The southpaw Decker soon gained the upper hand in the fight by connecting on some strong right hooks.

Collins began the final frame by throwing some good punches near the ropes, but Decker deflected some of Collins' best attempts.

Decker maintained the status quo in the end to close out the fight, winning by unanimous decision.

"Tough As" Niels Seim def. Mark Frego

The fight opened up uneventfully as both fighters kept their distance and looked for chances to attack. Junior Niels Seim then got Frego on the ropes briefly, but both fighters returned to their game of dodging and ducking. Toward the end of the opening frame, the freshman connected with some headshots.

Seim opened the second round by trying to get his opponent on the ropes, but Frego escaped and the two avoided engaging one another. Seim then connected on some punches to the head and ducked Frego's counters. After two rounds, neither boxer seemed to have separated himself from the other.

While the first two rounds saw few flurries of punches and

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Grant

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can keep this going throughout the tournament — the Big East

and NCAA tournament. We're just playing well. It's how we want to play every day."

Brey said the Irish, who clinched their sixth straight 20-win season Wednesday, have developed into a special team that can stil improve as it prepares for the final three games of the regular sea-

son heading into postseason play.

"I'm really proud of our group," he said. "We really went after it ... We talked about, even during the tough times

of November and December, of getting better for New York City ... in the Big East tournament. We still can get better."

The Mountaineers jumped out to a 17-11 lead in the first half before Brey was assessed a

> technical foul during the second media timeout.

"I don't really ever get many [technicals] ... Did it get our guys going a little bit? Maybe," Brey said. "It got the building going a little bit I think, so maybe it was helpful from that standpoint."

The Irish return to action at Madi-

son Square Garden when they take on St. John's on Saturday at noon.

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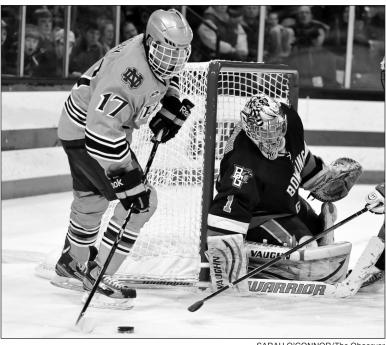
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SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Irish senior right wing Billy Maday controls the puck during Notre Dame's 3-2 home loss to Bowling Green on Feb. 4.

Maday

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as they still have a lot of work to do if they want to have home court advantage in the CCHA playoffs and make the 16-team NCAA tournament field. The approaching end of the regular season has cranked up the pressure on Notre Dame as it searches for crucial points, which has forced Maday to adapt his leadership style in order to keep the team steady.

"I've definitely tried to lead by example through a time like this, but you've got to be a little more vocal because guys are trying to listen a little more," Maday said. "I've kind of added that to my leadership repertoire. I'm not known for being a vocal leader, but I've been trying to do that a little more. The guys are listening, and I really, truly believe we'll work our way out of this."

After four years in a Notre Dame uniform, Maday and his classmates will play their last regular season series this weekend against Michigan State. It wouldn't seem that the team would need any extra motivation for such a huge series, but the Irish plan on bringing a little more to send Maday and the rest of their seniors out in style.

"As an underclassmen, [senior day] is just as important for us," Gerths said. "It's a great way to honor the seniors, to get a win and to work as hard as you can to give that to them, just as a small payment for how much they've done for us."

And if the Irish find themselves needing to fight back again on senior night, the rock of the team will be there once again.

again.
"I think it's up to me as a leader," Maday said. "If I don't stay poised and confident and keep hope for the rest of the year, I don't know how the rest of our team can. So I'll do the best I can. I'm really excited about this weekend, and I think the rest of the team is, too."

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Wright

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But there are other less enviable responsibilities of the position, especially calling an even balance of balls and strikes during practice.

"It's my least favorite thing about catching," Wright said. "Trying to help the pitchers when they are throwing makes the batters kind of mad, so you have to have the right balance."

Though Notre Dame (1-4) is off to a rocky start, Wright is trying to reestablish herself as Notre Dame's go-to player behind the plate. She started 56 games in 2010 as a sophomore, calling the pitches for then-junior Jody Valdivia, who finished as Big East Pitcher of the Year. In two starts so far this season, she has recorded nine putouts and a perfect fielding percentage.

"She is playing like she's got nothing to lose, and it's always nice to see a senior playing like that," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "She's not playing with a chip on her shoulder, but with a new sense of drive and determination."

Along with their athletic endeavors, Wright and her teammates are active philanthropically during their free time. They routinely perform community service by visiting schools and putting on softball clinics.

"These clinics are awesome because it reminds you of why we play softball," Wright said. "[The girls] love the game so much and they are all so excited to be there and to get better, and we all use that as a kind of inspiration. Sometimes we can take the game for granted because we are

out there every day, but it's nice to see how much they love softball and how that was us when we were little."

The Irish return to the diamond this weekend as they look to right the ship, competing in

the North Carolina Invite on Saturday and Sunday against Penn State, North Carolina and Minnesota.

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ship this year."

The pair has gone 5-2 on the season, dropping matches only to Maryland and Tennessee. That record puts them just behind sophomore Brynn Boren and freshman Sarah Toti of Tennessee and junior Mallory Burdette and sophomore Nicole Gibbs of Stanford.

The top ranking comes as no surprise to the seniors themselves, who have had their sights set on success all season. After losing in the second round of the National Individual Indoor competition Nov. 3, Frilling said that she and Mathews have both been looking to prove their worth.

"A little revenge after the fall season would definitely be sweet," Frilling said.

Despite the loss, the tandem still excelled in the fall season, and Mathews said she hopes to build upon that success in the spring half of the season

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"We want to pick up where we left off," she said. "We want to keep improving on all of our dual matches through the spring season."

Frilling, reigning Big East Player of the Week, said her standards are high for what she and Mathews wish to accomplish.

"We're looking to be All-

Americans at the end of the season," Frilling said. "We want to hopefully have a great regular season in doubles action."

To improve their doubles play, Frilling said she and Mathews have been focusing on the smaller parts of their game in order to put more wins under their belts.

"We'll take it match by match, focusing on the little things," Frilling said. "The little details will give us success later in the season."

Mathews said that she is also impressed with the other Irish doubles teams who, despite having been rearranged several times this season, have found success.

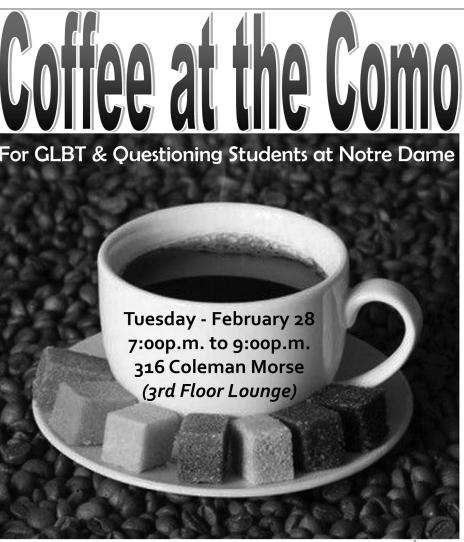
"We have great doubles teams," she said. "We have some people really stepping up in practice and in their performances."

Mathews added she and Frilling will continue to work on teamwork as they enter the heart of the spring season.

"We need to be more aggressive at net in our doubles play," Mathews said. "We need to make sure we make solid returns and set one another up."

The seniors will keep those things in mind as they return to action Friday at home against Indiana.

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Drew Barrymore, 37; Thomas Jane, 43; Jeri

Happy Birthday: The up loose ends quickly and prepare to defend your position until the appropriate changes are initiated. Expect to face opposition. Deal with whatever comes your way swiftly and without getting caught up in the melodrama going on around you. Stability will be required if you plan to excel. Your numbers are 2, 8, 15, 21, 26, 32, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Refuse to let anyone coerce you into doing something you don't want to do. Taking drastic measures to avoid someone or something will backfire. Face whatever situation arises honestly, swiftly and without compromising your integrity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You don't have to be a superstar. Ask for help, if that's what you need. A creative suggestion should be considered, even if it is unorthodox. A peer, colleague or boss will be impressed with your astute and competent actions. $\star\star\star\star$ GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll come up against some stiff competition or opposition.

Don't wait for someone to beat you at your own game. Jump in and do everything in your power to excel. Love is on the rise. Participation will help you attract attention. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Apply your knowledge and experience to a service you can offer to subsidize your income. There is money to be made if you can find a way to fill a demand that is typical of the average person's situation. $\star\star\star\star\star\star$ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take on what you know you are capable of doing. Making

unrealistic promises will lead to stress and a poor reputation. Time spent with someone you love will make your relationship better and lead to an interesting personal proposition.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Socialize with colleagues or people who share your interests and you will discover a new way to share what you have to offer. Updating your approach or your presentation to fit the economic climate will lead to a prosperous venture. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Watch what others are doing and you will come up with a better way to achieve the same results. Your insight and competence will lead to positive changes professionally. Invest more time in developing your skills. Love is in the stars.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on what you can accomplish, as well as being original and unique in your presentation. Partnerships may face changes, but in the end you will satisfy your needs by gaining the freedom required to grow as an individual. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You've got the right moves to captivate an audience. Don't hold back. Discuss your plans passionately and you will get interesting feedback. A proposal or partnership is worth considering. A change to your personal life will motivate you. $\star\star\star\star\star$

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Avoid dangerous situations or people looking for an argument. Stick close to home. Make whatever changes are necessary to protect your assets and your family. A problem with a child, relative or neighbor is likely to develop. $\star\star$ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Problems while traveling or dealing with someone who

is unpredictable must be avoided. You can make positive changes to your home that will accommodate your changing family or situation. Recycle old ideas and items to save money. **** AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Stick to your budget. Moderation will help you control a

potentially troublesome scenario. A romantic situation with someone from your past will tempt you to make an abrupt change in your lifestyle or your geographical location. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You hold the key to your future. You can choose to fight and vie for attention, or you can choose to be a team player, sharing your knowledge and being open to suggestions. Much can be accomplished if you compromise, forgive and forget.

Birthday Baby: You are inventive, industrious and interesting. You take control and lead the way.

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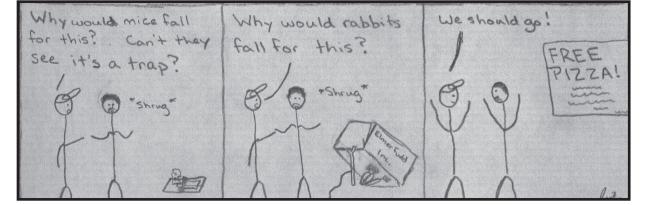
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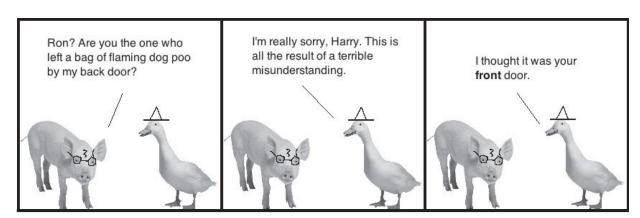
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ALEX GRISWOLD and LEE HAGGENJOS



JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square,

to form four ordinary words. HUVCO

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GRUEP PORMIT

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WHEN ASKED IF SHE WANTED GOLD OR SILVER, SHE REPLIED

Now arrange the circled letters

to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. Answer:

(Answers tomorrow)

DAVID L. HOYT

JEFF KRUNEK

Yesterday's

Jumbles: VALVE

SWEPT SHADOW SHOULD The prison play wasn't going well because they all wanted to - STEAL THE SHOW

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Men's Basketball

Striking gold

Irish ride dominant second half to 71-44 victory over West Virginia

By ANDREW OWENS

Associate Sports Editor

It had never been done before in school history. It was unimaginable when they had an 11-8 record in mid-January. But a nine-game Big East winning streak has become a reality for the Irish after a 71-44 win over West Virginia on Wednesday.

Notre Dame (20-8, 12-3 Big East) buried West Virginia (17-7, 7-7) with a 20-4 run to start the second half, a stretch that gave the Irish a 50-32 lead.

"When you have a chance to put somebody away, this group has shown a cruelty to go for the jugular," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "That's what I really love about us, and I think that can really help us in March."

Notre Dame shot over 61 percent on the evening on 27-of-44 shooting, including a 9-of-16 mark from behind the arc.

'When we're home we always knock down threes," junior forward Jack Cooley said. "Some of us weren't shooting well in practice, so by the law of averages we're going to shoot well in the game. Once we tightened up [on] getting offensive rebounds, we knew we could run away with this game, and that's what happened."

Irish sophomore guard Jer-



Irish sophomore guard Jerian Grant takes a shot during Notre Dame's 71-44 defeat of West Virginia on Wednesday. The Irish topped the Mountaineers for the second time in two tries.

ian Grant fueled the offensive attack with 20 points on 8-of-11 shooting and a 4-of-5 mark from beyond the arc.

"Jerian ... was almost figur-ing out tonight how good he Brey said. "He's an exceptional talent who's growing up still, and I'm thrilled with his improvement and his development and really his overall confidence. He was going for the jugular tonight, and he has that in him.'

Grant said he and the team realized how good they could be after their defeat of then-No. 1 Syracuse on Jan. 21, the victory that started the current nine-game winning streak.

"We're playing well right now," he said. "We hope we

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ND SOFTBALL

Catcher provides leadership

By LAURA COLETTI Sports Writer

Between planning her wedding and working for a public relations firm in San Diego, Irish senior catcher Kristina Wright will be busy after graduation. But there are still a few more things left to accomplish on the senior's athletic to-do list before that time comes, including bringing a national championship to Notre Dame — a perfect graduation gift to herself.

"[A national championship] is our ultimate goal this year, and we work hard every day to get there," Wright said. "I want to spend time and have fun with the girls on the team. I want to have a good year and play well."

Wright, who was reluctant to play catcher when her high school coach first tried her out at the position, now relishes any chance she has at throwing out a player trying to steal a base.

It's such a rush and it's the best feeling when you know you were faster than the runner,"

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HOCKEY

Maday anchors Irish during rough stretch

By JACK HEFFERON

February has not gone according to plan for Notre Dame, as it has scored just six goals over six games and lost its last five contests in the month. In the face of adversity, though, the team has been able to turn to senior captain Billy Maday as the team's rock, keeping the young Irish squad on track to achieve its

Maday has been one of Notre Dame's elite players throughout his entire career, but he has preferred to let his play doing the talking. Over the course of the season, the right winger has gradually evolved into his role as captain.

"It's been a big learning experience for me," Maday said. Being able to wear a letter has been a tremendous honor for me. I've been learning throughout the year, what works and what doesn't, and I put a lot of responsibility on myself to lead guys in the right direction. It's had a lot of impact on me, and I want to see this team do well."

On the ice, Maday has been a bright spot in an Irish offense that has had a tough time finding the net. He ranks among the team's top five in goals, assists, points and power play goals, and his five-on-three tally was the only goal Notre Dame managed all weekend. According to his teammates, Maday is one of the squad's elite players in all facets of the game.

"He does all of the little things," sophomore center David Gerths said. "He's always the one that's prepared to play, prepared for any situation. He always works as hard as he can. He takes the body, the puck and stuff like that. But ĥe also plays a bigger role. He's the guy we want to put out on the ice."

But for all he does on the ice, Maday may not make his most important contribution to the team until he gets back into the locker room. While he may not be the most vocal leader, Maday is always a willing sounding board and source of advice for the team's 17 underclassmen.

"Billy's great on the ice, but as good as he is on the ice, he's an even better guy off the ice," Gerths said. "He's a great captain and a great leader. He's one of those guys that you don't have any problems going to talk to him about problems that you're having on the ice,

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BENGAL BOUTS

Quarterfinal bouts take place

By MIKE MONACO, PETER STEINER, ERNST CLEOFE, BRIAN HARTNETT and ISAAC **LORTON**

Sports Writers

133 lbs.

Jack "Rico Suave" Lally def. James "Golden" Doan

At the referee's whistle, the bout between junior captain Jack Lally and senior James Doan got underway with quick punches from both sides. Lally was clearly on the at-

tack, landing a flurry of punches to Doan's body and head. While Doan connected on a few swings, Lally's right hook and strong uppercuts gave him the advantage after the first round.

As the second round started up, Lally landed powerful left jabs to the face of Doan. Doan continued his efforts, but Lally's

quick footwork and combinations gained him an even bigger advantage after two rounds.

Doan started the third round with renewed energy, but soon Lally reasserted his dominance. In the end, Lally defeated Doan in a unanimous decision, propelling the junior one more round toward defending his

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ND Women's Tennis

Senior pairing experiences success

By KATIE HEIT Sports Writer

The doubles team of senior captains Shannon Mathews and Kristy Frilling has seen its fair share of success this season, rising to No. 3 in the International Tennis Association rankings.

Mathews and Frilling, who have been doubles partners for two consecutive seasons, have both been ranked individually over the course of their collegiate careers. Mathews, who is currently No. 39 in the country, said that she and her partner are looking to make their final year at Notre Dame

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Irish senior Shannon Mathews hits a shot during Notre Dame's sweep of Missouri and IPFW on Jan. 22.