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 hook-uping 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.” While most of the panelists discussed the topic of love in a romantic context, Senior Natassia 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 McKenna 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 six guys “I’ve hooked up with this semester,” questioning why they have ignored her following.”

Unopposed ticket runs for SMC student gov’t

Running mates hope to install printers in each dorm

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 currently 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 use your experience to your advantage in student government that you can build on."

By ELIZABETH O’DONNELL
News Writer

Students, faculty and members of the South Bend community packed South Dining Hall Friday night for the 11th annual "Brazilian Carnaval!"

"Carnaval!" is a take-off on the Brazilian Carnival festival, which occurs four days before Fat Tuesday in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Senior Julia Sendor, the student assistant to the Events Coordinator at the Kelllogg Institute, said they had been planning for this year’s event since December.

"Since it is a yearly event, we draw on certain aspects of the celebration that we found were popular in previous years," she said.

One of the signature events of the Carnaval celebration in Brazil is the bloco parade, which features schools of samba dancers, dancing costumes, music and entertainment. The parade’s name comes from the tradition that groups of people form “bloco,” which is Portuguese for block. These bloco blocks each are dressed in costumes relating to a specific theme or idea.

The event organizers introduced the bloco parade to the on-campus celebration this year as a new activity at "Carnaval!" While there were no samba schools to participate in the parade, there were plenty of costumed participants.

The bloco parade served as a costume contest at "Carnaval!" All costumed guests at the event were invited to join in the competition. 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.

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 Hinkle, 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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INSIDE COLUMN
Swimsuit regrets

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 home room next to a girl with long brown hair and very blue eyes. She was tall, her legs long. She powdered her face while the teacher read announcements out loud.

Back then, she wore a Catholic school's uniform. Now, she is featured across the pages of Sports Illustrated and on the Internet, pictured wearing skimpy bathing suits, lying on warm beaches.

We lead very different lives. It's been a long time since I was outside (1) lying on the ground (2) not wearing pants and a coat (3) lying on the ground not wearing pants and a coat.

A friend of mine e-mailed me the link to our high school classmate's Sports Illustrated spread four days ago. It was my first time looking at the model's picture 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 brand.

"I went to high school with that girl," I told the people I was walking with, pointing at the billboard. I'm sure they thought it was the juggling 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 make-up stand.

Another time I was home in Maryland, walking through a Rite Aid. I glanced at a rack of magazines, and there she was, 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 highest-earning super models.

I know you should not make friends purely for what they can do for you, but looking back at my days in homeroom, I wonder why I didn't have a little more.

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

Learn from my mistakes: Make friends with ridiculously good-looking people.

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

CORRECTIONS

The Notre Dame Men's Texas article that appeared in the Oct. 13 edition of The Observer was a reprint from the article that was run last year.

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"Do you think Barack is doing a good job so far?"

"Where's Waldo?"

"How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?"

"I would be too lazy to think of one.

"How many licks does it take to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop?"

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK THE QUESTION OF THE DAY SHOULD BE?

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Kaitlynn Riely Associate News Editor

Jess Reese sophomore LeMans

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Brianne Carroll freshman LeMans

Krysta Holtcamp freshman McCandless

Grand Knight Jim Redden cooks steaks for Valentine's Day. Our Dame students could order steaks-grams for Valentine's Day, and a Knight delivered them to their carnivorous friend or love interest.

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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Kissing record broken on Valentine's Day

MEXICO CITY - Mexico City packed up to set a new 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 39,997 people who entered the kissing area of the city's Zocalo main square on Valentine's Day, besting Weston-super-Mare, the 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. at 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 Ritschel Sports Recreation Center. The event is free to all attendees and there is a 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 "Fresh Four Square" Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. in Stephen C. O'Connell Center. 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 10:40 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 obnews@nd.edu.

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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."

Parents had to register for the weekend, and then were able to participate in all of the events. "I don't believe there was a problem with registration," Brown said. "If there were any dilemmas at all, we, the Sophomore Board, did everything in our power to accommodate everyone."

Many parents decided to come to the event. Students and parents combined, an estimated 360 people were in attendance.

"There were quite a few parents on campus all weekend," 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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sophomore

Brown said, "It was a little hectic making sure all the events went as smooth as possible." Brown said. "But it all worked out, and the fact that the majority of parents and students seemed to have a great time is what really made this weekend so special."

"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."

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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 an unanimous decision. Turn to page 24 for coverage of the fights.

That's What He Said?
Images of Modern Masculinity

Where: carry auditorium
Heckburgh Library

When: Wednesday
February 18 at 8pm

The Office & Roles of men & women
What does it mean to be a man?

Featuring...
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their hook-up. The point of her letter, she wrote then, was to declare that she “won’t hook-up with any more random boys.”

The letter drew many responses which, Buddie said, were “at times hurtful and demoralizing.” In fact, she said, Friday, she addressed her motivations for writing the letter and the outcome of her declaration.

When she arrived on campus in August, she met up with a fellow student she knew and had talked to over the summer. They kissed, she said, and it was the first time she had been intimate with someone outside a relationship.

But then he ignored her, she said.

“It is impossible for me to converse to you the magnitude of the effect this experience had on me,” she said, Buddie said she became “obsessed with the idea that something was wrong” with her and lost sight of her inner beauty and her self-respect.

“I would look to guys at the party to help me feel beautiful again,” she said. She never got the affirmation of her inner beauty that she was looking for, but after each hook-up she felt a momentary boost to her self-esteem, and fell “into a pattern of repeated hook-ups, at which point my self-respect began to disappear.”

“I 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 hot or as just an opportunity. Maybe they were looking for the same self-affirmation that I was.”

Buddie said she is thankful she did not reach the point when she decided to write her letter to the Editor. It was to read the criticism of her in the paper, she said, the very moment when she decided to write her Letter to the Editor.

“I was so hurt by the criticism of her in the paper, she said, “I was being judged as one of the girls who I hooked up with, by the very nature of the hook-up culture, were concerned about my inner beauty.”

“People need to re-examine definitions of beauty and desire,” Loyd said. “When you look at the images in the media make it seem as though beauty is something to strive for.”

“We need to embrace our sexuality as a release of pent-up sexual energy,” Loyd said.

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Higgins Labor Studies Program
Spring 2009 Schedule

Feb 4 Labor Film: Where Do You Stand?: Stories from an American Mill
Facilitator: Dan Graff, Associate Director, Higgins Labor Studies Program
9 Promoting Community Benefits with Responsible Tax Policy
Speaker: Marty Wollowson, Director, Higgins Labor Studies Program
16 Union Forum: The Role of Unions in Today’s Economy
Speakers: Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick, PhD student in sociology and peace studies, Bill Purcell, Associate Director, Center for Social Concerns, Ana Velitchkova, PhD student in sociology and peace studies
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Mar 2 U.S. Catholic Labor Priests. Speaker: Fr. Pat Sullivan
12:00 to 1:00 p.m., O’Shaughnessy 119
16 Rethinking the Golden Age of Capitalism: The 1959 St. Louis Newspaper Guild Strike
Speaker: Brian Sarnacki, senior History major
12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Decio 131
24 McBride Lecture: Protecting the Planet & Creating Jobs: A Win-Win Proposition
Speaker: David Foster, Executive Director of the Blue-Green Alliance
7:30 p.m., Hesburgh Library Auditorium
30 Human Rights Lecture: Working for Social Justice: From the Fields of Immokalee, Florida to the Fields of Sinaloa, Mexico
Speaker: Melody Gonzalez ‘05, National Campaign Coordinator, Fair Food Across Borders
7:30 p.m., DeBartolo Classroom Building 131
Apr 1 Labor Film: Newsies
Facilitator: Marty Wollowson, Director of Higgins Labor Studies Program
4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Hesburgh Center Auditorium
20 The Struggle for Worker’s Rights at the South Bend Housing Authority
Speaker: Gene Knapp, Teamsters Local 364
12:00 to 1:00 p.m., O’Shaughnessy 119

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iraqi officials admit election fraud

BAGDAD — Iraqi officials acknowledged Sunday that there was some fraud in last month's provincial elections, but said it was not enough to force a new vote in any province.

Faraq al-Haidari, chairman of the election commission, said final results of the Jan. 31 vote would be announced this week. Voters chose members of ruling provincial councils in an election in which at-large seats were contested by former military officers and parliamentarian candidates for the first time.

One problem was the presence of militias, which are not allowed to campaign. The militias are a legacy of the long war with Iran and Iraq's current struggle against Sunni militants who oppose the government.

The election was the first since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion and the withdrawal of U.S. troops in December 2011. The U.S. had hoped that elections would help cement security gains of the past four years.

Drones used to hunt Somali pirates

ABOARD THE USS MAHAN — American warships off the lawless Somali coast are using unmanned drones to hunt pirates threatening one of the world's most important shipping lanes during the elections, expressing hope they would help cement security gains of the past four years.

Despite the drop in violence, a U.S. soldier was killed Sunday by a roadside bomb in southern Iraq, officials announced. At least three other people were killed by attacks Sunday in other parts of the country, according to police.

Four killed in hospital shooting

DALLAS — A Dallas County sheriff's deputy was killed during a shooting Sunday at a hospital that was in the process of being evacuated.

The shooter and another man were killed in a gun battle outside Lakeside Memorial Hospital in Brookpoint, Monroe County, Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn said.

Debris falls from sky in Texas

DALLAS — The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating numerous reports of debris falling from the sky.

Sunday reported what looked like a fireball streaking across the sky.

Japan's economy dropping at quick rate

TOKYO — Japan's economy contracted 1.3 percent in the fourth quarter, slipping even deeper into recession as the country struggles to recover from a 2011 tsunami and nuclear crisis.

The contraction brings Japan's economy to the brink of another recession, just as the country is trying to weather a growing economic slowdown.

A survey of economists by the Kyodo news agency projected a 1.3 percent contraction for the quarter. The government's preliminary figures showed a 0.7 percent contraction in the period ending in March.
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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 survey, 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 will not take a stipend, or a payment for serving student government, 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 BOG and finally voted on by the student body.

The Observer will most likely be available to vote upon during class Board of Elections during the last week of February.

At 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 people (here) who make it so.”

The vice presidential candidates answered the question regarding rules.

Griffis 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 PRISM until 11:59 p.m.

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same way as they. They wanted $5 footlongs,” Traub said.

Hinckley said that because of the Flex Point system, “they can’t,” said the way with charging more per sandwich than people expected.

After seeing that other students were interested, Traub and Hinckley, along with sophomores Colin McManara, Andrew Baechler and Dom Golub, submitted a letter to The Observer calling for the boycott of Subway.

Hinckley said he didn’t see a significant increase 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.

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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 to the crowd 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, Seidler 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 populace,” Seidler 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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The Office & Roles of men & women

How is masculinity portrayed in popular culture?

Featuring:

Dr. Robert L. Benfer, Director of Gender Studies Program
Dr. Patricia French, Professor of Anthropology
Dr. M. Catherine Kading, John P. Murphy Foundation Professor of Law
Dr. Maria C. C. Grubb, Chair of Women's Department
Dr. Maria Quirk, Professor of Sociology

The Office is proud to present the final showcase for "Gender Makers: Images of Modern Masculinity" on Feb. 12.

This event will be held in the Fieldhouse Library and is free to the public.

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Performers dance in front of the crowd Friday at South Dining Hall as part of the eleventh annual Brazilian Carnaval celebration.
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**Market Recap**

Chrysler, GM labor talks slow

DETROIT — Concession talks between the United Auto Workers and the Detroit Three shifted into an odd phase Saturday as negotiations broke off with General Motors Corp., slowed at Ford Motor Co., financially the healthiest of the three, according to people briefed on the bargaining.

The developments come as GM and Chrysler race toward a Tuesday deadline to submit plans to the government on how they will become viable and repay billions in loans that are keeping them alive during the worst auto sales slump in 26 years.

Ford, which borrowed billions from private sources before credit markets tightened, has said it can make it through 2009 without government help.

The Treasury Department has committed to giving GM a total of $13.4 billion if the automaker’s plan is approved. GM’s plan, however, will raise the possibility that more government loans may be needed, as sales in overseas markets have deteriorated worse than expected, according to a person briefed on the plan.

**Evidence mounts in salmonella probe**

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 generally challenged by the nation’s economic meltdown.

Efforts to clean up one of the nation’s most troubled abandoned mines say the work is a strong job-generator.

*seth Johnson of Chloride, Ariz., explores one of many abandoned mine shafts along the Chenuen Peak Trail in the Cerbat Mountains In Chloride, Arizona on Saturday.

**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 Beal Mountain mine opened in 1958 near Butte, Mont., it overflowed with precious metals — enough to extract for years.

But food safety attorneys say prosecutors have been particularly challenged by the nation’s economic meltdown.

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Economy tests historically black colleges

Associated Press

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Most colleges are dealing with economic problems. One recently released survey on 791 American public and private colleges reported that enrollments 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. Only three black colleges — Howard University in Washington, D.C., Spelman College in Atlanta and Hampton University in Virginia — had enrollments among the top 100 included in the survey. Most lack the resources and strength in alumni giving of their mainstream counterparts.

Most students at the colleges combine grants and loans to fund their educations, Lomax said. Just a small percentage get help from their parents, and others work retail or fast food jobs to make tuition.

An Associated Press analysis showed that 62 percent of students at 83-four year HBCUs receive Pell Grants. More than 90 percent of those recipients come from families earning less than $40,000 a year.

Lomax expects HBCUs to survive, but they may have to make some painful choices to do it.

"These are institutions that have made it through the Great Depression and other cyclical downturns," he said. "What we’re doing is counseling schools to tighten their belts as much as possible."
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 General Hospital for at least the month she was living there, and to do so, she even worked over the Easter weekend. The stress of trying to keep her patients afloat, not to mention her own health, quickly made it clear she would have to leave the hospital every day waiting to qualify for health insurance.

"Of course she was aware of the saying that 'If you want something done right, do it yourself,' but for the first time, she didn't do it anymore.

"We're seeing more nurses like O'Bryan are thrown into hospitals with little direct supervision, quickly forced to juggle multiple patients and make critical decisions for the first time. The number of nurses in the U.S. has dropped from 3.5 million in 2007 to 3.4 million, according to one national study.

That turnover rate is a major concern for the nation's growing shortage of nurses. But there are signs that hospitals may be able to give new nurses greater support. Many hospitals are trying to create safety nets with residency training programs.

"It really was, 'Throw them out there, and see what happens' said University of Portland nursing professor Diane Vines, who said University of Portland nursing students can get help with their residency training programs.

"For Yaima Milian, who's currently in the program at Baptist, this is markedly different from the preparation she got at her first hospital in New York. She left after a week with the feeling that she didn't feel ready to work solo.

While Milian was paired with a more experienced nurse at the New York hospital, they didn’t see patients together; they split the working week into a half-week each. Milian was charged with caring for several patients with complicated issues — those on ventilators and with chest tubes — and she felt thoroughly unprepared.

"If I didn't feel right, it felt very unsafe," Milian said.

Besides the residency's professional guidance, which includes classroom instruction, new nurses also get personal support from mentors — people they can call after a bad day or to get career advice. The new nurses also gather with their peers for regular debriefing, or "venting" sessions.

"We have here this group that is going through experiencing the same things you're experiencing," Milian said, "and it makes you feel better.

"To be sure, not all the nurses who leave do so because of a rocky transition. But for nurses who do leave because of stress, those programs are helping.

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the University HealthSystem Consortium teamed up in 2002 to create a residency program for hospitals affiliated with universities. Fifty-two sites now participate in the program, and the average turnover rate for new nurses was about 6 percent in 2007.

"We believe all new graduates should be given some support system," said Polly Bednash, the nursing association's executive director. "We are facing a downstream of tremendous nursing shortage as a large number of nurses retire from the field. So you need to keep the nurses you get to keep them supported.'

Obama plans auto recovery strategy

President plans to appoint senior officials to oversee restructuring

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama plans to appoint senior administration of­ficials — rather than a single, cost-cutting panel — to oversee a restructuring of the auto industry.

Obama's economic team is meeting Sunday on the condition of anonymity because no announcement had been made.

"The president understands the importance of this issue and also understands that the auto industry affects and is affected by a broad range of economic policies," the official said.

As the teams move forward, Obama "wants to make sure that we're getting the expertise and input of agencies across the government," the official said.

"This time around, we're a little more humane in our treatment," he added. "I'm not going to prejudge anything. I think there is going to have to be a restructuring of those companies. I'm not going to get into the mode of how that happens. We'll wait and see what they have to say on Tuesday," he told "Fox News Sunday.

Executives at the two automakers have said bankruptcy is not an option. The Obama administration is weighing the cost of pouring billions more into struggling companies against possible bankruptcies that could undermine plans to jump-start the economy.

GM and Chrysler are living on a federal cash infusion, and both are likely to get more government support in the future.

"In tele­vision inter­views Sunday, White House senior adviser David Axelrod didn't respond directly when asked if the U.S. economy could withstand a GM bankruptcy.

"My point is that we're going to proceed with a plan that works based on the best available information," Axelrod told "Fox News Sunday.

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"So more hospitals are invest­ing in longer, more intensive residencies. Those can cost roughly $5,000 per resident. But the cost of recruiting and training a replacement for a nurse who washed out is about $50,000, personnel experts estimate.

One national program is the Versant RN Residency, which is designed to develop nurses in California Hospital Los Angeles and since 2002 has been implemented in hospitals nationwide. One of those, Baptist Health South Florida in Coral Gables, reports cutting its turnover rate from seven to five percent in the 18 months since it start­ed its program.

The Versant pairs new nurses with more experienced nurses and they share patients. At the end of the program, the bulk of the work as the rookies do, but for the first year and the unemployment rate now, 7.6 percent, could swell past 9 percent by the spring of 2010.

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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 astonished 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. But as I stood up at the huge brick, mortar and stone that uninterrupted capsule 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, though, I did feel a little consolation in learning that it only holds 50,000 people, paling in comparison to Notre Dame’s circa 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.

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 do at least spread that out, separate residential from recreational. We don’t have palm trees, but one thing ostensibly missing from Rome? Dwarfs. 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 rub 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 unoriginality 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-enclosed nation. The first thing I notice? Priests. Everywhere. And nuns, I didn’t have to think too hard to remember. For those in South Bend. But on top of it, for that matter.

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Letter to the Editor

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 freezer was little 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 as a symbol and the individual flag which suffers damage in poor weather conditions.

Brandon Payne
junior
Monetary Manor
Feb. 4

Editorial Cartoon

“I’m so cute! I was stupid! I was naive! Everybody’s doing it!”

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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 ideas and attitudes are a delight, part of life’s exciting variety not something to fear.”

Gene Roddenberry
screenwriter/producer
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 the Queer Film Festival this year, it’s probably kaput for good. After failing to snuff out the festival in its early years by force of will, Notre Dame recently succumbed to killing it off quietly, slowly and deviously behind the scenes. The result: a gay 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, Anthropology and Film, Television and Theater.

By the next few years, as an academic event, the Queer Film Festival was a smash success, staging, for example, the Indianapolis premiere of “Brokeback Mountain” and drawing such notable filmmaker to campus as John Cameron Mitchell (“Hedwig and the Angry Inch”), and Notre Dame alum Don Roos (“The Opposite Sex, “Toys on the Side,” “Single White Female”), Brian Dannelly (“Saved”) and four-time Tony Award winner Terrence McNally (“Lovely! Lover! 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-weak to put up a fight. Over previous administrations, there was a crusade against homophobia — at one point even going the student-organized, open campus-off group out — that not only failed, but resulted in his public humiliation when the Faculty and Student Senate passed resolutions denouncing his actions. Throughout the trauma, the gay students were valiantly backed up by public protest events involving faculty 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 avoid absolutely any kind of pressure to use our academic influence in any circumstance.”

On the eve of the Queer Film Festival opening on March 2 in 2006, the 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 overloaded. The New York Times reporter got to Father Theodore Hesburgh, who endorsed the fest, 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 get your point of view out there,” Hesburgh told the Times. “You engage them. You want to get students’ minds working. You don’t want mindless Catholics. You want intelligent, successful Catholics.”

How could Jenkins — so new on the job — contradict Hesburgh, Notre Dame’s saintly champion of civil rights? He couldn’t. So when Jenkins was asked by journalists if he’d permit the gay film festival in the future, he said — with obvious relucrance — 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 reluctantly held under the clumsily titled “Gay and Lesbian Film: Filmmakers, Narratives, Spectators.”

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. In 2010, the faculty and Student Senate issued new resolutions condemning the university for this.

At a time when most major Catholic universities are embracing and supporting their gay students, many even including — as non-discrimination 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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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 waning vocals create the aura of ghostliness that returns throughout the work. "If this doesn't terrify you, it should." Sheik's voice has a subtle, almost casual quality to it that could risk boring his listeners, but he toes that line well on "We're Here to Tell You" and elsewhere on "Whisper House."

Brook's vocals are prominent on the album's third track, "And Now We Sing." The track helps to establish one of the album's enduring traits — its sparse, simplistic use of instrumentation. While much of "Whisper House" is based in 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 oboe wafting through the background of the track. It is the final note of the trumpet, however, that lends an air of loneliness and solitude to the song.

One of the album's quicker 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 harmonic, 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 Brook's talent, and "Take a Bow," one of the more energetic selections from "Whisper House."

The final track, "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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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 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 Belinic, 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 Janos Suite" and Joaquin Rodrigo’s "Concierto de Aranjuez." 

Students should also note that tickets are currently on sale at the Morris Web site for the Umphrey’s McGee concert on April 18. The band last came to the South Bend area in September of 2008, playing a sold-out show at St. Patrick’s Park in Mishawaka.

A group of Notre Dame alumni themselves, Umphrey’s is looking to capitalize on their growing student audience at this upcoming performance. Their jam-band style appeals well to college students’ tastes. The group opened for Dave Matthews Band in 2007, and the influence is visible in their tastes and performing style, which often allows for improvisation from night to night. Brendan Bayliss, a member of Umphrey’s McGee, described their sound in a Sept. 4 interview with the Observer as “self-indulgent orchestral rock.” 

“We’re kind of all over the map,” he said. “So we’re a little progressive in that way. It depends on what night you see us, really, and what environment we’re in. “We have musical ADD — we’re never really in the same spot.”

The band will take to the stage of the Morris in April, returning once more to the home of their alma mater. 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 WRITERS

175-pound division

Dominic Golab def. Jonathon Party

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

Joe Hagmann def. Peter Vignali

Smith Hagmann simply wore Vignali 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. Fellow boxers thought this blow continued in Hagmann’s favor throughout, as he bled Vignali’s nose in the final round en route to a unanimous decision.

Pat Jackson def. Patrick Carrier

Jackson opened the first round against Carrier with repeated right-left combinations. In the second round carrier came out with a fast-firing right hook and landed a strong right hooks to Jackson’s head in a row. A weak second round began, Carrier dominated the first encounter of the round, but before leaving he was too exhausted to defend himself from Jackson’s rapid jabs, lifting the fight to a unanimous decision for Jackson.

Mike Lee def. Adam Zabel

Lee tried to go on the offensive early with an arsenal of right hooks and body shots but Zabel was able to successful carry most of the offense off. Lee came out with two left jabs of his own. However, Lee took control at the start of the second round with a devastating right hook combo. By the second round, Zabel was trying unsuccessfully to evade Dan Murphy’s continuous attacks and jabs while Won in a unanimous decision.

Jim Hasson def. Ryan Simmons

Hasson started out the contest with several jabs and hooks while 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 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 head blows that kept the momentum 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 parody most of Doran’s attack. The two continued their stalemate lightweight 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 spurs of quick jabs. Doran won in a unanimous decision.

Joseph Meares def. Ethan McWilliams

It took three rounds and two bloody noses for the judges to name junior Joseph Meares the winner by split decision. Despite being knocked down twice by law student Ethan McWilliams, Meares owned 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.

Ted Grosseuteuer def. Jonathan Baker (185)

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Jordan Smith def. Doug Presutti

Smith had the advantage from start to finish, and would not let up on Presutti. Smith fought aggressively and dominated, and was rewarded with a unanimous first-round victory.

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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 Thcualo def. Yong Xiang Zheng

It’s strange how quickly the tides can turn. Yong Xiang Zheng started off in great form, landing two quick, powerful jabs to the body, causing senior John Thcualo’s head. It only took another 20 seconds, however, for Thcualo to win the fight at the referee’s discretion. After landing a powerful uppercut, Thcualo waive as Zheng was given the 10-count and decided that the fight could not go on.

200-pound division

Kiel Hockett def. David Thaxton

Both fighters came out aggressively, but Hockett gained the advantage after the first two rounds. By the third, however, both fighters became fatigued and Thaxton managed to land a few more punches. It was enough only to achieve a split decision, as Hockett ended up victorious.

Bart Dear def. Giacomo Minahia

The last match of the evening proved to be one of the most exciting, as both fighters came out at a vicious pace. Minahra refused to stop and take a break throughout the entire first round. His tenacity gave him an advantage early but forced him back to let up and protect himself in the later rounds as he became fatigued. By the end of the second round, Bart Dear managed a come-from-behind victory.

Matt Bono def. Jason Heasler

Neither fighter seemed to have any advantage at the end of this fight. While Bono landed more punches, Heasler landed harder ones. The intensity never slack during this fight and it was one of the few fights where the decision could’ve gone either way. In the end, however, senior Matt Bono got the nod over grad student Jason Heasler.

Matt Gray vs. Sean Callinan

These were two of the most aggressive fighters of the day. There was never a period longer than the three seconds where the two weren’t throwing punches. It wasn’t until the second round where Matt Gray seemed to pull away as the favorite after landing several clean shots. The match ended after Gray landed another clean combo, and he won by unanimous decision.

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NY Rangers at St. Louis

7:00 p.m., Versus

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**Pro-Am final round postponed**

**Associated Press**

**PERTH BEACH, Calif.** — Raging wind that toppled 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 2000, 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 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 guards Sherry 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.

"I think our doctors, in a big picture sense, have the better information. It's not like we're going to get a lot more in a couple of days, but it's a good move," he said.

Curry is gunning for the national scoring lead with 1,557 points. He leads the nation in scoring with an average of 33.2 points per game.

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**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.

A California police officer did not immediately return a phone message seeking information about why officers approached Lynch and his companions.

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.

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**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 season-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.
No. 22 Illini hold off Hoosiers’ second half scoring rally

Virginia ends losing streak, takes down No. 12 Clemson; Loyola-Chicago defeats No. 12 Butler in teams’ second meeting

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Illinois coach Bruce Weber spent halftime explaining what it would take to knock out Indiana. The words didn’t exactly resonate inside the locker room.

After the 22nd-ranked Fighting Illini shot 63 percent in the first half and built a 21-point lead, Illinois spent the second half fending off Indiana’s feisty rally and held on for a 65-52 victory Sunday.

“Whatever matter you say at halftime, they're not going to have the same edge,” Weber said. “That’s where you’ve got to be smart. You don't hit the grand slam when one's on base.”

Weber enjoyed watching the first half when Illinois (21-5, 9-4 Big Ten) was incredibly efficient.

His team was focused, defended and repeatedly found open shooters.

The Illini turned that combination into a 17-of-27 shooting performance that included 14 assists, something Weber would have trouble replicating at practice.

But with a 17-point halftime lead and large crowd coming over, it was clearly easier, his players fell into the trap. Instead of sharing the ball and playing its usual style, Illinois desperately wanted to deliver the blow that would finally make the Hoosiers (6-18, 1-11) relent.

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Virginia 85, Clemson 81

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — On the day Virginia honored its biggest star of the past decade, Sydren Landesberg, it showed it could not sustain the efficiency that helped its biggest star of the past season.

It was the first victory for Virginia (8-13, 2-8 Atlantic Coast Conference) since it beat Brown on Jan. 6, and ended its longest losing streak since it lost eight in a row in 1997-98.

“We desperately needed that,” said Sammy Zegelinski, who hit all six of his field goal attempts, including three 3-pointers, and finished with 15 points and six assists.

“It was real emotional and from here on out, we know we can win these games,” he said.

Key for the Cavaliers, Zegelinski said, was the early going in the second half when the Cavaliers went on an 11-0 run.

“Any time you go to overtime, it’s anybody’s ballgame, particularly if you’re on the road.”

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Tigers coach

Indiana forward Malik Story, left, goes to take a shot against Illinois forward Mike Davis in the second half on Sunday.

The Tigers got 16 points from Trevor Booker and 15 from K.C. Rivers, but they could not sustain the efficiency they brought out of the locker room at halftime.

“If you’re not dead-on, you’ve got a chance on someone else’s home court, you’ve got a chance for something like this to happen.”

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Irish win in season opener

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

No. 11 Notre Dame started its season off with a bang this weekend, defeating Duquesne 27-25, 25-17, 25-20.

Ten different Notre Dame players found the net in the blowout win over the Dukes. "I thought the game went great," Notre Dame assistant coach Meredith Simon said. "We were really happy with how our team worked and how they came out right from the start."

The Irish set a school record with 49 total shots on goal, 24 in the first half and 25 in the second. The Dukes managed only 18.

Leading the Irish were junior attacker Gina Scioscia and sophomore midfielder Shaylyn Blaney, a preseason all-Big East team selection. Scioscia came out with seven points with four goals and three assists. Blaney, Notre Dame's four-goal, including the first goal of the game-1:51 into play. Notre Dame extended their lead to 3-0 less than six minutes into the game with goals from sophomore midfielders Jackie Doherty and Kallie Abt. Duquesne netted their first goal 7:10 into the first half, but momentum would be short lived. The Irish scoring drive continued with five straight goals, putting them 8-1 with little over five minutes to go in the half. Scioscia and Blaney each had two more goals, and a fair from team captain Jillian Byres put Notre Dame 14-5 over Duquesne at halftime. The Dukes were unable to stop the Irish as they continued their scoring run in the second half, netting another seven consecutive goals. Blaney again opened the scoring for the half, 3:26 in. Duquesne replied with two back-to-back goals at 23:18 and 26:09 into the half, but weren't able to close the gap in Notre Dame's lead. Byres netted her third goal of the game 26:31 into the half to end the game's scoring and round out the Irish victory to 22-7.

Other Notre Dame players contributing goals to the Irish victory were Aneley Stewart with three goals and an assist, Kaitlin Keena, Maggie Ting, Taylor Fenn, Ashley Hadaway, Sarah Carson and Ashley Wood, who each scored one goal.

Notre Dame opens home play Feb. 20 as they take on the four-defending national champion Northwestern at 7 p.m. in the Loftus Center.

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SMC Basketball

Bells' chance at MIAA crown gone with loss

By BOBBY GRAHAM
Sports Writer

Coming into Saturday's game vs. Albion, Saint Mary's chances of winning the MIAA regular season championship were slim. After losing in a 62-33 defeat at the hands of Albion, those chances were even smaller.

Shortly following the Bells' (14-9, 12-2) loss, rival Hope defeated Adrian 102-53, climbing to a 1-13 record in the conference. As a result, Hope also holds a one and a half game lead over Saint Mary's as the Bells go into their final game of the season next Saturday against Kalamazoo. Despite the fact that the game was tight for the first couple minutes, Saint Mary's found themselves down 42-22 at the half after allowing Albion to put together a 20-2 run in a five minute span.

Saint Mary's once again lead the team in scoring with fifteen points and was one rebound shy of a double-double.

The story of this weekend's game, however, was poor shooting. The Bells could hardly buy a shot Saturday, shooting an abysmal 20.3 percent from the floor in the first half and 38 percent in the second. Other Bells to reach double figure were Jessica Conta, with a season-high 13 points, and Liz Wade and Katie Rashid each contributed 11 points.

From this point forward, the best Saint Mary's can hope for is a shot at conference championship. For this to occur they will need to beat Kalamazoo on Saturday and Hope will need to lose its last two games. While the Bells should not have a hard time defeating a wireless Kalamazoo team, the odds of nationally ranked Hope losing both of its last two games are slim to none.

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ND Women's Tennis

ND topples top-5 team, falls to No. 1 Northwestern

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 Stanford in the first round of the ITA Indoor National Championships on Friday, and then proceeded to knock off No. 4 Baylor in the quarterfinals on Saturday. Awaiting the Irish on Sunday was top-ranked Northwestern in the semifinals, and that's 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, bringing the Irish back from being down 1-2, to negotiate a one and a half game lead with No. 14 Northwestern.

"It was pretty exciting for all of us," senior Kelcy Tefft said. "Notre Dame has been pretty close to Stanford, so it was a very good time for that first. The Irish could not hold up for long, as No. 4 Baylor had beaten No. 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 team and have a few Toff's to say," Tefft said.

The team did just that, in much less dramatic fashion than the previous dramatic nonetheless, as it was again only a one-point victory - 4-3. The Irish won the doubles point, despite the first loss of the season for the Bells, 8-3. The duo of Toff and freshman Kristy Rasmussen in straight set with No. 7 doubles 6-1, 6-2. Tefft was defeated Scott Rasmussen in straight set with a 6-3, 6-2 victory. Watt had not only turned four consecutive singles wins to improve his record to 6-3.

No. 10 Dan Stahl was able to clinch the match for the Irish with a victory over Brookes 6-4, 6-2. "Dan has surprised everyone with his ability to move from 108 to 60, and I don't see that coming to a screech halt," Bayliss said. "The biggest thing that makes him is that he is such a superlative in style and a very real loathing of losses. He never wants to lose. However, he always has some good adjustments in his game style. We use to look at the things that he got away from, but now he has made some good adjustments in his game style. We are just beginning to get glimpses of what he might become," Simon said.

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Kyle Bianco def. Collin Feduska Blanco set the tone of the match early, delivering a powerful
jabbing his opponent in all three rounds. His effective combos and aggressive style enabled him to outlast Chris for the unanimous victory, which nearly matched Luft punch for punch.

James "Francis" Woods def. John "The Caucasian Asian" Crawford In one of the best matches of the evening, Woods and Crawford matched each other punch for punch in all three rounds. Crawford's vicious hooks and left hooks were equalled by James' aggressive jabs, causing a Crawford blood in the nose, much to the surprise of the fans. Woods was given the split-decision victory.

Mike Magill def. Sean Pennino Magill started strong in the 1st, building up a flurry of jabs and hook combos that led to a few jabs as the fighters both began to tire. Magill then began the third with a whirlwind of jabs that left Ea's face bloodied. Ea returned to the box in a whirlwind, but Magill capitalized on his opponent's injuries and hammered out the final seconds to take the split decision.

Ryan "Will Power" Slaney def. Jose "Reign of Pain" Carranza After a close first round. Slaney dominated the final two rounds with a dominating victory to the unanimous decision. The junior from Carroll Hall was aggressive throughout the match, and was consistently on the offensive, forcing the freshman from St. Edwards Hall, to get ground and barraged with blows until the end of the fight.

Joe "Reign of Pain" Carranza def. Sean "The Baptist" Sarna Sarna knocked his opponent down, and he walked away with the victory. The referee called the match at the final round before Rodgers, a freshman from Siegfried Hall, had difficulty landing punches on his way to his second loss.

Brown is knocked down to the canvas. The referee gave Brown a technical decision by the judges.

Kibbe's combos and impressive approach to his fight, got the advantage. In the third round, Brown chased Diamond to the corner, and pinned him against the ropes, but Diamond still showed a large amount of tenacity. Though Cowden got a little tired for the fight of his life, his agile style led to the end of the round. In a unanimous decision by the judges, Cowden defeated Diamond.

Connor Keenan def. Patrick Song From the start of the first round, Connor Keenan, the Siegfried sophomore, showed superior agility, which proved to be a large advantage over his opponent, Knott Hall freshman Patrick Song. In the second round, Song brought a new approach to his fight, getting low punches to Keenan's stomach to counteract his agility. In the third round, Song dominated the offensive, getting his way to the victory.

MATT "Pos" Posluszyk def. Greg Cunningham Posluszyk, an off-campus senior, used his height and reach advantage to defeat the freshman Cunningham in a match that was much closer than expected. Cunningham, though much shorter than his more experienced opponent, held his own through all of the three rounds, before Posluszyk finished strongly in the last round to go on to the unanimous victory. Posluszyk was the clear winner, but was not able to defeat Cunningham in any of the rounds.

In the first round, Adam Cowden, a freshman from Siegfried Hall, threw the first high-hit of the match, and got his opponent, senior Collin Diamond, pinned in the corner. During the second round, Cowden chased Diamond to the corner and pinned him against the ropes, but Diamond still showed a large amount of tenacity. Though Cowden got a little tired for the fight of his life, his agile style led to the end of the round. In a unanimous decision by the judges, Cowden defeated Diamond.
Mike Duff vs. Mike Abercrombie

Abercrombie opened the fight with a nice left hook, and landed a right hook.

Mark Witte vs. Jon Leiner

Leiner had a clear edge in the first round thanks to his aggressive punch throws. Witte came back in the second round and scored some nice jabs.

Jordan Bucco vs. David Selber

Bucco, who is the defending champ, landed some nice left jabs in the first round, and scored the first round.

Luke Halgren vs. Shane Polich

Polich came out strong, trying to wear down the challenger, but Halgren surprised him with some solid jabs.

Caleb Laux vs. Robert Tursi

Laux recovered from a low blow in the first round, and dominated the second and third rounds.

Michael Urciuoli vs. Greg Bendal

Bendal dominated the first round, but Urciuoli fought back and scored some nice jabs in the second round.

Jack Peterson vs. Graham Scott

Scott dominated the first round, but Peterson took control in the second and third rounds.

Joe Langenfeld vs. Ryan Traudt

Traudt dominated the first round, but Langenfeld took over in the second and third rounds.

Brian Salvi vs. Brian Schafer

Schafer dominated the first round, but Brian Salvi took control in the second and third rounds.

Bennett was a bit too fast and deft for Quinlan, who was unable to land a single punch.

Bennett was the clear winner, and the referee declared him the victor.
NBA ALL-STAR GAME

Shaq, Kobe lead West to victory

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Shaq danced, Kobe kissed and then they played.

And just like old days, they won again.

Bryant led all scorers with 37 points, O'Neal partied his way through the All-Star stage with 17 in just 11 minutes, and the Western Conference beat the East 146-137 Sunday night.

"I'm old," O'Neal said. "I miss those times. He was really looking for me, especially when we went to a pick-and-roll and they had Russell Lewis on me."

Back on the same team for the first time in nearly five years, the three-time champions shared the game MVP award, getting untracked after an awful start, then teamed up for a few big blocks that just how it open in the third quarter.

"I tell you what, those two guys together, that's a death combination as we all saw tonight, we've all seen in the past," East coach Mike Brown said.

"We are where they are right now, but if we were to sit there and talk about that just don't know it open in the third quarter."

They did it in the ways that made no sense before, Bryant with his cold-as-ice stare and focus, O'Neal as the over-sized clown who made fans and foes alike laugh.

O'Neal is now complimenta-

ND SOFTBALL

Irish fall twice to top-ranked Bama

Squad takes one of four tilts in season-opening tournament

By MOLLY SAMMON

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

Playing Alabama twice just like playing a conference team, "senior pitcher Britney Bargrayer was excited," senior lefty playoff like old Alabama, Wisconsin, and Eastern Carolina. The team went 1-3 for the whole tournament, beating Eastern Carolina, losing to Alabama Crimson Tide losing to Alabama Crimson Tide, and suffering two five-inning slaughters to the Crimson Tide.

"It was frustrating, and it was a bit of a disappointment. We knew we're a better team than what we played this weekend." infielnder Linda Kohan said.

"We know that we're a better team than what we played this weekend. During the first game against Alabama, the Irish took the lead initial as Alexia Clay's was batted back by Alabama infielder, bringing in a run. The Irish were not able to hold on against Alabama and Alabama fought back, holding Notre Dame to only that first run and scoring 10 more to end the game after five innings. The Irish have big plans for changing their game before approaching the other difficult opponents they will face in the 2009 season, including softball powerhouses, DePaul, Arizona State and UCLA.

"We need to wake up our bats and start hitting the ball," senior infielder Linda Kohan said.

"The highest batting averages of the season so far were hit by Sadie Pitzenbarger, sophomore infielder Katie Fleury and Kohan, who are each hitting over .300."

"We have a lot of things to improve," Bargrayer said. "But by playing the number one team in the country you learn a lot of things about yourself, like all the things you need to work on."

Despite a lopsided weekend, it's the second series positively on moving their season into full swing. The following game of the weekend was being able to be outside and be able to play," Bargrayer said.

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and sophomore Ian Cole also finished with a pair of goals on the night.

But the Wildcats did not go quietly. Forwards Ray Kau inisto 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.

Wildcats' 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.

I just slid back door, 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 Garrett 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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defense, which held South Florida (18-16, 3-9 Big East) to 3-of-24 shooting (12.5 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 9:46 remaining against
the Bulls, the score was tied at
51. Notre Dame didn't allow a
point for the next 8:34, allow­
ing McA lary to put the game
away.

"We had to defend to win," Brey said. "It was probably
good for us to have to put out a
league game that was kind of a
grind-it-out game. Hopefully
that's something we can build on
because our offense wasn't in
a great rhythm but you had to
keep getting stops and
rebounds."

The defense 

continued from an Irish offense that lacked the consis­
tency of Thursday's showing. Notre Dame missed many open


opportunities and entered the half down (40 percent). 

McAlarney and Harangody were each 6-for-15 from the
field, with 14 points hit and

four goals and added

an assist. Goalkeeper

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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 after­

wards. Hoff finally put the
Irish up for
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Scott Rodgers

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Mike Brey
Irish coach

K-Mac booked a that run with two of his five 3­

pointers. South Florida was
able to cut the lead to nine at
halftime and stay within strik­
ing distance early in the sec­

second half before mounting its

best run of the game. Down,
51-43 South Florida went on an
0-8 run to tie the score.

Bulls guard Dominique Jones, who finished with 14 points hit
a jumper. Chris Howard fol­

lowed that with one his three

3-pointers, and Verdejo, who led the Bulls with 18, took two

trips to the free-throws line and

hit three shots to tie the score.

Notre Dame's defense and

McAlarney's shooting took over from there.

Notre Dame will hit the road this week for two critical
matchups against teams that are just ahead of the
Irish in the Big
East standings.
On Wednesday,

Notre Dame travels to West Virginia to take on the

Mountaineers

(17-8, 6-6), fresh off their 95­

72 win over Villanova. On

Saturday, Notre Dame heads to Providence to take on the

Friars, (16-9, 8-5). This two­

game swing represents a

chance for Notre Dame to

improve its lot in the stand­

ings, where it sits in 16th place.

"That'll be a challenge, try to

win a road game. I think to

hold two teams in the 30s, field-goal percentage defense
here at home is something

build on," Brey said. "Can we

play that kind of post/plus man­
to-man on the road?"

Ayers added: "It's our chance
to make a move. Two road

games against two really good


team that have been playing

well in the Big East.

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Collin Finnerty, who scored
four goals and added an
assist. Goalkeeper Jake

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.

"I think our smart s and
discipline is what makes us
tough.

Scott Rodgers
Irish goa lkeeper

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

said.

Hicks recorded
ever a career­

high three
goals for the

Irish playing in

a return to his

home state.

Earl added two goals and

senior midfielder Duncan

Sweny had three assists.

Notre Dame will return to the

field next Sunday, visiting

Penn State. The Irish open at

home Feb. 28 against

Dartmouth.

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Brandon Boyd, 33; Matt Groening, 55; Mischa Barton, 18; Jane Seymour, 61

Happy Birthday: There is much to make this year. Some dreams you have been nurturing and existing for many years of your life will bear fruit. Let things move along now without too much concern about what the future might bring. Now is the time to unfold your wings and fly with abandon. The time is right to offer your services on a broader scale. ★ ★ ★

TUESDAY, Feb. 16, 2009

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Protect your health and your finances. Do whatever it takes to stay in the best physical and mental shape possible. Health will be helped by keeping clear of stress, worry and the past. You have a lot to live for. To live a safer, happier life is the observer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You could catch the blues from someone you love. Emotional situations regarding both business and personal partners will be difficult and will need you to face problems head on. It’s time to face action but rather is to be observer and protect what you have.★ ★ ★

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): You may be the Fuller woman everyone’s looking for but don’t revolve it towards a theme. An old friend may talk about a question about a doyle in a long time ago. ★ ★ ★

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Talk to someone you have. The chances you will meet in your work and profession. Little self gives great direction and the support you need. Hard work and determination will help you the most.★ ★ ★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don’t trust your low. Where you local someone. Someone is likely to pick up the phone and offer help to your benefit and he deris to be which结构. Someone from your past can give you hope for your future.★ ★ ★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can make old look, disappointments and unfavorable business if you don’t for friends media in your decisions. Ask us you have carnation into a program of集权 to respond your measurements if you want them. Avoid people who are trying to make a name.★ ★ ★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A sudden change in your vacation or the rules and regulations at work will have an effect on your mood and spirit. Rush to develop your own ideas of the day will do you good. ★ ★ ★

SCORPIO (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Putting aside your efforts in your work and avoiding someone who gives you a cold shoulder or touches you gives you up. Break. Success will not show up if you push forward regardless of the demands being put on you. ★ ★ ★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Pushing ahead on your own will help you the most. This is a time to shine and the best time for you. Some of your dreams will be realized. Get on with your place as a couple or someone who better suits you.★ ★ ★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may have a lot on your mind pertaining to your career and what your future holds. Rest assured, you have plenty of other cars and can move ahead by taking your own path.★ ★ ★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Back to your own rental real estate, and principles are those of someone playing emotional games. Be not lost to others of your work, but have your job to do in some way or fashion. Star you and your accomplishments ★ ★ ★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): An investment or offer being made may sound good but the bottom is just not there. Watch other business and get solutions you may also be loaded.★ ★ ★

Birthday baby: You are confident, charismatic and unpredictable. You tend to look at things in broad terms. You are powerful, generous and witty.★ ★ ★
Bengal Bouts

Bout get underway with preliminary round fights

By ERIC PRISTER, DOUGLAS FARMER, MOLLY SAMMON, CHRIS MICHAEL, NATHANIEL LEE, BOBBY GRAHAM, and CHRIS MACARRELL

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

By MICHAEL BRYAN

McAlarney's two clutch threes give Irish win over USF

By CHRIS HINE

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 (14-10, 5-7) up seven.

McAlarney, who finished tied with Luke Harangody for a 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 and I just knew it was going in 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 ball from guard Tory 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 in the air and just took it," McAlarney said. "Great screen by Gody, great delivery by Tory.

But McAlarney's clutch shots would not have been possible without another solid performance from Notre Dame's defense.

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

Squad wins two vs. NMU

Big weekend from powerplay powers Irish to sweep of Wildcats

By DAN MURPHY and MATT CAMBER

The nation's top power play unit was at it again over the weekend as the Irish scored on 19 of their 33 man-up chances in a pair of home wins over Northern Michigan.

No. 2 Notre Dame (23-5-3, 17-4-3 CCHA) converted 6-of-8 power play opportunities in a 9-3 win Friday before scoring on 4-of-8 in Saturday's 5-2 victory over the Wildcats (11-15-4, 8-12-3-3). The sweep gives the Irish a four-point lead over second-place Miami (Ohio) in the conference standings with four games to play.

The Irish have now scored 32 power-play goals on the year with a 25.3-percent success rate. Top-ranked Boston University ranks second in each category with 42 power-play goals and a percentage of 24.1.

"It's all timing," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said Saturday. "I wish we saved some of these for another night."

Notre Dame 9, Northern Michigan 5

It took only 1:21 to spring a leak in the Wildcat defense. Senior center Garrett Regan got things started by delivering a Kyle Lawson shot past senior goalie Brian Stewart. Ten minutes and two Erik Condra goals later, Stewart took himself out of the game.

Irish defenseman Brett Matchett found Condra cutting to the back post and the senior captain slipped it in for a 2-0 lead. Two minutes later Condra sniped the top right corner on a wrist shot and junior Derek Ianzen took over between the pipes for Northern Michigan.

Senior wing Justin White

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