Panel discusses college hook-up culture

Fourth annual Edith Stein Project Conference stresses upholding dignity of all human beings

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

Seven members of the Notre Dame community, including freshman Melissa Buddie, whose letter published in The Observer last fall inspired much debate about the college hook-up culture, spoke Friday about hooking-up and inner and external beauty.

The panel was part of the fourth annual Edith Stein Project Conference, which addressed the topic "Love: What Hurts and What Works." Senior Natasha Kwan, an Edith Stein Project Committee chair, said the purpose of the panel, and the conference as a whole, was to emphasize the dignity of all people. The panel, she said, would discuss how beauty, both internal and external, play into the hook-up culture. Kwan described a hook-up as a "one-time physical encounter that can range from making out to having sex." People crowded into a room in McKinley Hall, sitting in the aisles and standing on the edges, to hear the panelists discuss the topic.

In her Nov. 19 Letter to the Editor, Buddie addressed the hook-up culture, speaking about the importance of beauty, both inner and outer. She wrote, "We decided to call this series of events the hook-up culture because we felt it was an unsatisfactory term, and we also felt it was a term that denigrates women. It has no basis in reality, as people are not "hooking up.""

What Hurts and What Works: Third-year student Nathan Loyd, left, and vice president candidate Meg Griffin, left, run unopposed.

Unopposed ticket runs for SMC student gov’t

Running mates hope to install printers in each dorm, improve dining hall through surveys

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary’s Editor

Student body presidential and vice presidential candidates Jenny Hoffman and Meg Griffin introduced themselves to Saint Mary’s students in the West Wing of the Noble Family Dining Hall during a “Meet the Candidates” event last week.

Junior Jenny Hoffman, who is running as the president on her ticket, is the executive secretary for Board of Governance (BOG). Griffin, a sophomore, is the sophomore class president.

They are running unopposed. Hoffman said the experience her ticket already has with student government is something to be taken into consideration.

“While it’s not everything, experience speaks volumes,” she said. “We appreciate this school for all that it’s worth.”

Hoffman said the two will use their experience to their advantage in their new positions.

“There are things you learn in student government that you can’t learn anywhere else,” Hoffman said.

Brazilian Carnaval entertains students, community

By ELIZABETH O’DONNELL
News Writer

The 11th annual Brazilian Carnaval featured a “bloco parade” with costumed dancers Friday. Students, faculty and members of the South Bend community attended the show.

Edith Stein Conference panelists from left: Nathan Loyd, Mark Sokolffing, Jim Redden, Michael Bohnert, Caroline Murphy Lashutka, Katie Michel and Melissa Buddie. At podium, senior Natasha Kwan.

Sophomore calls for Subway boycott

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Sophomore John Traub is calling for a boycott of Subway sandwiches because the Subway in LaFortune does not offer the famous $5 foot-long deal that is offered at other Subways across the nation.

“Basically every time I get Subway it’s in the back of my mind that I wish we had $5 footlongs and until a few weeks ago I figured there was no way to change that,” Traub said.

Traub initially contacted Subway to find out why the deal was not in place, and the manager said that it would not be a good business decision to implement it, Traub said.

After receiving what Traub felt was an unsatisfactory response from the manager, he created a Facebook group, called “Fighting for Footlongs,” to see if other students would be interested.

Sophomore James Hinckley, who is boycotting Subway along with Traub, said that within three hours of its creation, the group had a few hundred members, and within about a day, the group had more than a thousand members.

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Four or five times a week, I used to sit next to a future Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition model. Freshman year and for parts of sophomore year during high school, I sat in homeroom next to a girl with long brown hair and very blue eyes. She was tall, her legs long. She put down her face while the teacher read announcements out loud.

Back then, she wore a Catholic school uniform. Now, she is one of the many who has her own cover of Vogue.

A friend of mine e-mailed me the link to our high school classmate’s Sports Illustrated spread a few days ago. It was my first time looking at the athlete who was in the Swimsuit Edition. It was her first time appearing in it. It was a little uncomfortable looking at the pictures. Last time I saw her in person, she had a lot more clothes on.

But this isn’t the first time I’ve seen pictures of my famous classmate. On the second day I arrived in London to study abroad last year, I was walking down Oxford Street. It’s a very busy street in London, with many retail stores. I looked up and saw her looking down at me, from a billboard high above the street. She was modeling clothes for a popular British store.

“I went to high school with that girl,” I told the people I was walking with, pointing at the billboard. I’m sure they assumed it was the model talking. A few weeks later, I was walking around Harrods, a famous department store in London. I saw her face, looking back at me from ads surrounding a wake-up stand.

Another time, I was home in Maryland, walking through a Rite Aid. I glanced at a rack of magazine pictures and thought it was her, on the cover of Vogue.

People have created Web sites about her, she has her own Wikipedia page and she is one of the world’s most famous models. I know you should not make friends purely for what they can do for you, but looking back at this, I realize how lucky I was.

Right now I’m sitting in the basement of South Dining Hall, pulling a shift. The Observer. I haven’t been outside in hours but I know the temperature is below freezing. I could be down at the beach, hanging out with my best friend, sipping a fruity drink.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kaitlyn Riely at kriely@nd.edu

The Notre Dame Men’s Tennis article that appeared on the INSIDE page last week that an essay question concerning greenhouse gases incorrectly stated were covered during a recent state test. The correct version stated that the test coordinators and other students for almost a year.

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OFFBEAT

Student spots error on state-wide test

WICHITA, Kan. - A high school student's keen eye has caught a state test error that managed to slip past teachers, test coordinators and other students for almost a year.

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"I thought they’re not talking about leaving out carbon dioxide altogether. I just didn’t make sense," Stanford said. "It had to be a mistake.

The state Department of Education has e-mailed a corrected version of the essay question covering greenhouses gases around the state, but the incident already caused a lot of red faces at the department, which used a committee of more than 30 state teachers to develop the test almost two years ago.

Kissing record broken on Valentine's Day

MEXICO CITY - Mexico City broke a world record Saturday as nearly 40,000 people locked lips in the city center for the world's largest group kiss.

Carlos Martinez of Guinness World Records verified the record of 39,897 people who entered the kissing area of the city's Zocalo main square on Valentine's Day, besting Weston-super-Mare, an English town that set the previous kissing record in 2007.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Third Annual Chesterton Rhetoric Competition takes place tonight at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. The event is co-sponsored by the Graduate Student Union, the Center for Ethics and Culture and the Creative Writing Program.

"How the Health Are You?" a health fair open to students, will take place Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center. The event is free and attendees have the chance to win raffle prizes, including a free roundtrip ticket to anywhere in the United States.

Panelists, including students, professors and members of the South Bend community, will debate President Obama's impact on diversity Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Center lounge.

The Class of 2012 presents "Frosh Four Square" Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. in Stepan Center. The event is free to participate, and $5 for a T-shirt.

David Walker, the president and CEO of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, will speak Friday from 10-10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. in Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business. The event is part of the Ten Years Hence lecture series. It is free and open to the public.

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

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Parents of sophomore students at Saint Mary's spent the weekend participating with their daughters in numerous activities organized by Class of 2011 president Meg Griffin and other members of the Sophomore Board.

Sophomore Katie Brown, a member of the Sophomore Board, said the weekend went well.

"Everyone seemed to be having a great time," she said. "The silent auction on Friday was a hit. Saturday bingo was quite amusing for everyone.

The Mass was beautiful, and the dinner was delicious and so much fun." Brown said. "I don't have an exact number, but I'd guess that at least one fourth of the parents were on campus all weekend.

Throughout the weekend, a series of events were put on for parents and daughters. On Friday, the event hosted a silent auction, and on Saturday there was bingo, a special Mass dedicated to the parents and students and a formal dinner as well.

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The weekend concluded with the formal dinner Saturday evening.

"The dinner was very busy, but it went well," Brown said. "Of course, with an big dinner event, such as a wedding or a family party, there is always something going on. But we kept things going and did whatever it took to make everyone enjoy the night." Brown said her family had a good time.

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UP AGAINST THE ROPES

Junior Andrew O'Donnell pins junior Nathan Rothenberger against the ropes Sunday at the Bengal Bouts preliminaries. Rothenberger defeated O'Donnell in a unanimous decision.
Their body, engaging in a deep-felt schism of the inner beauty and who respects beauty that I had never known before. Buddie said she became "obsessed with the idea that something was wrong" with her and lost sight of her inner beauty and self-respect. She "began to realize that none of the guys who I hooked up with, by the very nature of the hook-up culture, were concerned about my inner beauty," she said. "They either saw me as just another opportunity. Maybe they were looking for the same self-validation I was."

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Iraqi officials admit election fraud

BAGHDAD — Iraqi officials acknowledged Sunday that there was some fraud in last month's provincial election, but said it was not enough to alter the balance of power in any province.

Fares al-Haideri, chairman of the election commission, said final results of the Jan. 31 vote might not be announced this week. He vowed to continue investigating complaints.

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ABOARD THE USS MAHAN — U.S. warships have been using unmanned drones to hunt pirates threatening one of the world's most important shipping lanes.

Sailors aboard the USS Mahan said they have been using the spy flights daily to spot potential pirate mother ships.

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usually don't arise unless you're in a leadership position.

The two think their platform, which includes furthering actions which current student body president Mickey Gruscinski and vice president Sarah Falvey have already taken, has feasible ideas that will help make Saint Mary's a better place.

The two have been campaigning in the Student Center and have a Facebook group devoted to their platform called "Don't Hassle the Hoff," a play on Hoffman's last name.

The pair want to install printers in every residence hall, improve the dining hall with student surveys, offer a Saint Mary's College history lecture series, continue the effort to extend the student center hours, which Gruscinski and Falvey began, and offer quarterly "open forum" Board of Governance meetings for students, according to flyers they passed out.

Both candidates also said that they would not take a stipend, or a payment for serving as student government chair even if the new Student Government Constitution would leave room for it.

"If one is offered it will not be taken," Hoffman said. "We've been through that before and, while it was wonderful to have student involvement and it was resolved well, we want to reassure everyone that it's not an issue.

The Constitution committee, which is lead by Falvey, is still putting the finishing touches on the Constitution, which will then be presented to SBOG and finally voted on by the students. Falvey told The Observer it will most likely be available to vote upon during class board elections during the last week of February.

At the "Meet the Candidates" event, elections commissioner Francesca Johnson asked the candidates, including juniors Mallory Price and Katie Lewis, who have since dropped out of the race for personal reasons, a number of questions ranging from how they would describe Saint Mary's to a prospective student to whether or not they think it is important to follow rules.

"Saint Mary's is so rare, not only in the fact that it is a women's college, but in the fact that it's a Catholic environment," Hoffman said, when asked what she would tell a prospective student.

"It's a very well-rounded school and it's the incredible women (here) to make it so.

The vice presidential candidates answered the question regarding rules. Griffin said she thinks rules are important and she hopes the new Constitution will have "some awesome rules we can follow."

Hoffman summed up the pair's platform by saying they want more student involvement and awareness on campus.

"It would be an honor for me to represent the College," Hoffman said.

"Voting takes place today on PBISM until 11:59 p.m.

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Subway

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same way as me. They wanted $5 footlong.$" Traub said.

Hinkley said that because of the Flex Point system, "they can't eat with charging more per sandwich than people only 50 cents.

After seeing that other students were interested, Traub and Hinkley along with sophomores Colin McNamara, Andrew Barlow and Devon Golab submitted a letter to The Observer calling for the boycott of Subway.

Hinkley said he didn't see a significant jump in membership after The Observer printed their Letter to the Editor, but the group currently has over 1,400 members.

Traub said he started discussions in the Facebook group about the possibility of creating T-shirts and pamphlets.

Brazil

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parade. They were then judged in groups of two to see which pair had the best costume.

While the parade served as one facet of the evening, there were many other activities that went on throughout the event. Chicago Samba, a band that plays shows in both Chicago and Saint Louis, played on stage for a couple of hours in the crowded that had gathered.

There was a large dance area filled with people listening and dancing to the Brazilian music. There was also a group of dancers who came on stage to teach those at the event how to samba dance.

Door prizes were awarded throughout the evening. "Carnaval!" received a lot of press around the South Bend area, which helped lead to a substantial turnout of attendees. Seendor said that she was surprised at the volume of people the event received.

"We were hoping for five or six hundred people to attend the event, but I was surprised that so many did show up," she said. "We are keeping track by the number of beaded necklaces that we hand out as a means for keeping track of the number of people in attendance.

A large percentage of the people in attendance were from the South Bend community. While there were many families in attendance, there were also a number of elderly people in attendance.

"This year we were hoping to have a higher turnout among the Notre Dame student population," Seendor said. "This event helps to bridge the gap between the campus community and the rest of South Bend, so it was important that we try to connect them the best we can."

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Stimulus expected to restart mine cleanup

Efforts to clean up abandoned mines will get a boost when Obama signs bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When the Beall Mountain mine opened in 1988 near Butte, Mont., its owners promoted open-pit cyanide leaching for extracting gold from ore as modern and environmentally friendly.

Pegasus Gold Corp., a Canadian company, extracted nearly 460,000 ounces of gold over a decade from the mine and declared bankruptcy in 1998. It left behind a 70-acre, cyanide-contaminated leach pond with a liner and tons of rubble that sends selenium-laced runoff into streams, threatening cutthroat trout and other fish. The $6.2 million in reclamation bond postings put up by the company doesn’t come close to covering the full cost to clean up the mine, which could total nearly $40 million.

“There is a real ticking time bomb up there,” said Josh Vincent, president of a Trout Unlimited chapter near the mine, which sits on U.S. Forest Service land.

Efforts to clean up one of the West’s most enduring and dangerous legacies — tens of thousands of abandoned hardrock mines, many dating to the 19th century — should get a boost from the economic stimulus bill awaiting President Barack Obama’s signature.

The final bill, approved by the House and Senate on Friday, contains more than $1.5 billion for construction and maintenance projects in the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service and the Forest Service. That includes a provision allowing grants to be used for resources to cover the full cost to clean up abandoned mines.

The three agencies together spent about $25 million on mine cleanup in the budget year that ended last Sept. 30, according to the staff of Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., one of the lawmakers who sought the money.

Projects ranging from repairing trails to replacing equipment also are eligible for the money, so there is no guarantee the money will be spent on mine cleanup. The bill’s preferences are supposed to go to projects that generate most jobs.

Advocates for cleaning up abandoned mines say the work is a strong job generator.

“These much needed funds will create thousands of jobs, reduce water pollution, eliminate public safety threats, and restore fish and wildlife habitat in rural communities across the country,” said Lauren Page, policy director for Earthworks, an environmental group focused on mining issues.

The Government Accountability Office estimates there are at least 161,000 abandoned hardrock mines in Alaska and 11 other western states, plus South Dakota. Open mine shafts and decaying structures form safety hazards, contaminates streams and groundwater, and piles of tailings tinged with arsenic have been left behind.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates it could cost as much as $50 billion to clean up all the nation’s abandoned hardrock mines.

Anti-tax groups questioned whether mine clean up merits funds at all, considering that the bill is intended to jump-start the economy. Taxpayers are temporary and unlikely to have any lasting economic effect, said Pete Sepp, a spokesman for the National Taxpayers Union, which advocates for less government spending.

Economy tests historically black colleges

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Historically black colleges and universities, which for decades have educated students who can’t afford to go or can’t imagine going — elsewhere, have been geographically challenged by the nation’s economic meltdown.

Enrollments at the schools have declined, leaving some with endowments that have dropped and fundraising sources for a source of private, private giving. That’s true at most universities, but often students at HBCUs need more aid to stay on track.

“What’s most difficult for our institutions is that they are tuition-driven,” said Michael Lomax, president of the United Negro College Fund. “They don’t have large endowments, and even the ones who do, have seen a large reduction in the value of those endowments.”

Many colleges are dealing with economic problems. One recently released survey on 791 American public and private colleges reported that endowments fell 3 percent in the fiscal year ending June 30, and a smaller group estimated a 23 percent drop in the first five months of fiscal year 2009, which began in July. The numbers represent a decline nearly double that of any full-year return since such figures were first tracked in 1974.

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Hospitals look to boost nurse retention rates

Stresses of job lead to high turnover in U.S.

Associated Press

MIAMI — Newly minted nurse Katie O’Bryan was determined to stay at her first job at Baptist Medical Center instead of leaving the hospital every day wanting to quit. But night and day were her undoing.

She has had to leave the hospital in the middle of her training and then return home nine months. Sometimes, for 12 hours, in an overnight-stay situation where the room was just too much. The sleeping point came after paramedics brought a child who had seizures. She was told he was euthanized and that she had to check him in a few minutes, but O’Bryan decided not to wait. She found he had stopped breathing and was turning blue.

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To fill the gap, many hospitals are offering programs that mirror what residency programs do for medical students, such as contraceptive services and procedures, which are often difficult to find in hospital settings.

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Although such programs are a great step forward, they are not enough to meet the needs of the nation’s nursing workforce.

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WASHINGTON painting gets touchup, frame

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The iconic painting that depicts George Washington crossing the Delaware River is getting even more delicate carvings. The gold frame that held the room-size paint-
ing is being replaced with an ornate recreation of its original.

A recently discovered photo-
grah showing Emanuel Leutze's "Washington Crossing the Delaware" with an elabo-
rate border during an 1864 exhibition inspired the Metropolitan Museum of Art to replace the plain frame. The masterwork's current frame "minimized it," said Carrie Rebora Barratt, the Met's curator of American paintings and sculpture, although it's difficult to imagine it's possible crossing an ice-strewn Delaware to New Jersey.

"Leutze said he made frames for the Met, Pennsylvania to New Jersey," said Barratt.

About 30 employees have been involved since the process began in November. Wilner said an Ecuadoran carver, Felix Teran, spent near-
ly eight months creating the pieces for the corn.

Work continues on the new frame, as employees painstaking-
ly apply clay to the shields or thousands of thin gold leaves to fill the void.

Wilner and the Met wouldn't disclose the cost of the frame, but Teran said anyone who wanted to repeat the effort could expect to pay around $800,000.

"He expected to finish by the end of March," Wilner said, but the frame would stay with the com-
pany for about two years while the Met renovates the American wing, where the painting has hung for decades. As work is done to the gallery space, the painting has been moved to another location in its second-floor home because it's too big to fit into an elevator.

Goodman — who often appears at functions with a showgirl on the arm — sent a letter this week to Obama offering a remakr.

"You can't get corporate jos, you can't go out to Las Vegas and buy a Super

Bowl on the taxpayer's dime," Obama said during a town hall

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — With buyers of peanuts from around the country out of work and the nation's economic woes weighing heavy, the Lubbock area is trying its best to cheer up.

People are tired to turn to peanut products to stretch their food dollars in tough times, avoiding more expensive protein sources such as steak and chicken.

Enter an ongoing salmonella outbreak that has sickened some 300 people in 19 states and been linked to nine deaths, and those rosy predictions after a record growing season have been dashed.

"This is the end of our entire industry," said Shelly Nutt, executive director of the peanut processors board in Texas, the nation's second largest growing state behind Georgia, and the one that supplies 1.2 billion pounds of peanuts for corporate

LUGOSS, Texas — More than 2,000 products have been recalled — one of the largest in U.S. history. And the Texas Tribune says a boy in a small player in the industry — Virginie de la More, vice president of the Peanut Corp. of America. Two of the company's plants — in Blakely, Ga., and in Plainview, Texas — have been shuttered after salmonella con-
tamination was found.

The company, which has filed for bankruptcy, handles no more than 2.5 percent of all peanuts processed, yet sales of peanut butter from the company fell 19 percent the last 13 weeks ending Jan. 24 compared with the same period last year, Nutt said. February sales are expected to be about 22 percent nationwide for the four weeks ending Feb. 21.

The devastating news came after peanut growers nationwide dropped production last year, and many of the problems are still on the table.

"This is one of the major segments — growers, shellers and manufacturers — who investigators have questioned the use of salmonella tainted peanuts.

Financially, it's going to be a real problem," said the Tribunr. The outbreak was traced to a single plant in Blakely, Ga., and the third plant in Plainview, Texas, which has been shut down. The plant in Blakely, Ga., which had been closed for the winter, has been shut down.

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I visited a friend in Rome this past weekend. To clarify, I am studying abroad in Innsbruck this year, so it wasn't a Chicago-Rome weekend connection or anything. But as we toured the beautiful city, I was astounded by what struck me the most. They are copying us.

It was like walking through an Italian Notre Dame. First, my friend Kyle showed me the stadium (top priority, just like at Notre Dame). We didn't manage to get tickets for anything, but we figured it would still be nice to see. And as I stared up at the huge brick, mortar and stone that uninterruptedly encapsulated the arena within, I was reminded peculiarly of Notre Dame Stadium. No touchdown Jesus staring from behind the - wait, actually, no goal posts either. To think, a stadium with no football!

As we toured it, I did feel a little consolation in learning that it only holds 50,000 people, paling in comparison to Notre Dame's circa 50,000. And you should see the upkeep here! Field rotted through, bleachers completely gone, I don't know how people can stand it. Or stand on it, for that matter.

Next, Kyle took us to the hill. Admittedly, we do not have one of those in South Bend. But on top of it was this huge complex with a gym and track and pool and living quarters — all in the same building! At Notre Dame we at least spread that out, separate residential from recreational. We don't have palm trees, but one thing ostensibly missing from Rome? Ducks. Not that they are related to palm trees, but I'm just saying, we have ducks.

After that, Kyle took us to the "Forum." Not to put it in Rome, but we have one of those, too. From the pedestrian-only (sound familiar?) Forum, we headed to the Vatican. This was actually the next day, after having had enough of Rome's originality and needing an overnight break. It had nothing to do with being tired or needing sleep. Of course not; not in the eternal city.

I entered hopefully. Maybe the Roman Catholic Church could do better within the borders of its self-regulated nation. The first thing I notice? Priests. Everywhere. And nuns. I didn't have to think too hard to remember where I've seen that before.

The Observer

Jackie Mirandola

Guest Columnist

Notre Rome

80,000. And you should see the upkeep here! Field rotted through, bleachers completely gone, I don't know how people can stand it. Or stand on it, for that matter.

Walking through the doors, I was, as most people who have visited can also attest to, instantly met with a sense of awe by the grandeur and sheer size of St. Peter's Basilica.

And even this did not last. This was getting tiring. As we walked in further, I saw, above the altar, an enormous dome with — get this — blue and gold painted the whole way around! Oh, the humanity! They took the main ideas from treasured buildings and combined them in a magnificent structure.

I was confused. How could Rome be that unoriginal? Do they not realize that these are our traditions? How embarrassing! Maybe sometime the Romans will make it to Notre Dame and see how widespread our culture is, to reach them in Rome all the way from northern Indiana. I hope that they're proud of it. Tyco thousand years of rigid tradition is great, if you know for sure that's what you want.

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Respect for flag

Last night I had the unfortunate task of trekking across South Quad a few minutes before 9 p.m. My Notre Dame football protection against the monsoon-like conditions, which I (as a southern California native) still can't comprehend. But what really bothered me was that the flag on South Quad remained at full mast in the sideways rain, battered like a ship from its moorings in a tempest. This is against all rules of etiquette regarding the Star-Spangled Banner. I hope that in the future whoever is in charge of the flag pole, whether it is General Services or Groundskeeping or what, will take better care to preserve the integrity of the flag and individual flag which suffers damage in poor weather conditions.

Brandon Payne

junior

Montgomery Hall

Feb. 4

Letter to the Editor

Observer Poll

Will the men's basketball team make the NCAA tournament?

Yes

No

Vote by Thursday at 5 p.m. at www.ndsmcobserver.com

Quote of the Day

"If man is to survive, he will have learned to take a delight in the essential differences between men and between cultures. He will learn that differences in opinion and attitudes are a delight, part of life's exciting variety, not something to fear."

Gene Roddenberry

screenwriter/producer
How Notre Dame sneakily killed off the Queer Film Festival

Three years ago, when pinned down by the media, Father John Jenkins told the New York Times, Associated Press and Fox News Channel that — gulp, yeah, okay — the Queer Film Festival could continue.

The festival usually occurs this month around Valentine’s Day. Where is it?

Well, not only will there be no Queer film festival this year, it’s probably kaput for good. After failing to sound out enough support, Jenkins was by force of will, Notre Dame recently succeeded in killing it off quietly, slowly and obviously behind the scenes. The result: a gag bashing successfully-pulled off by one of the most notoriously anti-gay universities in America.

The Notre Dame Queer Film Festival was launched in 2004 by the gay student group OutreachND, the Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association of Notre Dame/Saint Mary’s College, the Gender Studies Program, the Counseling Center and the Departments of English, History, and Film, Television and Theater.

For the last few years, as an academic event, the Queer Film Festival was a smash success, staging, for example, the Indiana premiere of “Brokeback Mountain” and drawing such notable filmakers to campus as John Cameron Mitchell (“Hedwig and the Angry Inch”), Tom O’Neill, Notre Dame alum Don Roos (“The Opposite of Sex,” “Boys on the Side,” “Single White Female”), Brian Dannelly (“Saved!”) and four-time Tony Award winner Terrence McNally (“Lovely! Lovey! Compassion!”).

It was a miracle, frankly, that the Queer Film Festival was permitted to exist at such a conservative Catholic school, but it got launched in the waning days of the presidency of Monk Malloy, who was too battle- weary to put up a fight. Over the next decade, the policy of free expression — a crusade against homo­sexuality — at one point included allowing the gay student group off campus — that not only failed, but resulted in his public humiliation when the Faculty and Student Senate passed resolutions denouncing his actions. Throughout the drama, the gay students were valiantly backed up by private university events and hundreds of straight students.

When Jenkins became president, it was obvious that he wanted to kill off the festi­val. He said in a speech to students and faculty: “Precisely because academic freedom is such a sacred value, we must act about it with the greatest of care. I do not believe that freedom of expression has any absolute priority in every circum­stance.”

On the eve of the Queer Film Festival opening in 2006, New York Times, Associated Press and Fox News Channel landed on campus to see what Jenkins would do. Before Jenkins could do anything, he got upstaged and overruled. The New York Times reporter got to Father Theodore Hesburgh, who endorsed the festival, as he had years earlier when he met privately with the festival organizers and literally gave us his blessing.

“I think the real test of a great university is that you are fair to the opposition and that you got their point of view out there,” Hesburgh told the Times. “You engage them. You want to get students to think. You want mindless Catholics. You want intelligent, successful Catholics.

How could Jenkins — so new on the job — contradict Hesburgh, Notre Dame’s staunchly conservative Civil Rights? He couldn’t. So when Jenkins was asked by jour­nalists if he’ll permit the gay film festival to continue in the future, he said — with obvious reluctance — yes.

Then the slow, quiet strangulation began to occur behind the scenes. One year later, Notre Dame actually refused to permit the event to use the word “festi­val” in its title because, fons said, it sug­gests that the school “celebrates homo­sexuality.” So the event was abbreviated by under the clunkily titled “Gay and Lesbian Film: Filmmakers, Narratives, Spectatorships.”

In 2007, Notre Dame dealt the final death blow. Not only was the gay and lesbi­an film festival no longer permitted to use the word “festival,” it was forbidden to use the words “gay,” “lesbian” or “queer” in its title.

That nearly killed it, of course. How could it go on without being able to iden­tify itself? Somehow it managed, though. This last time. The event proceeded with no prominent filmakers in attendance and under the ridiculous name, “Qlassics: Reimagining Sexuality and the Self in Recent American Cinema.”

The result was such a ho-hum disaster that no plans were made to stage it again this year.

But why hasn’t anyone noticed? And why haven’t Notre Dame leaders been denounced for the shocking way they killed off the fest? Why hasn’t the Faculty or Student Senate issued new resolutions denouncing this university for it?

Well, let me speak up loudly on the matter: Shame, shame on old Notre Dame.

At a time when most major Catholic universities are embracing and supporting their gay students, many even including a non­discrimination clause against sexual orientation in their school policies, Notre Dame has again proven to be a most unchristian institution that officially practices prejudice.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Financial strain may hurt academic reputation

I was glad to see Father Jenkins’ statement that Notre Dame’s financial situation is manage­able for the present time. However, I believe he is missing out on the other half of this issue with the current economic downturn. I am concerned with a drop in Notre Dame’s academic reputation because a lot of accepted kids are going to pay the $50,000/yr cost or their parents they cannot attend Notre Dame because of their parents’ job uncertainty. Notre Dame’s drive toward increasing their academic status.

Paul Kane
Cal 1980
Feb 12

### Embrace the mud

I was appalled and ashamed of my dear friend, Steve DeLaurentis, when I found he wrote the Feb. 11 Viewpoint letter, “Please save me from the mud.” In the letter, he notes the great upswells of warmer weather that have been released by the mud. However, his arguments are not only false, but deeply offensive. First and foremost, who is Steve to criticize the the brilliant planning of pathway paving at Notre Dame? Little does he realize that by creating paths "poured in nonsensical patterns," he affords Notre Dame the ability to stage the Queer Film Festival.

So, Steve, I urge you: Forget your shoes and learn to love the mud.

Colin Keefer
Science Hall

### Teach for number of reasons

As a former Teacher For America corps member, I felt compelled to respond to Brad Bloomstein’s Viewpoint piece, “Teach for America: a bust.” (Feb. 11). Following my graduation from Notre Dame in 2004, I joined Teach For America and taught kindergarten, first grade and special education in Chicago for a year.

The first year teacher, my kindergarten and first grade students made significant academic gains in the classroom by achieving a year and a half of growth in reading and math in just nine months. As a second year teacher, my kindergarten students placed fifth in the district on the Stanford 10 Achievement Test and had learned an average of 95 sight words. After two years of teaching in Houston, I moved back to South Bend and taught kindergarten for two more years at Coupillard Primary School. I am currently at Harvard Graduate School of Education pursuing my Masters in Education and hope to return to the classroom. Nearly five years later, I remain dedicated to Teach for America’s mission of providing educational opportunity for all.

Perhaps the most significant and exciting aspect of Teach For America is that the impact I make is far more profound than just knowing the students in the classroom. Independent research has consis­tently shown that corps members in our nation’s highest-need schools, for example, in 2008, a study published by the Urban Institute found that high school students taught by Teach For America teachers out­perform their peers, even those taught by fully certified teachers, and students performing at a "Teach For America teacher was three times greater than having a teacher with three or more years experience. To me, this data serves as a testament to the effectiveness of our selection model and the training which corps members receive, as well as a powerful reminder of the growth in achievements that Teach For America graduates in classrooms across the country. Spending the past four years in the classroom with students, who never thought they could attend college, let alone an institution like Notre Dame, has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have been a part of.

Lucy Patranella Duhon
Cal 2004
Feb 11
Sheik returns with Whisper House

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Editor
Even if Duncan Sheik is barely breathing, his newest album, "Whisper House," shows that he's still in musical control.

Sheik is a singer-songwriter best known for his 1996 hit single "Barely Breathing," which almost won him a Grammy for Best Male Pop Vocal Performance in 1998. In the 13 years since that debut, Sheik's career has taken some surprising turns. "Whisper House" is the artist's latest foray into film and theater — the album's 11 tracks are selections from an upcoming stage musical of the same title.

"Whisper House" opens with "Better to Be Dead" the most clearly narrative track on the album. "And though I'm sad to say it/ she would be better off dead," Sheik sings of one character. He and supporting vocalist Holly Brook alternately describe different characters who, for lack of a better phrase, would be better off dead.

The track's slow, heavy tone adds to its storytelling sensibilities. As Sheik sings at one point, "Life is naught but pain/ It's better to be dead/ Release your heavy heart! Rest your weary head."

Sheik then eases into "We're Here to Tell You," whose creepy tone and wailing vocals create the aura of ghostliness that Sheik's acoustic guitar, the mellow guitar work is often accented by the trumpet, the bells and the occasional oboe. Two of these appear in "And Now We Sing," with the doo wop walking through the background of the track. It is the trumpet, however, that lends an air of loneliness and solitude to the song.

One of the album's quirkiest tracks is "The Tale of Solomon Snell," the story "of an unfortunate man." Sheik's lyrical stylings are at their peak here. His Solomon Snell is no match for his biblical namesake, choosing safety rather than risk. "No matter what you do," Sheik sings, "you'll never be safe." The track's use of bells adds a whimsical touch to a melancholy track, and the song toys with an almost folk-like feel.

Like others on "Whisper House," "The Tale of Solomon Snell" also makes use of sparse orchestral elements, and the song is one of several that are vaguely reminiscent of Sufjan Stevens. The male-female vocals are soft and harmonious, but Sheik's rich, distinctive voice anchors the track.

One of the album's more upbeat pieces is "Play Your Part," a lighthearted ditty that most clearly echoes Sheik's past work. Other highlights include "How It Feels," a slow, dreamlike track that makes effective use of Brooks' talent, and "Take a Bow," one of the more energetic selections from "Whisper House."

The final song, "The Ghost in You," is a peaceful closing to the album, combining piano elements with soft and swirling vocals. The track is a bonus for the album's iTunes release.


Sheik's foray into stage musicals is the latest branch of his career. He spent more than seven years working closely with poet and writer Steven Sater on "Spring Awakening," a musical adaptation of an infamous 1891 German play. "Spring Awakening" went on to win eight Tony awards after its Broadway debut in 2006 infused by Sheik's alt-rock and folk score.

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Whisper House
Duncan Sheik
Label: RCA Victor
Recommended Tracks: "Play Your Part," "Earthbound Starlight," "The Ghost In You" and "And Now We Sing."

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The spring schedule at the Morris Performing Arts Center is currently well underway. With musicians, orchestras and touring stage plays on the roster, the venue will no doubt be hosting a slew of members of the South Bend and Notre Dame communities.

On Feb. 27, singer and musician Bonnie Raitt will perform at the Morris. Best known to college-age audience members for her track, "Something to Talk About," Raitt's blues stylings have won her nine Grammy awards over the course of her career. The daughter of Broadway star John Raitt, Raitt's past releases include 1986's "Nick of Time," 1991's "Luck of the Draw," 2002's "Silver Lining" and 2005's "Souls Alike." She was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2000.

The South Bend Symphony Orchestra will be performing on Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Morris, presenting their new program, "Tales of the Classical Guitar." The concert is set to feature classical guitarist Robert Belinio, who has toured through Europe and the United States. "Tales of the Classical Guitar" will include renditions of Maurice Ravel's "Mother goose Suite," Zoltan Kodaly's "Harry Janus Suite" and Joaquin Rodrigo's "concierto de Aranjuez."

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The band has also played concerts in South Bend on the opening football weekend of each Fighting Irish football season.

Students interested in purchasing tickets to any of these events can visit the Morris Performing Arts Center Web site at www.morriscenter.org.

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BENGAL BOUTS

Golab wins unanimous decision against Perry

Hagmann wears out Vignali over three rounds in win; Jackson stays aggressive all fight to defeat Carrier

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Sports Writer

175-pound division

Dominic Golab def. Jonathon Parry

After the two boxers exchanged numerous even blows of all sorts before the first bell, Golab evaded Parry’s punches and scored two points in the second round while delivering many of his own. By the end of the third round, Parry was thoroughly gassed, leaving himself defenseless to granting Golab a win unanimously.

Joe Hagmann def. Peter Vignali

Slightly bigger than Hagmann, Vignali simply wore Hagmann out over three rounds. During the opening round, Vignali had Hagmann pinned against the ropes, but once Hagmann escaped he was able to tag Vignali in the head just before the bell. Following this, the bout continued in Hagmann’s favor throughout, as he bloodied Vignali’s nose in the final round en route to a unanimous decision.

Pat Jackson def. Patrick Carrick

Jackson opened the first round aggressively with a barrage of right-left combinations. In the second round, Carrick detailed multiple strong right hooks to Jackson’s head in a row. At the second round began, Carrick dominated the first encounter of the round, but before he was exhausted he was exhausted to defend himself from Jackson’s rapid jabs, tying the fight to a unanimous decision for Jackson.

Mike Lee def. Adam Zazbel

Lee tried to go on the offensive early against an arsenal of right hooks and body shots but Zazbel was able to successful carry most of them over his head. However, Lee took control at the start of the second round with a barrage of left jabs. By the third round, Zazbel was trying unsuccessful to evade Jackson’s simple left hook which won in a unanimous decision.

Jim Hasson def. Ryan Simmons

Hasson started the contest with a series of jabs as well as Simmons tried to counter with a series of jabs as well. Hasson started and finished the second round with a series of combos to the head of Simmons who countered Hasson with a powerful left hook. Simmons tried to counter Hasson, but was worn out by Hasson’s earlier efforts. Hasson prevailed with a unanimous decision.

Bill Straccia def. Gavin Payne

Straccia used a powerful right hook to knock Payne off his feet early in the first round. Early in the second round, Payne used a right hook of his own to try and level the playing field between the two, but Straccia landed several powerful hooks that kept them in his favor. In the third round, Straccia used a series of combos to force Payne to be defensive and ultimately allowing Straccia to earn a unanimous victory.

Mike Doran def. Brian Tower

Doran went on the offensive early while Tower used defense to parry most of Doran’s attack. The two continued their stalemate into the second round with Doran landing several jabs to Tower’s head while Tower landed several right hooks. The bout swung into Doran’s favor in the third round where he attacked Tower with several spurts of quick jabs. Doran won in a unanimous decision.

Joseph Meares def. Ethan McWilliams

It took three rounds and two bloody nose to name junior Joseph Meares the winner by split decision. Despite being knocked down twice by law student Ethan McWilliams, Meares seemed to have a slight edge for the last two rounds of the fight, ending the last round with a nice combination of hooks that probably lingered in the judges’ minds when they made their decision.


It was apparent early that graduate student Jonathan Baker’s strategy was to work the body, causing senior Ted Groseuteuer to fight defensively in the first round.

A bloody nose stopped the fight in the third and after what was one of the day’s even matches the judges declared Groseuteuer the winner by split decision.

Chris Hapak def. Chris Lacosta

Graduate student Chris Hapak opened up freshman Chris Lacosta early and never seemed to let up. Lacosta got worked over in the corners throughout the early rounds, where he fell victim to several punishing blows and quick combos.

After being knocked down in the fifth round, Lacosta got up and started landing punches of his own. Hapak was won by unanimous decision, but credit should be given to Lacosta for what would’ve enduring a tough fight for any freshman.

Brian O’Connor def. Jay Smith

This was probably the closest fight of the weight class. These were two boxers with two very different strategies, but it still provided the audience with an entertaining matchup. For every head shot that O’Connor landed, Smith responded with a jab to the body. In the end O’Connor won by split decision.

John Tchoula def. Yong Xiang Zheng

It was a quick round, with Fred Teneriello first to start and, would not let up on Presutti. Smith fought aggressively and dominated the fight, which was rewarded with a unanimous first-round victory.


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### PGA

Actor Bill Murray plays a shot off the fairway at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am as storm clouds gather in the background. The final round was postponed to Monday due to rain washing out play for Sunday.

### Pro-Am final round postponed

Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Raging wind that topped a 40-foot pine and rain that formed puddles on the green forced the PGA Tour to postpone the final round of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, giving it a Monday finish for the first time since 2000. Tee times were pushed back six hours Sunday until another band of rain arrived on the Monterey Peninsula.

No one teed off, and there is no guarantee that the final round will be played Monday, when the forecast is for more rain and wind.

Dustin Johnson had a four-shot lead as he tries to join Anthony Kim as the only players under 25 with multiple PGA Tour victories. A victory would give the 24-year-old Johnson a spot in the Accenture Match Play Championship at the end of the month and the first two majors of the year, including the Masters.

"I'm ready to play," Johnson said. "Obviously, I'll be real ready to play tomorrow after sitting around for a little over a day, waiting to see what's going to happen."

The last Monday finish at Pebble Beach came in 2009, when Tiger Woods rallied to win from five shots behind, including a seven-shot deficit with seven holes to play. One year earlier, the late Payne Stewart had a one-shot lead through 54 holes when Sunday was washed out, and the tournament was cut short to 54 holes because of a storm system that stretched to Japan.

Mike Weir was four shots behind, in the final group at Pebble for the second time in four years, and wasn't ready to go anywhere.

"I want to play. I'm glad they made this decision," he said. "Today, tomorrow, doesn't matter. I'm here to try to win this tournament."

A forecast of wind and rain made it even more enticing for Weir, who might need some help from Johnson.

"It will be tough on everybody," Weir said. "It will be fun to see what happens. There might be some ugly golf out there, but it will be fun to see who can handle it."

Mark Russell, the PGA Tour tournament director at Pebble, said if half of the field completes the fourth round on Monday, the tour is required to complete all 72 holes no matter how long it takes.

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### IN BRIEF

Curry's X-rays negative, day-to-day with sprain

DAVIDSON, N.C. — Davidson star guard Stephen Curry's injured left ankle is not broken, and the nation's leading scorer will be listed as day-to-day.

Curry met with doctors on Sunday, a scheduled off day from practice, and underwent X-rays that were negative. Coach Bob McKillop said Curry will sit out Monday's practice, but no determination has been made for Wednesday's game against Southern Conference foe The Citadel.

The Wildcats (22-4, 15-1) host Pittsburgh (16-6) in a Bracketbusters game.

"Stephen is very resilient, and he has already gotten terrific care from our medical team," McKillop said. "We will monitor his progress on a day-to-day basis."

Curry did not speak to reporters Sunday, and the school provided no further details on the severity of the sprain.

Bills' Lynch arrested on weapons charges

CULVER CITY, Calif. — Buffalo Bills running back Marshawn Lynch was arrested in Southern California on a weapons charge, police said Sunday.

Police said Lynch was arrested Wednesday night after officers approached him and two other men sitting in a 2006 Mercedes-Benz in this Los Angeles suburb and found a loaded firearm.

Lynch was arrested after officers determined the gun belonged to him. He was released that night on $35,000 bail.

Calver City police did not immediately release a photo message seeking information about why officers approached Lynch and his companion.

Lynch's lawyer, M. Gerald Schwartzbach, said his client was not involved in a traffic incident. Schwartzbach said the player was in California to visit friends.

A Bills spokesman had no comment.

### Kenriseth wins rain shortened Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Matt Kenseth drove from the back of the field to take the Daytona 500 lead minutes before the sky opened up, handing the former series champion his first victory in NASCAR's version of the Super Bowl.

Coming off one of the worst seasons of his career, Kenseth's bad luck followed him into Daytona International Speedway. He wrecked his primary car, had to go to a backup and started Sunday's race in last place.

But as rain closed in on the scene-opening event, the field turned it up a notch — anticipating the race would not go the distance. Kenseth used a huge push from Kevin Harvick to pass Elliott Sadler with 54 laps to go. Caution came out moments later for an accident started by Paul Menard, and the rain that had been threatening all day finally arrived.

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Virginia forward Tunji Soroye, back, fouls Clemson guard Demontez Stitt, front, as he shoots in the second half of Sunday's game in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – Illinois coach Bruce Weber spent halftime explaining what it would take to knock out Indiana.

"That's exactly resonate inside the locker room," Weber said. "The boys weren't exactly Caleb Swanigan's return, but they were feeling this game a lot of the second half.

"He's been playing well for us, and we're just trying to get him in a rhythm and keep playing through him," Weber said.

"We've got a few more games left, and we've got to make sure we're playing our best games in those," Weber said. "We've got to get some continuity on the floor and get some consistent play from our guards.

"But it's not going to be easy, and we've got to be ready for whatever happens," Weber said.

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But Weber enjoyed watching the first 12 minutes of the game.

"They played a great game," Weber said. "The boys were playing their best game. They were playing with energy and passion. They were playing with a lot of heart."

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Squad defeats Stanford for first time ever

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

In the span of three days this weekend, No. 14 Notre Dame played three of the top five teams in the country. The Irish defeated No. 5 Northwestern on Saturday before playing the No. 11 ITA Indoor National Championships on Friday, and then proceeded to knock off No. 4 Baylor in the quarterfinals on Saturday. Award-winning alumna Manus Tefft was top-ranked Northwestern in the semifinals, and that is where the Notre Dame run came to an end.

On Friday, Notre Dame lost the doubles point, and before long, the team was down 3-1, facing elimination at any point. Fortunately, the second half of the team's singles players rose to the challenge and bringing the Irish back from brink to victory.

"It was pretty exciting for all of us," said senior Keely Tefft. "Notre Dame has never beaten Stanford, so it was great to be part of good time for the Irish. But our Irish could not rejoice in the doubles point of the No. 4 as No. 5 Baylor had beaten No. 5, 11 North Carolina, and was waiting for Notre Dame. But Notre Dame was waiting for Baylor as well.

"We were really excited after that win over Stanford, and we believed we could knock off the No. 4, and we were really excited," Tefft said.

The team did just that, in much less dramatic fashion than the doubles point, and the Irish was the doubles point, despite the first loss of the season by the No. 106 Dan Havens at No. 6. The Irish won the final three matches to improve their record to 6-3.

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called the fight with 45 seconds left in the third in favor of Hof.

Koepsel kept his opponent up against the ropes throughout the entire match on his way to a unanimous victory.

Despite dominating in the first two rounds, the sophomore from Keenan Hall forced the referee to pause the match in the third. Brown, a sophomore from O'Neill Hall, had difficulty landing punches, but Leary proved dominant the final seconds to get the victory.

Leary outlasted his opponent in this slug-paced battle to the end. Leary's smaller size, his wide hooks and powerful uppercuts forced Owens onto the ropes in the second round. Owens connected more punches as the match wore on, but Leary prevailed in the end.

Koepsel dominated the third round by forcing Gannatti, a freshman from Monzoni, to the ropes with punches and hooks. Despite Leary's smaller size, his wide hooks and powerful uppercuts forced Owens onto the ropes in the second round. Owens connected more punches as the match wore on, but Leary prevailed in the end.

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Scott Jarvie def. Andrew Wroblewski

The boxers played a game of on-beat to off-beat in the 165-pound division. Wroblewski made a move to score points, but the round ended with a split decision. In the next session, the fight was still even, with a win by Wroblewski. In the third round, the referee was forced to stop the fight, earning a victory in favor of Hammes.

Diego "Andres" Villafan def. Alex Gonzales

Villafan overpowered Shine with a devastating three-hit-blowout in the second round, which left Shine bloody. Shine could not recover from the barrage of punches that followed. The round ended with a unanimous decision for Villafan.

Joe Langenfeld def. Ryan Trautd

The bout started evenly with the first two rounds going to about even legs in the first round. The second round, Langenfeld landed a series of blows to Trautd's head before the round ended. In the third round, Langenfeld took control complete control in the third round starting strong in the second round and combos on Trautd to win by unanimous decision.

Alex Kissinger def. Andrew "Bo" Polich

Kissinger displayed some fancy footwork and strategy with Polich with a series of right hooks. Polich tried to take back some of the lead by landing a series of body blows before Kissinger landed several powerful punches to Polich's face. The bout ended with both fighters showing fatigue as Polich exchanged blows down the stretch until Kissinger was victorious in a split decision.

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**NBA ALL-STAR GAME**

**Shaq, Kobe lead West to victory**

Associated Press  
PHOENIX — Shaq danced, Kobe splashed and the three teams the Irish played Alabama, American and Notre Dame finished with a pair of goals on the night. But the Wildcats would not go quietly. Forwards Ray Kincaid and Phil Fox both scored for Northern Michigan late in the first period to keep things close. The two teams continued to fight back and forth with the Wildcats tying the game 4-4 five minutes into the second period.

From that point Notre Dame took over, scoring four straight power-play goals to bury the Wildcats. Cole started things off with a big blast from the point less than a minute into the final period. By 11:04 of the third, Northern Michigan defenseman Mike Malotte got whistled for hitting from behind. Malotte was given a five minute major and ejected from the game. Notre Dame capitalized by scoring three goals during the penalty shot to put the game out of reach. Calle Ridderwall, White and Cole all scored during the five-minute stretch.

**Notre Dame 5, Northern Michigan 2**

It took Notre Dame a bit longer to score Saturday night as they built it up quickly with a pair of power play goals in the final 1:23 of the game.

Freshman right wing Billy Muday opened the scoring with a Brett Blatchford rebound from the bottom of the left circle. Kevin Deeth was also credited with an assist. Muday netted the play from the left side.

With eight seconds left in the first, sophomore left wing Calle Ridderwall scored his 14th goal of the year on a doorstep wrister from the bottom of the net. Muday, who won the face-off on the Wildcat's side of the ice.

**Just 30 seconds into the second period, the Irish power play struck again. This time it was Lawson beating Stewart from in close on a nifty pass from Condra.**

Just 11:21 later, Condra made a great play, and I got a little lucky with it bouncing in off his pad, Lawson said.

Three minutes later, sophomore center Ben Ryan scored on the power play to make it 4-0 Irish on assists from Condra and Lawson.

"It was kind of a broken play where the puck ended up and I just found a seam," Ryan said.

Gregor Hanson scored two goals in a four-minute span to cut Notre Dame's lead in half midway through the second period, but Garret Regan gave the Irish an even-strength insurance goal with seven minutes left in the period to cap the scoring at 5-2. Pearce made 17 saves in the victory.

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**ND SOFTBALL**

**Irish fall twice to top-ranked 'Bama**

**Squad takes one of four tilts in season-opening tournament**

By MOLLY SAMMON  
Sports Writer

Fighting the toughest of the tough, the Irish softball team opened their 2009 season against the No. 1 ranked Crimson Tide, playing twice during the Bama Bash Tournament. Despite the 10-1 and 10-0 losses, Notre Dame also picked up their first seasonal win, against Eastern Carolina, 2-1.

"Playing Alabama was just like playing our own team," senior pitcher Britney Barg by said. "It felt like we were playing another university.

Barg by pitched in the tournament against each of the three teams the Irish played Alabama, Wisconsin, and Eastern Carolina. The team went 1-3 for the whole tournament, beating Eastern Carolina, losing to Wisconsin and suffering two five-inning slaughters to the Crimson Tide.

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defense, which held South Florida (8-16, 3-9 Big East) to 20-for-54 shooting (37 percent).

After struggling to keep many Big East opponents in check, Notre Dame's man defense held its second straight opponent to just 57 points. Notre Dame had points to spare in its 90-57 blowout of the Louisville Thursday, but with 49.46 remaining against the Bulls, the score was tied at 51. Notre Dame didn't allow a point for the next 8:34, allowing McAlearney to put the game away.

"We had to defend to win," Brey said. "It was probably good game for us to get out a league game that was kind of a grind-it-out game. Hopefully the offense isn't in great rhythm but you had to keep getting stops and rebounds." The defense was composed for an Irish offense that lacked the consistency of Thursday's showing. Notre Dame missed many open looks and shot 21-for-53 for the day (40 percent). McAlearney and Harangody were each 6-for-15 from the field. Ryan Ayers added 12 on 3-for-7 shooting. Tory Jackson, who finished with eight points, five assists and four rebounds, was 5-for-10.

Notre Dame got a boost in the first half from sophomore forward Tyrone Nash. Nash came off the bench and scored eight points in just over five minutes of play. Nash's points were part of a 16-4 Notre Dame run that gave the Irish a 21-17 lead. Notre Dame's biggest lead of the game.

"I was just happy I was able to provide a spark plug off the bench," Nash said. "It was kind of a grind-it-out game. We had to defense to win.

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The second-half was a back-and-forth contest, as the Irish scored three times only to have Loyola equalize shortly afterwards. Hoff finally put the Irish up for good his second goal of the match, and senior goaltender Scott Rodgers made two critical saves in the final minute to preserve the victory.

Rodgers, making his first collegiate start, tallied eleven saves.

"I think our smarts and discipline is what makes us so tough," Rodgers said. "We take a lot of pride in paying attention to the small details and nuances of the game." Loyola was led by junior

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Collin Finnerty, who scored four goals and added an assist. Goalie Jackson Hagelin also contributed 15 saves for the Greyhounds.

Hoff added that while the team enjoyed the success, a long season is ahead of the Irish.

"To reach our ultimate goal it takes doing it week by week, game by game," Hoff said.

Loyola will return to the field next Sunday, visiting Penn State. The Irish open at home Feb. 28 against Dartmouth.

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  22. Manhattan's place
  25. Dumped
  29. Passive-aggressive
  34. Common desiccant
  35. Where to hang
  38. Abundant sources
  39. Lands in the Andes
  43. N.F.L. salary limit
  44. Doorknob
  47. Like 1, but not 0
  48. Peel
  50. Not to be generous
  51. They really ought to be kicked
  54. Next to nothing?
  55. An alien may take it. Abbr.
  57. Is a hero

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### Horoscope

**EUGENIA LAST**

- CECIL B. MERRITT (BORN ON THIS DAY: Tremont, Blvd. 55, Matt Goergin, 55, Me- lissa Manchester, 56, Jan Seymour, 58)
- Happy Birthday! There is much at stake this year. Tune down your anxiety and real- ize the true value of outstanding credit by your dovetail. This is the time to become a leader in your field and seize the moment. Hold on going and go back what you can. Your numbers are: 5, 11, 26, 31, 47.

**ALIBI (BORN 21-APRIL):** Protect your health, your money and your future. Do what ever it takes to step into the light and help yourself. Take this time to decide what you want in the past. The time is right to offer your services on a broader scale. ***

**TALKER (BORN 16-APRIL):** Do your own thing and stay true to your nature. Emotional fac- tors regarding certain business and personal matters will not be visible and will need sus- pecting. You're straight and do not take action unless it is a quick shot and short, what you have. ***

**GEMINI (BORN 21-JUNE):** You may be tempted by someone's魅力 but don't count yourself as a follower. An old friend may raise questions about a decision you made a long time ago.***

**CANCER (BORN 23-JULY):** Talk to someone in the know about the gymnasium where you think to pursue your personal and professional life. You get just what you expect the support you need. Start work and dedication will turn dreams around.***

**LEO (BORN 23-AUG.:** Don't let your hair fall off your head. Someone is likely to appear to show you that you followed good and the ability to say I will be required. Someone from your past can disrupt your life if you let him know her.***

**VIRGO (BORN 23-SEP):** You can solve old labor, disadvantages and satisfactori- ness if you don't let yourself fall down. This is a time when you have to give up an idea of what you want to do.***

**LIBRA (BORN 23-OCT):** A sudden change in your vacation or the rules and regula- tions as work will know your concerns about your new issue. You're ready to divide one of your own show. Love and social events will lead to someone who can help you now.***

**SCORPIO (BORN 23-NOV):** Put your efforts into your work, and avoid anyone who gives you a good time or wants you to give you up. Be strong. Success will not check you if you push forward regardless of the demands of pet on you.***

**SAGITTARIUS (BORN 22-DEC):** Pudding ahead on your own will help you the most. Love won't be at the end of the road and the time to come. Someone wants to help you return to your past.***

**CAPRICORN (BORN 21-JAN):** You may have a laugh on your verbal retelling in your name and melodic in your role but you give in to what others are telling you. A, simultaneous is taking place in your field.***

**AQUARIUS (BORN 19-FEB):** You have pride, and other can come out and take your own path.***

**PISCES (BORN 19-MAR):** You will be told the effect or offer making you may sound good but not the opposite is more likely. Differences with siblings and legal matters will set you back. A thing that concerns me no longer happens.***

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BENGAL BOUTS

Bouts get underway with preliminary round fights

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Sports Writers

The 79th annual Bengal Bouts boxing tournament opened last night with over 70 fights taking place in 12 different weight classes.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

McAlarney's two clutch threes give Irish win over USF

By CHRIS HINE

Sports Writer

If there's one person opposing defenses have keyed on Notre Dame's offense all season it's Kyle McAlarney. Shut him down, you have a chance to win. Let him get free and risk getting burned by his quick, deadly accurate shot.

On Sunday, South Florida stuck with McAlarney for most of the second half, but on two possessions late in the game, the Bulls lost were a step slow, and McAlarney did them in to seal Notre Dame's 67-57 win.

With just under three minutes remaining, McAlarney darted toward the corner, with South Florida guard Jesus Verdejo lagging behind, took a short pass from Zach Hillesland and drained a three to put Notre Dame up seven. McAlarney, who finished tied with Lake Harangody for game-high 19 points, was determined to hit a big shot after missing the front end of a one-and-one on Notre Dame's previous possession.

"I was ready to go off on myself and I was cursing a little bit and I got a little space because I just had a different focus after I missed that free throw," McAlarney said.

Then with 1:13 left, McAlarney came off a Harangody screen, caught the half-court pass from Tony Jackson in front of Notre Dame's bench, gave an up-fake to a hurried Verdejo and drained another three to give the Irish an eight-point lead, ending any hope of a South Florida comeback.

"The other one, I just got him up in the air and just took it," McAlarney said. "Great screen by Gody, great delivery by Tony.

But McAlarney's clutch shots would not have been possible without another solid performance from Notre Dame's 130-pound division

Christopher Bennett def. Michael "Borbica" Perez

The night's opening bout set the tone for the rest of the evening, as Bennett came from behind to force a match. Perez started off strong during the first round, landing most of his punches and exhibiting great footwork.

But Bennett was unflappable, pinning Perez against the ropes and wearing him out for the unanimous victory.

BENGAL BOUTS

Irish senior guard Kyle McAlarney goes up for a layup against two South Florida defenders during Notre Dame's 67-57 win Sunday.

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HOCKEY

Squad wins two vs. NMU

Big weekend from powerplay powers Irish to sweep of Wildcats

By DAN MURPHY and MATT GAMBER

Sports Writers

The nation's top power play unit was at it again over the weekend as the Irish scored on 19 of its 105 man-up chances in a pair of home wins over Northern Michigan.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame opens season with late victory

Hoff scores with 5:29 left to secure ND win

By MICHAEL BRYAN

Sports Writer

No. 7 Notre Dame opened its season in dramatic fashion Saturday, edging No. 17 Loyola (Md.) 10-9 in Atlanta, New Jersey attackman Ryan Hoff received an assist from junior Grant Krebs and netted the winning goal for Notre Dame with 5:29 remaining.

The match, which remained close from start to finish, was the seventh straight Irish win in season openers. Krebs led Notre Dame offensively with four points on three goals and a winning assist.

The Irish jumped out to a 3-1 lead in the first quarter with goals from Hoff, junior Neal Hicks, and sophomore David Earl. Loyola quickly responded, however, reeling off four straight goals to take a 5-3 advantage.

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