Men's boxing club opens annual tournament tonight, raises funds for missions in Bangladesh

By NICOLE McALEE
News Writer

Guided by the motto “Strong bodies fight, that weak bodies may be nourished,” Notre Dame boxers will lace up their gloves tonight for the preliminary rounds of the 83rd installment of the Bengal Bouts boxing tournament.

Famed Notre Dame football coach Knute Rockne founded a boxing tournament at Notre Dame in 1920, but the tournament’s current purpose — to raise funds for the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh — was solidified in 2008 when five Notre Dame boxers and a camera crew traveled to the country to volunteer for the first time. Their experiences were captured in the documentary “Strong Bodies Fight,” directed by Notre Dame film professor William Donaruma.

This year, captains Daniel Yi, Pat Bishop and Danny Leicht, along with junior Ian Cronin, continued the tradition of serving in Bangladesh for the fifth year in a row.

Yi said he was able to experience the work of the Holy Cross missions throughout his summer in Bangladesh.

“I was fortunate enough to be chosen as one of four boxers to go to Bangladesh, and I got to see firsthand the work that Bengal Bouts has helped accomplish,” he said.

Senior captain Ryan Alberdi said participating in Bengal Bouts has had a deep impact on both the boxer and the Bengali people.

“Every day, Bengal Bouts is changing the lives of the boxers in the program and their Bengali friends on the other side of the world,” he said.

This year, 165 Notre Dame men will fight in the tournament after training intensively since the Monday after fall break, Alberdi said.

“It has been about four months of training,” he said.

By JOHN CAMERON
News Editor

One day after finding out they would be Notre Dame’s 2013-14 student body president and vice president, juniors Alex Coccia and Nancy Joyce said they are ready to hit the ground running.

“(We’re) still very excited and humbled to have won but also very aware of the fact that day one is tomorrow for me,” Joyce, who will begin serving in on Student Senate meetings tomorrow, said. “I think that’s really where the work starts.”

In the weeks leading up to the April 1 student government turnover, Coccia said he will focus on obtaining as much input from students as possible.

“It’s going to be a lot of talking with as many people as possible,” he said. “We got a really good sense of what students are interested in just by going door to door, but I think having more in-depth conversations with people should be (helpful).”

A primary method for facilitating this continuing dialogue will be instituting the town forum outlined in the Coccia-Joyce platform.

Junior Alex Coccia, right, and Nancy Joyce, left, participate in the runoff debate Sunday night in LaFortune Student Center.

By KATIE McCARTY
News Writer

Valentine’s Day is right around the corner, but the student managers at Irish Gardens have been preparing for the flower-heavy holiday for more than two months.

Planning for the busiest business week of the year for the completely student-run, independent floral shop began in December, general manager Krystal Hentges said. On an average business day, Irish Gardens places approximately $100 in flower orders, but Hentges said that figure jumps to nearly $1,000 per day during the Valentine’s Day holiday.

By MEG HANDELMAN
News Writer

In honor of President Abraham Lincoln’s birthday, Yale professor Steven Smith defended the legendary president’s “constitutional” leadership style at the “Lincoln’s Constitution” lecture Tuesday.

“There is virtual consensus that Abraham Lincoln was an exemplary leader, but there are lessons to be drawn on his style of leadership,” Smith said.

Smith, who published an anthology of Lincoln’s writings in 2012, said the self-constraint Lincoln
**QUESTION OF THE DAY:**

How do you feel about squirrels?

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**Cristin Pacifico**

Sophomore

Badin Hall

"I took a video of squirrels chasing each other last week."

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**Timmy Brazelton**

Junior

Carroll Hall

"Squirrels are my favorite."

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**Kevin Phan**

Junior

Carroll Hall

"I feed them cornbread from South Dining Hall."

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**Cheaney McWilliams**

Junior

Fisher Hall

"Love ‘em."

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**Jack Shadid**

Junior

Keough Hall

"Squirrels are gooood."

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**Students line up for the chocolate fondue station in South Dining Hall during the Mardi Gras dinner. On Tuesday evening, both dining halls served traditional Southern dishes, including red beans and rice, jambalaya, fried catfish and bread pudding.**

Purple, green and gold beads and balloons decorated the dining halls.

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**THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:**

**Wednesday**

83rd Annual Bengal Bouts Preliminaries

Joyce Center

6 p.m.-10 p.m.

Men’s boxing tournament opens.

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**Thursday**

SonnetFest 2013

O’Shaughnessy Pavilion

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Public readings of Shakespeare’s 154 sonnets.

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**Friday**

Business Lecture

Mendoza College of Business

10 a.m.-12:10 p.m.

Speaker: Julia Silverman.

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**Saturday**

Men’s Tennis

Eck Tennis Pavilion

12 p.m.-2 p.m.

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Mass

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Series brings international professionals to College

By KAITLYN RABACH
News Writer

The Saint Mary’s College Department of Global Studies announced Thomas Herder, General Counsel of the Energy Division of Siemens AG, as the inaugural speaker of its new lecture series, titled “On Developing Global Mindset.”

“We are delighted to have Tom Herder as our inaugural speaker in the series,” department chair and business professor Jill Vihtelic said. “He values [a] global mindset and women’s roles in globalization. He will offer good insight to our students.”

In his role at the Munich-based electronics and electrical engineering company, Herder manages a global department of more than 150 lawyers, contract managers, paralegals and support staff located in more than 20 locations in eight countries.

This broad experience and insight makes him an ideal speaker, highlighting people in successful global careers, Vihtelic said.

“We want students to hear firsthand how they can develop a global mindset,” Vihtelic said. “We want students to be able to dialogue with him and learn what his job is, what education prepared him for his role in the company and what sort of previous experiences he has had abroad.”

Herder is no newcomer to Saint Mary’s College. He and his wife, Sally Herder, a 1978 alumna, are co-chairs of the Saint Mary’s College Parent Council, and their daughter, Julie, is a senior communications major. (Editors Note: Julie is employed as a photographer for The Observer.)

Susann Dampier, assistant to College President Carol Ann Mooney, recommended Herder as a potential speaker, Vihtelic said.

“As the parents of a senior, they understand the importance of bringing real world experience to our students,” Dampier said. “Mr. Herder’s talk about his career in international law should be both informative and inspirational to our students.”

Though the Global Studies major is a new addition to the College’s curriculum, Vihtelic said its students can already begin considering career paths in the international job market that tie into the department’s business and economics concentrations.

“An important part of this major is not only academic skill, but to also get our students thinking about different professional opportunities,” Vihtelic said. “A speaker like Mr. Herder complements the business concentration of the major.”

But Global Studies students are by no means limited to careers in business, Vihtelic said.

“For future lectures in the series, we would like to include government officials, non-profit organizers and global leaders of education,” she said. “It is important for students of the major to see all types of global careers.”

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Club promotes family values

By MARISA IATI
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To encourage students to build healthy relationships, members of the Rodzinka: Little Family club in the Knights of Columbus Council Hall.

Philosophy professor David O’Connor addresses members of the Rodzinka: Little Family club in the Knights of Columbus Council Hall.

The format we have now … to talk about these issues with other opportunities to interact and how they relate to college life, trying to foster lives of personal and sexual integrity on campus,” Kirchoff said.

Kirchoff said Rodzinka will soon put up posters on campus about the Love and Fidelity Network to promote conversation about romance and dignity.

“It’s not judgmental,” Kirchoff said. “It wants to get people to reexamine concepts like dignity, romance and how they relate to college life, trying to foster lives of personal and sexual integrity on campus.”

With Rodzinka’s national network of college students … to talk about these issues with other opportunities to interact …

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Son discusses mother’s medical legacy, life

By SARAH SWIDERSKI
News Writer

On Tuesday evening, members of the Saint Mary’s community learned about the life and legacy of Henrietta Lacks, an unlikely but remarkable hero of American medical research, during an event featuring her son, David Lacks.

After Henrietta Lacks’s cancer cells were harvested without her consent or knowledge in 1951, the so-called “HeLa” cells were used to test the first polio vaccine, cloned and used to map human genes. Her story has since been publicized in a book titled “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks,” by author Rebecca Skloot, who will visit Saint Mary’s on Feb. 28.

During a question-and-answer session facilitated by political science professor Marc Belanger and senior London Lamar, David and his wife Shirley addressed some of the issues discussed in Skloot’s book and shared their personal experiences with Henrietta.

David said he and his sister Deborah remembered little about their mother because she died of cervical cancer when David was four years old.

“I remember it was dark and rainy at her funeral,” David said. “That’s the only memory I have of her.”

This lack of knowledge prompted Deborah to investigate their mother’s life, David said.

“My sister was the only one who really wanted to find out,” he said.

Shirley, who knew Deborah, said she remembers Deborah’s keen interest in her mother’s life. “Deborah would say, ‘Shirley, I would love to know about my mother. … My father won’t talk to me. My brother won’t talk to me. No one will talk to me,’” Shirley said.

The family began to put the pieces of Henrietta’s life together when Skloot approached them about researching their mother. One audience member asked David how Skloot could have discovered some of the information included in her book.

“Take it like this: She found out information from someone or one,” David said. “I just figure it that way, it happened.”

Shirley said she believes the book to be factually accurate. “I don’t think [Skloot] would write something that wasn’t true. She went around and did a lot of research,” she said. “What Rebecca wrote is true … but she did it in the writer’s style.”

Although Henrietta’s cells were procured in an ethically questionable manner, David said he believes his mother would be glad her cells are helping facilitate medical advances.

“From what I understand, she was a giving person, a loving person,” he said. “She wouldn’t object to giving her cells.”

David also said he would not mind donating some of his own cells for research.

“Without research, there are no cures,” he said.

No matter the implications of using HeLa cells with out Henrietta’s knowledge, David said he is proud of his mother’s contribution to science.

“I guess it was a situation where it was gratifying, something I felt good about to have someone from my family to give to the world,” David said.

David Lacks
son of Henrietta Lacks

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exercised specifically with the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 and the outlawing of secession exemplify his constitutional leadership.

“Lincoln’s distinctive style of leadership can be usefully contrasted with three others,” Smith said. These three models, he said, are Machiavellian leadership, charismatic leadership and progressive leadership.

Smith said Machiavellian leaders are realistic, pragmatic and willing to do what it takes to get a job done and earn praise from the people. “A Machiavellian leader must value glory, fame and honor above all else,” he said.

The second model, charismatic leadership, is associated with German leader Knox Vaber, Smith said. This faith-based model prizes passionate leaders who maintain a sense of responsibility.

Smith said the progressive model of leadership requires a leader to go beyond the law and above politics to lead a people.

“The idea that politics should be removed from the messy process of democracy and become a science has been embraced by progressives,” he said.

Although Lincoln embodied some qualities of each of the three models, Smith said his constitutional leadership style differs from other leadership models.

Lincoln wrestled with the problems posed by the limitation of powers constitutional leadership inevitably brought, Smith said, which he summarized by quoting a July 4, 1861, speech by the President.

“Must a government, of necessity, be too strong for the liberties of its own people, or too weak to maintain its own existence?” Smith said.

This quote represents Lincoln as a constitutional leader who valued the letter of the law above his own beliefs and believed government must fulfill the function of protecting each person’s right to use or misuse their freedom as they see fit, Smith said.

Though Lincoln is known for extraordinary use of his powers during wartime, including the suspension of habeas corpus, censorship of the press and delivery of the Emancipation Proclamation, Smith said the president was merely doing what was necessary to help the nation during an extremely trying period.

“Constitutional government is bound government,” Smith said. “Lincoln rejected the idea that politics is the domain of following one’s own private, moral commitments. He always submitted his commitments to the priority of law.”

Above all, Smith said constitutional governance necessitates devotion to the law, a commitment Lincoln realized fully as president.

“It is important that leaders understand the importance of invoking the Constitution and showing the constitutional authority for what they are doing even in the most radical moments,” Smith said.

Yale professor Steven Smith lectures on Abraham Lincoln’s legacy of constitutional leadership in Geddes Hall on Tuesday.

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Bouts

"Practices were for about two hours a day, five to six days a week. On a typical week, I would say that I put in around 15 hours of training through practices and on my own time."

Aside from the opportunity to fight for a worthy cause, Alberdi, Yi and senior captain Alex Oloriz said staying in shape was a major motivation for joining Bengal Bouts.

"I got involved in Bengal Bouts because [in] freshman year, I was quickly losing my high school football physique," Oloriz said.

For senior captain Jack Lally, his fourth and final Bengal Bouts could help him complete the "perfect quartet" by winning the tournament each of his four years at Notre Dame. Achieving this honor would earn him an honorary Notre Dame monogram.

Lally said the pressure to win for a fourth time motivates rather than intimidates him.

"I mean, there’s always pressure," Lally said. "I’d rather be in this position than never having won a fight. ... There’s pressure in anything, but I enjoy it."

Ulrich said the club also hopes this year’s tournament raises at least as much money last year’s event.

"Last year, we raised [more than] $200,000," he said. "Beating that is going to be last year’s event."

Preliminary bouts of the tournament begin tonight at 6 p.m. at the Student Recreational and Convocation Center field house.

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...we need to get going on now," he said. "So we’ll be in talks with Student Affairs about that to see logistically what can be done."

Coccia said the impressive voter turnout in this year’s elections added to his confidence in the student body’s willingness to contribute ideas.

"In both the primary and the runoff [elections], you had over 4,000 students vote," he said. "That within itself is impressive, the level of student engagement. ... Last night [student body presidential candidate Dominic Romeo] and I talked about how special that was, for students to be engaged like that."

He said he will look to Romeo and other candidates for feedback moving forward.

"We’ll be reaching out to the other candidates shortly to talk with them and see what kind of ideas they definitely want to have incorporated in student government next year," Coccia said.

In the weeks remaining before turnover, Coccia said he and Joyce will use a thorough application process to assemble a qualified support team.

"One thing we had in our platform is opening up [appointed positions] as an application process for whoever wants to be involved in student government," he said. "I think it will be a comprehensive and intensive process for positions because we definitely want to make sure ... that we’re getting people based not only on their interests and passion but on their ability to get stuff done that students care about."

Part of the pair’s promotion of a rigorous application process is a result of their experience running for office against five other tickets.

"We’ve learned from this election that competition is a really good thing," Coccia said. "It brings out the best in any system."

While they will be looking to add some fresh faces to student government, Joyce said the pair will seek to retain some of the talent and ideas from the previous administration.

"We are going to open that application process up, and yes, we want it to be competitive," she said. "But at the same time, we do want to have some sense of continuity in certain aspects, and that’s something we’ll hope to do as we make the transition."

Leading up to and continuing through the summer months, Coccia said he will keep close tabs on diversity-related efforts on campus.

"We definitely want to begin conversations with people involved in the Call to Action rollout, just making sure we can back that as much as possible," he said. "I’m currently looking with [outgoing student body president Brett Rocheleau] to find a home for [the GLBTQ organization] in the Student Union Constitution and also funding, which I think is going to be the biggest creative challenge."

Regardless of the challenge, the new administration will face in the coming year, Joyce said she is eager to tackle them right away.

"We’re ready to work," she said.

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Day 1

"First, we evaluate sales from the previous year and come up with a fun slogan," Hentges said. "I placed our flower product order in January."

Hentges said this year’s slogan is "You can’t escape puppy love," and the annual flower shipment, which includes some new floral arrangement offerings, arrived Monday at its location in the basement of the LaFortune Student Center.

"This year, I wanted to mix up the bouquets we have of

Gardens

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Irish Gardens

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Krystal Hentges general manager
Irish Gardens

fered in previous years and one I’m really excited about has lilies and hydrangeas," Hentges said.

But the delivery of 38 boxes of flowers only marks the beginning of the hectic days leading up to Feb. 14, she said.

"I watch boys coming in to place last-minute orders, we

spread the next two days pro-

cessing the flowers," Hentges said. "We have them bring in the ... boxes they come in, clip them, get them in water and organize them." Hentges said Valentine’s Day festivities really begin today when the Irish Gardens staff spends hours making last-minute preparations for distribution Thursday.

On the day of the holiday, Hentges said the store is busy with deliveries, pickups and last-minute orders. Despite the chaos, Hentges said the staff’s hard work results in beautiful final products.

"It is amazing to see some of the work that comes out of the shop. It is so gorgeous," she said. "It does not even feel like I am working. I am the shop, because it is such a fun and creative outlet."

Hentges said Irish Gardens staff becomes even busier during the busy holiday season, even if it means longer hours in the shop.

"It’s the time of the year that everyone is in the shop, and it is a big bonding experience," she said. "It is a huge learning experience for the staff. It’s awesome to see everyone improve so drastically and becomes more confident in their work."

Senior employee Katie Melloh said she first Valentine’s season in the shop has been busier than expected.

"I was abroad last spring. I wasn’t quite sure what to expect, but I am working this year. It’s a fantastic time."

More than the personal satisfaction the staff draws from working during Valentine’s Day, Hentges said helping students celebrate the holiday with flowers makes all the work worth it.

"I can never decide which part of working at Irish Gardens is my favorite, helping the customers or making the arrangements. It’s so fun to help guys find that perfect arrangement. ... It’s a process because most guys come in completely clueless," Hentges said. "Once they come to a decision, it really is exciting when they feel confident in their choice and hopefully aren’t scared of coming in anymore."

Irish Gardens will be open today until 7 p.m. and will open for business Thursday from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. while supplies last. For more information on pricing and Valentine’s Day specials, visit flowershop.nd.edu.

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I have finally found the one fruit I don’t like.

A while back, a few friends and I realized none of us could come up with a fruit we disliked — with the possible exception of bananas, which are strangely polarizing. Fruit is just delicious. More recently, we decided to split into teams and have a contest to see who could find the strangest, most unique fruit in South Bend.

Since Indiana is landlocked and is generally a freezing winter wasteland at this time of year, we anticipated needing to drive all over South Bend to seek out exciting produce section and are craving something new and different, forgo the spiky orange kiwano and grab a brownish-yellow uglifruit for the other team to purchase, we exited the grocery, and bought yellow guavas and xoconostle (cactus fruit) at El Paraiso. It was only after we used all that gas, of course, that we realized one could purchase all of these, in addition to other fun fruits, at Meijer. Go figure.

Leaving pomelos and boxes of kumquats for the other team to purchase, we exited Meijer with starfruit, an uglifruit and a kiwano melon. I had tasted persimmons, guavas, cactus fruit and orange kiwano before, so the last two were new to me.

Uglifruit is a citrus fruit, and is possibly the least appetizing fruit I’ve ever bought. It definitely lives up to its name — it looks like the slightly squashed, tired grapefruit you’d find at the very bottom of the bin. I’m glad we gave it a chance, though, because uglifruit is delicious. If you eat uglifruit juice by the quart like they do orange and grapefruit, I would be all over it.

The same, however, cannot be said for kiwano melon.

Kiwano melon is one of the exotic-looking mainstays of the produce section that every-one always wants to try but never actually does. It’s about the size of a potato, a bright yellow-orange color and is covered in stubby half-inch spikes. The inside, like a cucumber, is filled with edible seeds surrounded by a yellow-green gel.

The kiwano melon was definitely the coolest-looking fruit we bought, and we saved it for last in anticipation of equally awesome flavor. Google informed us most people eat kiwano with salt or sugar; we decided to try it plain first and go from there. After one bite of the slimy seeds and crunchy rind, we all dove for the salt shaker. The interior tasted like an old cucumber and the rind like a tired radish. I like both cucumbers and radishes, but the combination of flavors, along with the gel-like texture of the melon’s interior, is distinctly unappetizing.

So, next time you find yourself in the produce section and are craving something new and different, forget the spiky orange kiwano and grab a brownish-yellow uglifruit instead. Trust me, you’ll be much happier.

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It’s that time of year again, Notre Dame. Valentine’s Day approac hes, and love fills the air like Axe and Natty fill a dorm party. From Pasquerilla East to Carroll, students will take a brief break from their typical Thursday night shenanigans to impress a special someone while investigating their prospects for the famed ring-by-spring. While your night is sure to be filled with flow ers, chocolate and originality, we also want to temper any unrealistic expec tations you might have. What follows is a major-by-major breakdown of what you’ll see Thursday night. Your mileage may vary. We hope to God it does.

Theology: Discusses papal candi dates over Lenten dinner before at tending 10 p.m. Mass. 

Philosophy: Too busy fruitlessly seeking employment to worry about Valentine’s Day.

Chemistry: Spends night sobbing in date’s arms about recent organic chemistry test. Math: Cracks joke about being “tan gent to your curves.” Doesn’t work this year, either. 

Computer Science: “Valentine’s Day? Is that an app?”

Civil Engineering: Erects monument dedicated to valentine. Receives restraining order. 

English: Fashions poem for date. Less like Shakespeare; more like Rebecca Black. 

Chemical Engineering: Takes val entine to Au Bon Pain. “We don’t even have to leave the library!”

Medieval Studies: Attempts to court a “fair maiden,” noting some nostal gia for betrothals.

Irish Studies: “Did someone say Guinness?”

Gender Studies: Writes op-ed about Valentine’s Day gender stereotypes, then watches latest episode of “Girls.”

Entrepreneurship: Creates flower sale, initiating price war with the Pasquerilla West carnation sale.

Biology: Makes DNA helicase joke. Suffers the same fate as civil engineer.

French: Writes moving poem. 

Their significant other doesn’t speak French.

Statistics: Takes the other stats ma jor to dinner.

Architecture: Couple sneaks off to Bond Hall for late night rendezvous with 30 of their closest friends.

International Development: Regales date with tale of saving Africa last summer.

Economics: Tries to explain 2008 Financial Crisis. Date implodes faster than Lehman Brothers.

Accounting: Dumped girlfriend last week, citing poor return on invest ment. Ends up at new “Die Hard” movie with fellow bachelors.

Education: Is taken to Notre Dame Athletic’s Valentine’s Day event. Anthropology: Gives a 40-minute monologue on history of human romance. Date falls asleep.

Aerospace Engineering: Tries to build magic carpet. Carpet takes a hard right turn to Club Fever.

Pre-Med: Spends night cramming for anatomy exam.

Science-Business: Looked down upon by science friends. Studies too much for business kids. Finds a lot in common with Arts and Letter Pre-professional major over dinner.

Psychology: Spends evening radical ly overanalyzing date’s request to “pass the salt.”

Music: Serenades date. Pulls it off.

History: Can’t make it through “Titanic” without pointing out his torical inaccuracies. Kills mood faster than the water kills Jack.

P.S.: Decrees materialism with date at Steak ‘n Shake.

Finance: Mocks liberal arts with date during second course overlook ing Chicago waterfront.

Art History: Takes date to Snite Museum. Again. 

Design: Skips Valentine’s Day, call ing it “too mainstream.”

Political Science: Spends the night writing a mediocre column. Forgets to find a valentine.

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In a word, the clothes of Mercedes-Benz 2013 Fashion Week have been dramatic. A varied mix of established and young designers alike have come to showcase their wares, while models strut their Miss J stomps and wildly clad outliers come to see and be seen. Like any other Fashion Week, the unusual in fashion are present alongside the more conventional, and all are critiqued and applauded. Of the styles represented, some elements have made multiple appearances the past few days, giving forward-looking fashionistas a glimpse into the newest trends in winter wear.

Much of this season’s drama has come from the use of loosely hanging coats and full-fledged capes. An evening gown shown by Donna Karan played with different textures, angular and softened shapes, but these characteristics were all subtle compared to the floor-length shear cape floating behind the harshly made-up model. Victoria Beckham is another designer employing cape-like draped fabric to transform her models. This season, Beckham has also spearheaded the trend to bear more skin. Although subtle in the achievement of this, she displayed plunging necklines and high-cut slits to combat her generally austere design.

Silhouettes for fall fashion have become more streamlined and simplistic. The flirty spring and summer sundresses have evolved into muted shifts that follow the lines of the body to allow for layering. Models sported dresses strut in conservatively, covering their knees, while long, tailored sleeves also continue to make a comeback. Carin Rodeh, a Swedish designer whose look could be called “progressive elegance,” highlighted her muted collection with subtly placed color and large open knits to keep it soft and comfortable.

Once again, designers have worked to revolutionize the world of winter knits. Although sweaters will forever be a staple in cold-weather wardrobe, look out for new ways to layer and structure the everyday sweater. Thakoon Panichgul, a Thai-American designer showed a variety of knits to which he added polish using belts and creative shape-lending seams. His designs were seen throughout the runway, with no shape or definition to lend to its wearer, ultimately dwarfing the already center this week.

Alas, designers have worked to revolutionize the world of winter wear. Many designers including BCBGMAXAZRIA have showcased the use of black and white, which is as chic as it is timeless and season-less, but one specific color is so dominant that one could call this year’s Fashion Week “Seven days of gray.” Every tone from light heather gray to deep charcoal can be found layered on models in sweaters, hats, skirts, evening gowns and legwarmers. Monochromatic outfits that are gray from hat to heel have been especially popular, but for the designers who aren’t so keen on grayscales, dark mauve rooms have provided a class contrast to their otherwise subdued collection. Other colors that have surfaced have been equally as dramatic as the crimson-gray duo. Varying shades of deep indigo have been shown on the catwalk — eggplant, violet, merlot and even indigo have been spotted in both small doses and full orders. Designer Carolina Herrera presented a deep jewel-toned gown in violet lace on one model, and on another magenta dyed fur shrug, indicating the versatility with which purple will be worn in the upcoming seasons. Green shades of silk, satin, knits and fur are also hanging around Malandrinos’s collection from previous seasons. The designer highlighted an old Hollywood-inspired emerald satin evening gown with long sleeves and seams that subtly defined the body with a similarly-colored fur collar. Even though runways are missing the light-hearted neon shades of the spring and summer shows, do not think that fall and winter won’t be served with an extra helping of glamour and drama.

Despite the trend of subdued colors and silhouettes, some designers are turning toward prints to make a bold statement, and both plaid and herringbone are sure to be big hits. Tommy Hilfiger, king of prep, developed yet another Ivy-League-inspired collection using layered herringbone, hound’s-tooth and plaid all in low-key colors. Many of his garments incorporate an understated yet striking crimson stripe around the cuffs, hem or waist, but keep to the sleek and simple shapes trending around Lincoln Center this week.

In the same way Hilfiger takes inspiration from the Ivy League tweed, other designers have divined their inspiration for debuting collections. One such artist, Diane von Furstenberg, invited the audience to travel back in time with her models as she eschewed the somber, simple styles of her colleagues for the jumpsuits, maxi and wrap dresses, and cropped suits of the 1970s, all styled in magenta, bright scarlet, electric blue and graphic patterns. Betsey Johnson, iconic for her flamboyant bright colors and tutu-like skirts, did not disappoint Monday evening. Her collection mixed neon sportswear, mustard-yellow plaid, animal print, floral accessories and faux fur vests. Johnson’s models also played up the line’s juvenile silliness by half-skip- ping down the runway with thick-cropped wigs while chatting on cell phones. Designer Johnson’s collection exemplified the frivolity that those of designers such as Victoria Beckham lack.

Furstenberg, invited the audience to take a look at the clothes of winter wear designed by her and others that are far less common than the dem - pete shapes trending around Lincoln Center this week.

Thankfully, such fashion calamities are far less common than the demon- strations of artistry genius by the famed designers of Fashion Week 2013. Mercedes-Benz Fashion week concludes on Feb. 14, but the official website, www. mbfashionweek.com, has documented photos and videos from the event, lend- ing aspirational fashion insiders a glimpse into the goings-on of the industry. Fashionistas, no longer will the common phrases about nothing to wear be toler- able. Inspiration has arrived.

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Tonight marks the third episode of the new spy drama “The Americans” on FX, and at this point I’m hooked. It is the newest addition to the historical drama trend popularized by “Downton Abbey” and “Mad Men,” but the difference is the history in this series is not so far gone.

The series, set when Reagan reigned supreme, is centered on Soviet spies placed just outside of Washington masquerading as a loving couple. Kerri Russell is frighteningly convincing as the icy Elizabeth Jennings. Despite living in the United States for years with her arranged husband Phillip, played by Matthew Rhys, her dedication to the motherland is unwavering.

She slips in little pieces of Soviet propaganda to her two children in subtle ways, like in the first episode when her daughter Paige is doing a report on the moon landing and Elizabeth says that it’s just an accomplishment to get into space at all. Her husband, on the other hand, has become increasingly accustomed to the privileges of American life. They have made him much softer compared to Elizabeth.

In the first episode of the series, Phillip and Elizabeth capture a defected Soviet spy before he’s able to give away too much information. They hold him hostage in the trunk of their station wagon until they can figure out what to do with him. Phillip begins to contemplate how easy it would be to defect as well. They would be treated like kings by the American government and would be free to live with the blessings of liberty for the rest of their lives.

Elizabeth’s staunch refusal leads to a strengthening of their resolve to remain loyal to the Soviet Union, despite the threat of a suspicious CIA operative moving in next door.

The best part of the show is it has drawn in viewers with the promise of suspense and excitement, and at the same time you’re genuinely interested in the training of these intense spies. How did it come to be that Elizabeth and Phillip were chosen to live in this pristine suburb together? What level of commitment did it take to start a family from nothing and raise their children in the American way instead of the traditions of their beloved home country?

In the first two episodes you get the sense that Phillip truly does love Elizabeth simply from seeing her in action for so long, but Elizabeth has barely let him get close to her in all their time together.

One of the first moments when you see her show any affection to him is when she first reveals to him her real Russian name. It was something so intimate but so small that she had clearly never revealed before.

The most worthwhile qualities of the show come from the incredible performances of the lead actors. We’re used to seeing Kerri Russell as a charming upbeat girl, but in “The Americans” she’s strong beyond belief. She displays incredible skill in hand-to-hand combat and a fierce loyalty to the Spartan values of the Soviet Union.

Matthew Rhys is finally in a position to shine in a starring role. He’s naturally a quiet actor, which suits the role of an undercover spy, but his subtle love for his fake wife is one of the most charming and heartbreaking parts of the show.

If the rest of the series is as promising as the first two episodes were, it’s likely that I’ll be supplementing my “Modern Family” Wednesdays with a dramatic twist on “The Americans.”

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When he’ll call the Champions League match between Real Madrid and Manchester United for Fox Soccer. If he can successfully make the transition, Johnson could be another big gain for soccer in the United States, a familiar voice and distinctly American style making the game more accessible for the casual fan. His enthusiasm could help bring a broadcast, and who knows, maybe the “Law of Gus” can turn some scoreless draws into 6-4 slugfests, too. I think his style will need plenty of renovation, and we’ll begin to see if a successful crossover is even possible starting at 2 p.m. this afternoon.

But if Gus can pull it off? Well, he definitely have earned that last laugh.

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Johnson takes talents to pitch

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“HA-ha!”

That’s just one of the many signature calls of Gus Johnson, a TV commentator who has become famous over his career for being one of the most exciting and excitable voices in sports. However, it was also my reaction to the news that Johnson, who has called basketball and football almost exclusively in the past, is making the move to calling soccer, and being groomed by Fox to be the voice of the 2018 World Cup.

It’s not that I don’t love Gus. As part of CBS’s March Madness team from 1996 to 2011, Johnson always seemed to get more than his fair share of upsets, buzzer-beaters and craziness, and made the game all that much better with his screamed catchphrases and unabashed enthusiasm.

Even in the NFL games he called, the madness followed him around with so much regularity that sportswriter Bill Simmons suggested that Johnson himself was causing the games to become exciting, and not in the way around. And while the “Law of Gus” may still be a theory, it always holds in the never-ending game known as the Buffalo Wild Wings commercials, which were smart enough to have Johnson as their fictional play-by-play man.

However, I’m highly skeptical that Johnson’s style will translate to the beautiful game. Part of the charm of soccer commentary is its almost poetic nature; analysts like Martin Tyler or Andy Gray might respond to a goal with a line like: “And with the scoreline elevated to three-nil, it’s clear which side is in the ascendancy.”

In his excitement, Gus is usually content with yelling a couple simple phrases, and would probably just punctuate it with “A Worl’ Rooney! Three-Zero! Woah!” (We’re usually discouraged from using exclamation points in The Observer, but writing about Johnson pretty much demands it.)

Johnson was perfect in calling college basketball, a sport where, by rule, something definitive happens every 35 seconds. Football was a bit more of a stretch on his style, but football, where back passes and inconsequential build-up account for roughly 85 of the 90 minutes, could tear it totally apart.

That’s not a knock on the action in soccer, as dedicated fans are able to see the ebb and flow of momentum and territorial gains, and the best analysts have the flow to give the game a rhythm like the tide. But with Gus, it’s nothing but whitewater rapids.

That’s not to say he has no shot. Johnson is a professional, and has five full years to hone his craft before potentially being thrust onto the world stage. He started calling Major League Soccer games over the summer, and his test run will begin in earnest this afternoon, more and more important for Tottenham, said panelist Aurelio Capaldi of broadcaster Rai Sport. “His double against Newcastle was decisive for Spurs and the Welshman has become one of the symbols of the Premier League. He often looks unstoppable and is the man every top club is dreaming to have on the left side.”

Son Heung-Min of Hamburg became the first South Korean player to feature in the AP top 10 since it launched last year, earning seventh place after the 20-year-old scored twice in his team’s 4-1 Bundesliga win over second-placed Borussia Dortmund.

“Linked with several Premier League clubs during the January transfer window, Son’s performance against reigning champions Perussia Dortmund underlined why the South Korean is such a sought after talent,” said German soccer writer Thomas Thorogood. “That 20-year-old scored twice, but it was his pace and industry that proved to be a constant thorn in the side of Dortmund’s defenders, setting him apart in a stunning team outing.”

Another 20-year-old playing in Germany, Austrian David Alaba, was fifth with 84 points after scoring twice in Bayern Munich’s 4-0 victory over Schalke that propelled the Bavarian team 15 points clear at the top. “Alaba’s emergence in arguably the most talented Bayern squad of recent years has been nothing short of spectacular,” said Thorogood.

Barcelona, Bayern Munich and United all have huge leads in their respective national leagues and it’s possible that they’ll be crowned champions long before the end of the season.

Tom Timmermann, of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, said the rankings had been stagnant, but the return of Champions League activity provided fresh impetus “for more significant change as some of the big boys go head to head.”

“I threatened to drop Barcelona from the top spot if they didn’t come through this week, and they responded with a 6-1 win, so I didn’t hesitate to make them No. 1 again this week. And the same goes for Man U and Bayern Munich in the 2 and 3 spots,” he said.

Barcelona was a comfortable winner of the team award with 177 points, with Bayern second on 152 and United third on 135. Real Madrid was fourth and Italian league leader Juventus fifth. Three Premier League teams — Southampton, Tottenham and Chelsea — filled the last three spots in the top 10.
Florida junior guard Casey Prather, left, knocks the ball loose from Kentucky junior guard Jarrod Polson during the first half of the Gators' game against the Wildcats on Tuesday night. Florida won 69-52.
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"Just one game at a time right now. This is the grind part of the season. We don't have to dwell on (the Louisville win)."

Irish senior forward Tom Knight, junior guard Jerian Grant and Cooley all fouled out against the Cardinals, forcing Brey to reach deeper down his bench. Sherman played 22 minutes and propelled the Irish in overtime with 17 points and six rebounds after not playing a minute in regulation. In the three games before Louisville, Sherman had played a combined three minutes.

Freshman forwards Cam Biedscheid and Zach Auguste logged 50 and 36 minutes respectively against the Cardinals. Auguste provided eight points and three rebounds before fouling out in the waning moments of the game.

"The way Zach went in there … he's been working so hard on his game that it's just so impressive to see him go out there and to see all his work he's put in come to fruition in overtime," Cooley said. "To see (Biedscheid and Auguste) step up the way they did was just incredible. … To have the depth that we have is incredible."

The Irish square off with the Blue Demons on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Purcell Pavilion.

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Rutgers tops Seton Hall to snap losing streak

Associated Press

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — There is no such thing as an easy win for Mike Rice and Rutgers, especially when it comes to Seton Hall.

Eli Carter scored 11 of his 14 points in the second half and Rutgers almost squandered a 12-point lead in the final 4:23 in snapping a six-game losing streak with a 57-55 victory over its New Jersey, Big East-rival on Tuesday night.

"It's the Big East, you're scratching and clawing trying to work yourself out of a rut here," Rice said. "Every time people keep throwing more dirt on it feels good to get a victory and it's not good, it's definitely not good. We are on a six-game losing streak."

Myles Mack added 10 points for Rutgers, Austin Johnson had eight and Miller tallied five of his seven in a 10-0 second-half spurt that allowed the Scarlet Knights to open a 13-point lead.

Edwin made a game-high 18 points to lead Seton Hall, which had a five-game winning streak at the Rutgers Athletic Center snapped. Eugene Teague added 12 points and Brandon Mobley had 10 points, all in the first half.

The final minute was wild with Rutgers missing free throws and making foolish plays to open the door for Seton Hall.

Carter hit two free throws to put the Scarlet Knights ahead 54-48 with 1:57 to play.

Teague cut the margin to six points with a layup with 1:41 to go and Seton Hall got a big play on defense when Carter's layup attempt with a minute to go was blocked.

Aaron Cosby had a 3-pointer blocked for the Pirates and he missed another long shot before Teague got the rebound and was fouled, making 1 of 2 attempts to cut the margin to 54-49 with 48 seconds to go.

Carter made 1 of 2 free throws after being fouled with 37 seconds to go and Kyle Smyth responded with his only basket, a 3-pointer, with 24 seconds to cut the lead 55-52.

"Me and my teammates were joking earlier," Johnson said. "We feel in the last two minutes at the RAC people are like shoot- ing 100 percent, they always seem to make three pointers or long distance shots. That was the longest two minutes of my life. I just wanted the game to be over."

Carter broke the Seton Hall press on the ensuing possession and inexplicably drove the lane for a layup and missed it.

Brian Oliver got the rebound for Seton Hall and his pass up-court was intercepted by Mike Poole, who immediately fouled. He made 1 of 2 free throws to push the lead to 56-55, with 10 seconds to play.

"I thought he was gonna dribble it out, run around in a circle," Poole said. "He shot it, if it goes in it's a great play. If he misses it he's got the world on his back."

You gotta take the good with the bad. Thank God I came up with the steal." Edwin nailed a 3-pointer with 3 seconds to play to close the gap to 56-55, and he said after the game that he felt he was fouled on the play.

"There was definitely contact, but they just didn't give me the call," Edwin said. "It was unfortunate." Carter was fouled on the inbounds play and made a free throw with 2.5 seconds to go, leaving Edwin enough time for a heave that never looked good.

This was the 16th time in the last 18 games between the schools that the contest was decided by six points or less or in overtime.

Belles head to conference meet

By MEREDITH KELLY

Saint Mary's will complete their season and look to place highly this weekend at the annual MIAA championships in Jenison, Mich. Although this season proved to be a rocky one for the Belles (1-5), they will be going into the conference championships off a victory. Saint Mary's 153-105 win over Olivet on Feb. 2, their first of the season, has already helped the Belles re-focus in practice.

"We have had a good week practicing, and we are definitely looking to place," senior captain Genevieve Spittler said. "We are looking to come in fourth overall."

Top performers to watch during the MIAA meet are freshman diver Andrea Canacci, who won both the 1- and 2-meter dive events at the Olivet meet, and freshman Carolyn Neville, who is competing in the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard freestyle. Other members who have been strong all season are sophomore Anna Nolan in the 50-yard freestyle and Ellie Watson in the 500-yard freestyle.

The MIAA champion is determined solely on the basis of results at the MIAA championships. Top contenders for the title include Calvin (6-0), the 2011 MIAA champion Hope (5-1) and Kalamazoo (4-1).

Spittler said she expects stiff competition from the rest of the field, but that the Belles will put their all into this final meet.

"We will bring our A-game, but it's always a challenge," she said. The championships begin today and continue Saturday. Alma and Kalamazoo are hosting the meet at the Jenison Aquatics Center.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame freshman guard Cameron Biedscheid defends Louisville junior guard Russ Smith in the Irish's 104-101 quintuple-overtime win over the Cardinals on Saturday.
Stryking Golden Gladiatorz shut out Chalupas

Special to The Observer

On Monday night, RecSports’ Game of the Week featured The Chalupas showdown with the Stryking Golden Gladiatorz in a tough battle for wiffle ball supremacy. The Chalupas played solid defense for six innings, an offensive explosion by the Stryking Golden Gladiatorz in the fourth secured a 5-0 victory.

The game began with a rough start, with neither team really able to find their offensive game. The teams struggled to get runners on base, and several scoring chances were dashed after key defensive plays forced both sides to strand runners.

That changed in the fourth inning. The Stryking Golden Gladiatorz put up a five-run inning due to a few big hits, and a couple of key errors in the field. From that point on the Gladiatorz never looked back, but the Chalupas never quit. They put people on base a few times but could not bring them home. One such rally ended with an impressive play by Gladiatorz senior Tommasina Domel, whose over-the-shoulder catch in the outfield saved multiple runs.

“We just got beat by a better team,” Chalupas senior Andy Romero said. “All that matters is that we all really like each other and enjoy ourselves out here. It makes losing a lot easier.”

The Chalupas are 0-3 on the season, but Romero said they aren’t too worried about their place in the divisional standings. “We’re just going to come out here next week and do the exact same thing, and hope it works out,” Romero said.

For the Stryking Golden Gladiatorz, senior team captain, second baseman and namesake Sam Stryker said he was very proud of his team’s performance and elated about the victory. “We’re a really good looking team, both in terms of ability and actual good looks,” Stryker said. “I’m excited for the future.” Stryker is also the Assistant Managing Editor of The Observer.

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The annual tournament will begin tonight.

Senior Jack Lally, left, defends himself against senior Neils Seim’s jab during the 2012 Bengal Bouts finals.

But we do a lot of team workouts and a lot of events with the team as a group.

“The team aspect is something that other boxing programs don’t have.”

For training, a fighter is required to attend four practices a week, but many make it to five or six. And the training is no run around the lakes, law student and four-year Bengal Bout veteran Brian Salvi said.

“It’s without question the most physically-demanding sport you could ever do,” Salvi said. “It saps everything out of you.”

Salvi said Bengal Bouts is special to Notre Dame and captivates the community.

“I think it has to do with the nature of the sport,” he said. “Boxing takes a tremendous amount of courage to do, because when you step into the ring, you have hundreds of people watching you go one-on-one with someone, so all the failure and success is on one person. But more than that, the nature of the sport is so basic.

“When you really break it down, it’s two guys getting into a ring fighting each other. It makes you vulnerable and puts you out on the line. One guy’s got to win and won has to lose, but through it all, everyone is rooting for each other and that’s pretty special.”

Bengal Bouts also attracts Notre Dame varsity athletes, from former Leprechaun and law student Dan Collins to Irish junior running back Tyler Plantz. Collins said being the Leprechaun and Bengal Bouts are two very different but also meaningful experiences.

“The being of the Irish in front of the student section is something incredible to experience and it’s hard to come close to,” Collins said. “But all of the grueling training that goes into boxing, and then to see it pay off in the fights, well that’s a really great experience too.”

Plantz said Bengal Bouts allows Notre Dame students to let frustration out.

“It’s such a cool event,” Plantz said. “Here it’s all about academics, trying to beat everyone in the classroom and then at Bengal Bouts, you can take out some aggression built up from the day and it’s great that it’s going towards a good cause.”

To begin the preliminaries with a bang, a marquee matchup to watch tonight is law student Gage O’Connell — who trained as an MMA fighter in Thailand between graduating from the University of Pennsylvania and attending Notre Dame — against junior Connor Noda, who was a karate world champion in high school.

“I think it will be a great fight,” O’Connell said. “We’ve sparred before, and he’s a good athlete. A big advantage for him is that he’s taller and has more reach. He’s going to be keeping me outside and I am trying to get inside. It’s going to be good.”

Preliminary rounds begin tonight at 6 p.m. in the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center field house, and those who advance will fight in the quarterfinals and semifinals in upcoming weeks, with the opportunity to fight in Purcell Pavilion for the finals.

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Belles prepare for Senior Night

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Coming off a 72-61 loss to Alma on Saturday, Saint Mary’s commemorates senior night Wednesday, with the Belles playing host to Hope in their season finale.

In the Belles’ matchup against Alma, a furious second-half comeback, which included a 15-0 Saint Mary’s run, had the Belles believing they would snap their recent losing streak. But it was not in the cards, as Alma pulled away in the final minute.

Hope (22-1, 13-1 MIAA), currently sitting in second place in the MIAA, will present an even greater challenge for the young Belles (5-19, 3-12), with the Flying Dutch’s only loss this season coming to No. 2 Calvin.

The Flying Dutch play with high energy and a suffocating defense, something Belles coach Jenn Henley said the team has been preparing for all week.

This team has come a long way since Oct. 15,” she said. “Tomorrow night is our last chance to put it all together and send out [seniors] Kayla Wolter and Annie Doyle on a good note as they finish their careers at Saint Mary’s.”

The Belles tip off against the Flying Dutch at 7:30 p.m. at the Angela Athletic Center.

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Eastside Observer: Today’s horoscope

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:
Mike Posner, 25; Christina Ricci, 33; Darren Aronofsky, 44; Josh Brolin, 45

Happy Birthday: Improve your living arrangements or make a move. Attempts to make your life better will pay off. Use discipline and you will reach your goals. Educational pursuits or having more to do with youngsters will lead to greater happiness. Protect your health and incorporate unique ideas into everything you do. Progressive action will bring good results. Your numbers are 4, 13, 16, 23, 30, 37, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19):
Someone interesting who can offer you good advice or an opportunity will come into your life if you volunteer or use your talents to help others. A serious union will help you explore new possibilities. Your past experience will pay off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):
Share information and you will come up with something that works. You will make new allies and bring about a collaboration with people who share your concerns, talent and solutions. Discipline coupled with action will pay off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):
Too much of anything will turn into a bad experience. You have to gauge your time and your input so that you aren’t taken advantage of or treated wrongly. Focus on what you know you can accomplish, not what others want you to do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):
A steady pace will ensure that you make headway. Put a little muscle behind whatever you set out to do. Strength, courage and originality will be what lead to your success. A serious relationship must be nurtured. Impulse is the enemy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):
Visit unfamiliar places and interact with people who come from different walks of life and you will gather interesting information that will enable you to go off the fast and full speed into the future. Live with the stars.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):
Don’t judge others or jump to conclusions without having all the facts. Take your time, listen and show compassion. Communicating openly will make a good thing out of what it is. Don’t allow someone’s demands to ruin your plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):
Revisit old ideas and do what you can to quiet things up. This time you will put a far better reason if you’ve imagined wondrous and creatively fine. Dust your forehead and from your.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):
Put more time and effort into creative endeavors. Not everyone will appreciate what you do, but the ones who do will also offer compliments. You are something unique and serviceable with potential to be profitable as well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Listen, but hold your response until it’s appropriate. You will face many opportunities that will arise from your ability to express your opinions or justify about what you want to see happen. Stick close to home and prepare what you want to do right.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):
You’ll need to show compassion if you want others to help in return. Someone will have a change of heart or make last-minute changes, but you mustn’t let this deter you from following through with your plans. Use your instincts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):
Focus on the positive and look at what you can gain by attending a lecture or talking to someone with experience in a field that interests you. There is an opportunity that can result in a new beginning. Embrace change.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):
Stabilize your situation, taking control and making changes happen. If you see an opportunity that is not the one you want, you’ll be better off focusing on and through with your plans. Your natural instincts will be your best guide.

Birthday Baby: You are emotional, driven and competitive. You think big and take action.

Jumble | David Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

That Scrambled Word Game by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Now arrange the circled letters to form the jumbled answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Jumbles: TWEAK LEAVE DRIPPO BUTTON

(Assures today)

Yesterday’s Jumbles: TWEAK LEAVE DRIPPO BUTTON

Answer: When you get near glasses, she looked better

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Turning the corner

Following 5-OT upset, No. 21 Notre Dame hopes to keep momentum rolling against Blue Demons

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Heading into last year’s court-storming upset of then-No. 1 Syracuse, Notre Dame was 3-3 in conference play and 11-8 overall. The Irish won that game and the next eight and closed out the Big East season on a 9-2 tear.

This season, the No. 21 Irish were 4-4 in their previous eight games before downing then-No. 11 Louisville on Saturday. Notre Dame (19-5, 7-4 Big East) is hoping the thrilling victory can spark a hot streak, just as the Syracuse win did last year.

“I think it could be a turning point,” Irish senior forward Jack Cooley said after the 104-101 win. “This was a very, very big win. And if you think last year, the only game we had that was this hyped was the Syracuse game. Coach (Mike) Brey said that. And that turned into a turning point.

“I honestly think that we can rattle off the rest of them. I mean I haven’t looked at a game on our schedule — except for maybe [Louisville] at home. That’s going to be a tough one.

This is what makes [Bengal Bouts] unique,” senior captain and vice president of business operations John Lally said. “Other boxing programs are 100 percent about the boxing and 100 percent about getting kids ready to fight. That’s part of what we do, but the other part of what we do is charity. That’s the reason we exist, really.”

Training, as a group adds to the uniqueness of Bengal Bouts, Lally said. “We train together as a team whereas a lot of other boxing venues don’t do that,” Lally said. “Boxing is an individual sport in a lot of people’s minds. They think that you compete one on one, so you should train by yourself and prepare yourself however you see fit. We think that you compete in front of the crowd and raise money for the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

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“I think we’re all going to get some sleep tonight,” Atkins said in the early hours of Sunday morning. “So just resting throughout the day and then probably take it easy on Monday and then get things revved up Tuesday and then get ready for DePaul. Last year they played us here really tough, so we have to be ready for another good game.”

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Irish fall to Wildcats

By MEGAN FINNERN
Sports Writer

Despite No. 29 Notre Dame’s best efforts, No. 7 Kentucky came back from behind to win a close 4-3 match Tuesday afternoon at the Hilary J. Boone Varsity Tennis Center in Lexington, Ky. The squad’s record now stands at 5-4, with all losses attributed to ranked opponents.

“It was definitely a long and tough-fought match, and we just came up a little short today,” junior Ryan Bandy said. “But we will learn from this loss and move forward.”

Notre Dame took a strong start by winning the doubles match, an area of the team often struggles with. On the third court, Bandy and junior Matt Dooley took down the Kentucky duo of freshman Beck Pennington and senior Anthony Rossi by a score of 8-5. Kentucky’s top doubles team evened play when No. 35 junior Tom Jomby and freshman Kevin Lai took down the Irish duo of No. 15 junior Greg Andrews and senior Spencer Talmadge. Junior Billy Pecor and freshman Alex Lawson came through with an 8-6 win over juniors Ryul Hoooka and Alejandro Gomez to secure the first Irish point.

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BENGAL BOUTS

Prelims kick off 83rd Bouts

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

In training they solidified their bonds of camaraderie, but in the ring those bonds will no longer matter — at least for 10 minutes.

“This is what makes the Bengal Bouts, which kicks off its 83rd year tonight with the preliminary rounds, so unique. More than 400 men of different backgrounds went through grueling training together beginning in October, and 180 will compete in front of the Notre Dame community and raise money for the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

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