**A district guy**

Rep. Pete Visclosky focuses on fostering economic growth during 28 years in Congress

His desire to study law manifested during his undergraduate career, Visclosky said.

“I didn’t decide on law school until midway through college,” Visclosky said. “Looking back on my life, if you talk to anybody I grew up with, the would have said it was preordained and that they couldn’t believe I didn’t think seriously about it until...”

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**University physician researches concussions**

By CHRISTIAN MYERS

Boxing experts like to refer to the sport as “the sweet science,” but head University Physician Dr. Jim Moriarty is using the sport for some real science.

Moriarty said he has been studying the effectiveness of a variety of concussion diagnostic tests with members of the Men’s and Women’s Boxing Clubs as research subjects.

Nate Walker, RecSports club sports program coordinator and boxing coach, said it makes sense for the boxing clubs to contribute to a better understanding of concussions.

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**Conference welcomes prison arts practitioners**

By NICOLE McALLE

The Shakespeare at Notre Dame Program will host a Shakespeare in Prisons Conference, a weekend focused on the relationships between prisoners and the arts, today and tomorrow in the Phiblin Studio Theatre at The Debartolo Performing Arts Center.

According to the program’s website, it is “one of the world’s first major gatherings of prison arts practitioners.”

“The Shakespeare in Prisons conference is a gathering of scholars and prison arts practitioners from across the globe... that explores how the theatre arts and Shakespeare specifically help incarcerated populations develop a habilitation of the heart, mind, body and soul,” Scott Jackson, executive director of Shakespeare at Notre Dame, said.

The goal of the conference is to establish a community of prison arts practitioners, specifically those who study Shakespeare’s work, Jackson said.

“A lot of what happens within prison walls is very fraught with isolation,” he said. “That [isolation] is something we’re trying to break through with the conference and create a broader support network and community for these practitioners to utilize in their work and to open their eyes up to how people are doing it in other institutions.”

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**Saint Mary’s responds to ‘Daily Beast’ ranking**

By KELLY KONYA

Last week, news and opinion website “The Daily Beast” posted a list of 20 colleges with the worst return on investment rates, ranking Saint Mary’s as No. 2.

While many in the College’s community were surprised by this claim, others said the piece was simply not true. Saint Mary’s Director of Institutional Research Daniel Flowers said the ranking is flawed on a number of fronts.

“Their methodology begins by isolating institutions that graduate 75 percent or more of its students in six years or less,” Flowers said. “At Saint Mary’s, we are very proud of our high graduation rate. What this does in terms of ranking, however, is limit the number of institutions analyzed, as the majority of Colleges do not achieve such a high six-year graduation rate.

“That’s point No. 1 — a limited universe of institutions...”
QUESTION OF THE DAY:
Diet Coke, Coke Zero or Coke?

Brian Manzo
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St. Edward’s Hall
“Coke.”

Dalton Patterson
Sophomore
St. Henry’s Hall
“Coke Zero.”

Eric Thompson
Freshman
Alumni Hall
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Trevor Bonventre
Junior
Sorin Hall
“Coke.”

Justin Bartlett
Senior
Morrissey Manor
“Coke.”

Meseret
2nd year law student
off campus
“I’m a Pepsi guy.”

On this day in “Observer” history, Stanford Hall and Flanner Hall were set to play in the interhall football championship.

The Irish take on Merrimack.

The Irish take on St. Edward’s Hall.

Four:7 Catholic Fellowship presents on whistling.

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Dr. Marek Kimmel presents on leukemia.

Tuesday
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Daniel F. Schorr presents on digital scholarship.

Wednesday
7:35 p.m.-9:35 p.m.
Notre Dame Hockey Game against Valparaiso University.

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10 a.m.-11 a.m.
Dr. Gary Aguirre gives talk on diversity.

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Saint Mary’s celebrates int’l education week

By KELLY RICE
News Writer

Saint Mary’s will host International Education Week (IEW), a joint initiative of the US Department of Education and US Department of State, from Nov. 18 through Nov. 21. The week will consist of various on-campus events celebrating cultural diversity and expressing the importance of international education. Terra Cowham, assistant director of international student and scholar services in the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership (CWIL), said there are multiple goals for IEW. She said one of the most important goals is to create cultural awareness.

“As our world is becoming more and more connected, we begin to not see borders as lines,” she said. “Instead, we begin to see ourselves as global citizens.”

The week will begin with three events on Monday. Cowham said the first event, which will go from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, invites people to visit the Student Center atrium, where they can meet international students and learn about languages from across the world.

The next event, which will be held at 4:30 p.m. in Vander Vennet Theatre in the Student Center, will be an informational session on “Study of the United States Institute” (SUSI), the five-week US Department of State sponsored program for global student leaders on Women’s Leadership. “The SUSI program was an unbelievable experience where I was able to experience different cultures and was able to cultivate friendships from all over the world,” Katie Nickol, who served as a student coordinator for the program last year, said. “I cannot wait to share my experiences with the Saint Mary’s community and I hope other Saint Mary’s women will choose to be a part of this unique opportunity.”

On Monday evening, Cowham also said there will be a panel discussion featuring study abroad returnees. Study abroad experiences can be beneficial to students’ understanding of the world, she said. “Experiences with other cultures and countries change us in innumerable ways, and one way we experience that is through international education,” she said.

Other events throughout the week will include a lecture titled “Q & A on Transnational Feminist Movements,” by Joanne Vanek, class of 1963 and director of statistics program of Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO), an “Arts Around the World” event and an international cultural festival, which will showcase different world traditions and cultures.

Dr. Alice Yang, assistant director of global education at CWIL, said the week is especially important to the College because of its strong mission to promote globalizing and organizing it is an atmosphere, an attitude and for promoting world peace. “This just happens to tie in beautifully with the university’s larger message of tackling issues of social justice.”

For a complete list of events, visit https://cwil.saintmarys.edu/event/international-education-modern-languages-week

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Author proposes steps to improve racial equality

By MARGARET HYNDS
News Writer

This year’s World Usability Day, commemorated yesterday at over 80 events around the globe, had an obvious topic for health-care: the widely-acknowledged fiasco that was the launch of the U.S. government’s healthcare.gov website in early October.

David Mitropoulos-Rundus, User Experience Architect at Quicken Loans and director of the annual Internet User Experience conference, gave a lecture on some shortcomings of the website while highlighting numerous principles of good user design that could be employed to improve the experience.

Usability can broadly be defined as the study of the relationship between people and technology, said Mitropoulos-Rundus.

“One day, when people asked me what I do — because it is a rather different type of career to have — I tell them that usability is designing products to fit people,” Mitropoulos-Rundus said.

“That’s not just about websites — it’s about anything. It’s about the customer experience.”

Mitropoulos-Rundus said there are four primary ways in which usability experts contribute to products: making usability requirements, applying best desiderata, conducting expert usability reviews and finally performing real usability testing with target users.

These are just in the process of designing effective products could readily be applied to improve the healthcare.gov website, beyond the fixing of technical glitches already demonstrated by the media, Mitropoulos-Rundus said.

“We’ve been inundated in the media in the last six weeks about healthcare.gov, but the majority of the coverage is about technical issues, reliability and scalability — things simply not working,” Mitropoulos said. “I’m not going to touch on those technical issues: we’re going to go beyond the technical issues because they’ve been covered. We’re going to go beyond the technical issues and talk about the human issues.

“There is a usability goal that was created: for up to seven million visitors by March 31, 2014 to be registered using the website. That’s been set in stone. Based on the media you would think that’s all technical, but based on my analysis there’s a lot of usability about it.”

Mitropoulos-Rundus underscored the difficulty of constructing such a website that aims to be used by a large number of people from diverse backgrounds with the unenviable task of finding a healthcare coverage plan.

“This is huge — you want seven million people that have minimal to moderate understanding about healthcare coverage to come and be successful at this website” Mitropoulos-Rundus said.

“We need to be really careful about how we word things, organize things and present things because we are at risk of very quickly overwhelming people. Healthcare coverage, especially for people that have had jobs at companies that offered them one or two options, is very complex.”

Mitropoulos-Rundus went through different aspects of the website and highlighted confusing and redundant icons on numerous pages that detracted from the user understanding. He also demonstrated that the process of creating an account was more convoluted and counter-intuitive than it should be, with the second-to-last step sending out not one, but three confirmation emails to the user’s inbox.

“I would say, of the seven million people that need to register between now and the end of March, having three emails in their inbox is going to be pretty daunting,” Mitropoulos-Rundus said.

“Too many of us — particularly our black youth — see limited options and as a result turn to drugs, gangs, crime and hopelessness,” Higginbotham said.

"I conducted a usability review and I literally have enough material where I can give a full-day workshop on usability and design using the healthcare.gov website, and that’s just me — one usability expert doing a review."
Lecturer rejects stigma of online dating

Dr. Elizabeth Ribarsky, assistant professor at the University of Illinois, discussed the benefits and stereotypes of online dating on Thursday. The Gender Relations Center sponsored the lecture.

In the 21st century, technology revolutionized nearly every aspect of learning and educating, but it also changed the face of a much more personal aspect of our lives: dating. Dr. Ribarsky said her goal in the lecture was to remove the stigmatization of online dating.

"Dating in the digital age," in springfield hosted a talk on how-to guide introducing audience members to online dating. Ribarsky said her goal in the lecture was to remove the stigma from online dating.

"The stigma is that only creepy people go online," Ribarsky said. "Or that they're desperate. Or that they may not be anybody of who they say they actually are. Even though we see a huge influx in the number of individuals engaging in online dating and the number of individuals getting married from online relationships, there is still a level of stigmatization."

Online dating is very functional because it allows an individual to cast a wide net and sort through people who they may or may not be interested much more quickly than face-to-face interaction, Ribarsky said. She said a drawback comes when people misrepresent themselves online.

"Men, on average, exaggerate their height by one inch," Ribarsky said. "Women, on average, tend to underreport their weight by about 15 pounds."

Ribarsky said the typical pool of online daters could be broken up into four categories: romantics, junkies, disappearing acts, and realists.

She said romantics often, "think falling in love online is awesome and wonderful and begin to feel these notions of love before they even meet somebody." A realist, Ribarsky said, "recognizes that online dating, or any form of technology, and how it influences our relationships is simply another tool that allows us to meet people. They realize they are not going to immediately fall in love with the people they meet online."

She said she would encourage all of the audience members to take this approach to dating in the digital age.

Ribarsky said there are a plethora of different dating sites from which an individual can choose to sign up, ranging from interest based sites to matching sites to sites that charge a fee to sign up.

"Pay for self-selecting sites require that you pay to sign up," Ribarsky said. "Typically, when individuals are willing to pay for a site they are, perhaps, a little bit more serious about wanting to find somebody.

When it comes to choosing a site, Ribarsky said it could be helpful to put a filter on one's contacts in order to pinpoint responses from a specific age group or geographical area.

"Interestingly, each site develops their own reputation," Ribarsky said. "Match (of Match.com) is one of the largest companies. They have famously started having 'stir events,' which are like mixers. ... These stir events give people the comfort that everyone showing up is there with the same purpose."

E Harmony, Match, Christian Mingle and Ourtime are among the most widely used sites, Ribarsky said.

She said it is important to create a username that lets a viewer see your interests and to spend time thinking of a headline that is inviting and interesting. Ribarsky said a common mistake made by online daters is to be boring or basic when it is best to be positive and interesting, that way a viewer will be intrigued to learn more information.

Lastly, Ribarsky said the profile picture that a person selects could make a major difference in his or her online dating persona. "Think about anything that you're showing in your picture is also creating an impression for you," Ribarsky said. "If your photo is taken outside in the mountains it can give off the impression that I'm outdoorsy. Think about those activities but be conscious of the impression you are putting out there."

She said finding similarities through chatting is key.

"Be specific, tell them about your average Saturday or average Sunday so they know what you're like." Ribarsky closed by saying that dating can attract people who misrepresent themselves and deception does happen. She said there is also, at time, a heightened sense of comfort when interacting with online people that encourages people to share more than they might in a face-to-face interaction.

"The one thing that I always stress to people is to just remember that online dating is just another tool to try to find people, the same as going out to a bar or to a church group to meet people," she said.

Ribarsky said maintaining a balanced, honest portrayal online is an individuals' best bet for success.

"Remember, this is essentially an advertisement for you," she said. "In any advertisement you will sell the best features of it. But at the same time, don’t boast. This is a time to pick out your best characteristics and highlight those. However, people often undersell themselves too."

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understanding of the “hot button” issue of concussions. “There’s so much we don’t know about concussions, and we have a great sample size and the ability to collect data,” Walker said. “We’re hoping to be part of the solution, to be able to keep our boxers as safe as possible.”

Moriarty said the research project consists in administering common concussion tests, especially those medical professionals use during games, and then comparing the results of those tests to data collected from the bouts and reports of unconfirmed concussions.

The tests Moriarty evaluated are a computerized test provided by Axon Sports, the King-Devick test, the Sport Concussion Assessment Tool 2 (SCAT2), a balance test and a voice recognition test being developed by University researchers.

Moriarty said it is important to determine just how accurate each test is, how well they detect a concussion when one occurs and how well they rule out a concussion when none happens, as team trainers and doctors can make the right decisions for athletes.

“Right now, these tests — King-Devick, SCAT2, balance, computerized assessment — are considered the standard of care, or the best procedure, for diagnosing concussions,” Moriarty said. “The key for us is if you’re a physician on the sidelines, you’d like to know the tests you’re running are reliable. There are symptoms that confirm concussions, but most people who get concussions have the lesser symptoms which cause you to have doubts whether you’re making the right choice or not.”

Two things that make this study unique are a control group comprised of boxers and getting “best effort” from the athletes, Moriarty said.

Moriarty said most concussion studies compare the test results of people with concussions to people who didn’t suffer any head trauma. He said this made the Bengal and Baraka Bouts study important because it compares people who received blows to the head and suffered concussions to those who received blows to the head and did not suffer any concussions.

“You have to have a similar group of people to see if the tests really work,” Moriarty said. “One ought to be able to tell the difference between those who were hurt and those who were not.”

It was also “critical” that all the boxers gave their best effort on the baseline and subsequent tests, Moriarty said. “Best effort” on all the post-bout tests was ensured by requiring the boxers to take the tests after every bout and not allowing them to advance to the next round without passing the tests, so that “all of their strategies to elicit best effort is reflected in the fact that the results for losers and winners were comparable.”

The “practice effect” was also an important part of the study, Moriarty said. The practice effect is the intuitive fact that “the more times you take a test the better you get at it” and it is important to take it into account when comparing an athlete’s baseline to his or her later results. Moriarty said requiring testing after every bout ensured everyone experienced the practice effect and it could accordingly be properly accounted for and analyzed.

Walker said in order to evaluate the possible causes of the various test results, the match-ups were videotaped and microchips that wirelessly transmit information about impact and rotational forces were inserted in the headbands and mouthpieces of the boxers.

Two important questions the study sought to answer by comparing the tapes and impact data with test results were “Does the number of hits matter?” and “Does it matter how hard you hit?” Moriarty said.

Moriarty said that from his review of the data thus far there does not seem to be a significant correlation between the number of punches or the impact force and the occurrence of a concussion. He said the data seems to indicate instead that everyone may have their own inherent “threshold” that determines what amounts and types of force will cause them to experience a concussion.

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Flowers said “The Daily Beast” only used two statistics to determine the return on investment, skewing the overall results.

“The first is the average ‘net-price’ for students, or in other words, the total cost of students’ education on average after any grants and scholarships, many of which are based on academic success.”

“This represents a third of the weight in their calculation, and the other two-thirds derives from salary data compiled from PayScale.com of our graduates.”

This data is the most questionable part of their calculations, since institutions like Saint Mary’s are not generalizable due to their sampling technique, Flowers said.

“(PayScale.com) relies on a limited number of data points from graduates who happen to take the time to visit their website and respond to their salary inquiry,” he said. “Thus, the data presented is subject to a very large margin of error and confidence interval. Most statisticians would also tell you that in order to capture data that is representative to the population of interest, you need a relatively complete sample and not rely on convenience sampling.”

In addition, Flowers said based on a recent survey of May 2012 graduates, nearly 90 percent of graduates were either employed full-time or enrolled in graduate school at the time of the survey a third of a degree or certificate program.

Flowers said nine out of 10 graduates also reported their educational experience at Saint Mary’s prepared them very well for both graduate or professional school and their current employment.

“In line with our mission, we are proud that our graduates pursue careers that benefit society despite, in some cases, lower levels of compensation,”

Flowers said. “We do not believe the value of one’s education can be measured on the basis of salaries alone.”

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Rosie McSorley, class of 2013, said she agreed with this that everyone may have their own inherent “threshold” that determines what amounts and types of force will cause them to experience a concussion.

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To this day, Visclosky said he is grateful for the education he received at Notre Dame. "I truly did enjoy every day I was there," Visclosky said. "And I did appreciate what I think the University does for your personal growth. It trains you probably stronger than when you got in, and I felt like I got a great legal education."

As a student at the University, Visclosky said he developed his will to fight to achieve his goals. "The part of [the legacy of Notre Dame] is not just the sense of service [instilled] at Notre dame, but again, part of it is — maybe I'm just stuck in that eight-year-old body, that if you are Notre Dame, you don't lose," Visclosky said. "You were committed to do your best, and you went the full distance."

And somehow, you're going to succeed.

A career in public service

Though he applied to the Notre Dame Law School, Visclosky said his goal was not to practice law. His time in the seminary at age 15 helped to guide him toward a public service, Visclosky said.

"At 15, I was in the seminary — I wouldn't trade that experience for the world because it made me think about my life at a very young age, and really come to two conclusions," Visclosky said. "One is, as far as the priesthood I didn't want to make one decision and have it be the rest of my life. Secondly, I didn't decide because history was my favorite subject and I grew up in a political household... I just liked it. I would like a public service career... I would have to be a politician to be involved in public service."

"The reason I went to Notre Dame is not to practice law, but hopefully to engage in a professional career," Visclosky said his goal was to work in the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section [now the Organized Crime and Gang Section] at the Department of Justice. During an interview for a position within that section, he was told they only wanted 10,000 people with trial experience.

His father advised him to apply for a position at the Department of Justice. After he spoke with Benjamin, who served in Indiana's first Congress seat from 1977 until his death in 1982, Visclosky said he was offered a position in Benjamin's law firm.

"He was a great lawyer... Adam to this day had one of the most facile and quick minds I have ever encountered," Visclosky said. "He is shrewd... and he said he just launched an election for the House of Congress, I was at the right time... I walked in the door and he said, 'When can you start?'"

The product of 'a beer and a cheeseburger'

After joining Benjamin's law firm, Visclosky said he worked on Congressional appropriations issues as a staff member for Benjamin. During his time in Benjamin's office, in Washington, D.C., Visclosky said he determined to pursue his master of laws degree at Georgetown Law Center.

"We were down the block, having a beer and a cheeseburger," Visclosky said. "I said, 'What do you think, Adam, about me going back to school and getting a master of laws from Georgetown?' He looked at me, then he looked at a guy who was a huge alum... and he said, 'It's a great idea — if you go back, I'll go back.' The primary motivation, the overwhelming motivating factor is why they had turned me down and I wanted to prove that I could get a Georgetown degree... And the other motivation is that I've always thought, that the more options you have in life, the better opportunities you have to live a full life and make a contribution. And, I've always had a respect for because of the domestic steel industry and its economic implosion. So, [my Georgetown education] also had great appeal to the work I was doing."

He enjoyed his time at Georgetown for its education and comic value, Visclosky said.

"I also had to quip, because Georgetown has a huge alumni [contingent] up here as you can imagine... I tell them I was ridded with so much Catholic guilt, that I had to do something. A lot of joy I have beat it out of me," Visclosky said. "They beat some of it out of me."

"30,000 bucks in the bank"

His second legal degree helped him when he first ran for Congress, Visclosky said.

"I had no name recognition, though my father's name was known, and people make an assumption [when] they see a Notre Dame law degree and then they see a master's in international law from Georgetown," Visclosky said. "They said, 'Oh, he has the intellectual firepower to do the job.' Whether I did or did not, you have the appearance."

Still, tragedy vaulted him into contention for Indiana's first congressional seat when Benjamin's death came at the age of 47 in Sept. of 1982.

"At the time, I didn't have a job, I didn't have any funds... so I had to do what Benjamin did... He was a Catholic... so I had to do something that caused my father to die..."

"At the time I thought it was a very faithful decision, a very gutsy decision, that I was laying my life on the line."

"Looking back, all I had to lose was a bit of time and 30,000 bucks. And so I said, if I'm ever going to run, I gotta do it now."

After he took office in 1983, Visclosky said he was confused on connecting with his constituents.

"I do work hard at it, and I try my best. That's all I can do is my best," Visclosky said. "I do assiduously try to stay in touch with my constituents. I will call on the ground and I'm home to go to Church services in various communities, if there's pancake festivals before Congress starts... And I'll do it, if there's fundraisers in the evening, every service club that meets every week, and I see what organization people bump into me at the grocery store and my favorite question is, 'What are you doing? I say, I like to eat.'"

Above all, Visclosky said he sees his duty and the duty of those in his office to be to service.

"I hate it when I go to a public facility and someone acts like they're doing you a favor, or stands in line and acts like they're doing you a favor... I don't get another job," Visclosky said. "You are there to serve people. It's just hard work, doing your best, and being accessible."

This dedication to service stems from his time at Notre Dame, Visclosky said.

"If there's a value that encompasses the work [we do] every day, it's that you are supposed to leave the world better, and certainly you have to work from your attendance at Notre Dame."

Pete Visclosky

U.S. Congressman

Boston crime boss sentenced to life in prison

Associated Press

BOSTON — Former Boston crime boss James "Whitey" Bulger was led off to prison Thursday for the rest of his life, accepting his punishment for a string of murders as a judge castigated the 84-year-old gangster for his "almost unfathomable" depravity.

Bulger, sentencing for his murderous reign in the 1970s and '80s brought to a close a sordid case that exposed FBI complicity in his crimes and left a trail of devastated families whose loved ones were killed by Bulger or his henchmen.

Many of the relatives had vented their anger at Bulger during the first day of his sentencing hearing on Wednesday, telling him he was "a terrorist," a "p*ck" and "Satan." And so U.S. District Judge Denise Casper announced the 11-year imprisonment for Bulger's lifetime sentence plus five years — there were no shouts of joy or applause from the families, just silence.

Afterward, many said they took some satisfaction in knowing that Bulger will spend the rest of his life behind bars.

"That old bastard is finally going to prison," said Tom Donahue, whose father was gunned down by Bulger after he had refused to offer a ride home to a man who was Bulger's actual target.

Bulger, the former boss of the Winter Hill Gang, Boston's Irish mob, fled the city in 1994 after being tipped off by a former FBI agent that he was about to be indicted. He was a fugitive for more than 16 years until he was captured in Santa Monica, Calif., in 2011.

His disappearance became a major cover-up story for the FBI when it was learned that corrupt Boston agents had taken bribes from Bulger and protected him for years while he worked as an FBI informant, feeding information on the rival New England Mafia.

A court filing in 1995 said Bulger in August in a broad racketeering case. He was found guilty in 11 of the 19 killings he was accused of, along with dozens of other gangland crimes, including shakedowns and money laundering.

At his sentencing, the judge read off the history of the 11. She told Bulger she sometimes wished that she and everyone else in his trial were watching a movie about the horrors described — including stranglings and shootings — were so awful.

"The scope, the callousness, the depravity of your crimes are almost unfathomable," she said before imposing the punishment prosecutors had requested.
Constructive relaxation

Friday night is rapidly approaching, and you don’t know what to do. Well, what are your options? You can sit in the luminous glow of your laptop as you stream movies on Netflix, or you can get up, head outside to brave the cold and experience some of the most accessible artistic experiences you can see.

One of the many privileges of attending a top-20 university is that we can enjoy numerous outlets for constructive relaxation. During the past week alone, Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s campuses buzzed with entertaining events, thought-provoking lectures and performances by fellow classmates and touring professionals.

We had the opportunity to laugh along with comedian Nasim Pedrad from Saturday Night Live, cheer on Baraka Bouts participants as they fought in their 11th season, attend a performance by our peers in “Radium Girls” and listen to the perfect musical balance of the Estonian National Symphony Orchestra — that is, if we took advantage of them.

On-campus events enable us to experience wonderful artistic and recreational opportunities at a cost that is virtually nothing compared to the price tags we will face after we graduate. Most events here, if they aren’t outright free, run somewhere between $5 and $10. Try to see a show on Broadway or a concert in Chicago and you can expect to pay at least five to 10 times as much as that. We’re even invited to take a seat at dress rehearsals for no cost at all and to discuss award-winning films with their directors in both the stunning DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC) and the Mooreau Center for the Arts. We can also try out new recipes at cooking classes taught by Notre Dame’s chefs.

Editors’ Note: MJ Johnston and Marah Carey contribute to the Viewpoint section.

“Cabaret” is the first full-scale musical the Department of Film, Television and Theatre at Notre Dame has produced in more than 20 years. This performance, rated as mature content, showcases the talents of more than 100 student members of the cast, crew and orchestra and is running through Sunday in DPAC. Just on the other side of campus, Notre Dame students will make history this weekend at Washington Hall by performing the first English translation and international production of “The Connemara Five.”

AcoustiCafé even takes on a special flair this week, as one of the bands performing will be chosen to open for Eric Hutchinson at Legends on Saturday.

But even with a bye weekend approaching, will we be motivated to venture out to a new event?

Being aware of the happenings on campus will help you to find an event that interests you. The institutions provide a daily schedule of selected events, lectures and performances online at calendar.nd.edu and http://www.saintmarys.edu/news-events. The SAO website, sao.nd.edu, has a calendar that includes every SAO-sponsored event on campus. SubND keeps an active Twitter (@SubND) and Facebook page for its events. The Observer’s “The Next Five Days” calendar, featured on page two of each paper and “Weekend Calendar,” featured in Scene on Thursdays, both highlight some top events occurring that week. Also, The Week@ND newsletter provides information about various events on campus.

Before the stress of finals fully hits us, we should take advantage of the time and resources we have, while we have them. Push your boundaries and challenge yourself to live out the “liberal arts” education in your daily life. College is a time to explore our interests and taking advantage of the low-cost opportunities our University offers is certainly well-worth braving the cold walk across campus.
Most, if not all, of us move past Stonehenge daily without much thought, save perhaps for the sheer amazement at Notre Dame’s inability to find a fountain that won’t splash everywhere. I doubt many, if any, of us give it more than a passing glance or a second look. With the exception of the annual vigil maintained by Notre Dame’s three ROTC units during Veterans Day, I suspect we meander by this memorial to our nation’s veterans outside of special occasions like Veterans and Memorial Day.

The sacrifices that veterans and their families make are immeasurable. They’ve missed too many births, birthdays, graduations, anniversaries and holidays to count. They’ve been uprooted and moved, leaving behind their home and friends two, three, four and a dozen times. They’ve endured seemingly endless deployments and nights of worry. There have been too many parents, siblings and spouses gone for far too long. There have been millionsons who never returned. They rest eternally on the gently rolling hills of Arlington Cemetery, on battlefields across the globe and at sea, in graves both celebrated and unmarked. Their sacrifice — ultimate, total, complete — is neither calculable nor repayable. In honoring both our veterans and our fallen, society takes many manner of approaches. There are numerous organizations from the USO to the Wounded Warrior Project dedicated to their support. There are parades and appreciation campaigns. There are the thousands of “thank you’s” uttered each day. Perhaps the single most important way we appreciate our veterans’ service, however, is in seeking ourselves to become worthy of their sacrifice. Our debt to veterans, past and present, is one that cannot be paid down. It can, however, be paid forward. We are obligated not only to extend our gratitude to those who have provided our freedoms, but to take these freedoms and make the most of them. We are compelled to prove ourselves deserving of our sacrifice. To this end, how do we live our lives? Can we truly say we are making the most of the time we have? Do we make the most of each day? If we are here because others have laid down their lives to create that possibility, can we truly say we are making the most of the time we, rather than they, have been afforded? If we are honest with ourselves, I suspect we must admit there are days we do not. There are days we fail to truly earn what others have sacrificed, to fulfill our responsibility to live our lives to the fullest. I wish I knew what we’re supposed to do with our lives. I can’t tell you I know what will make a life complete or content. I’m not sure anyone can, and if there is someone, it’s probably not the kid who just walked to class and back before realizing his fly was open. But there are a few things I think.

I think we can find purpose in the service of others. I think we can live fully in working for our communities, our family and our friends. I think the power of the collective is limitless, and insofar as we are able to have the immense opportunity afforded to us by the tireless dedication and sacrifice of those who have served past and present, we ought to pass it on as well. I think we can find fulfillment in service to our friends, our town, our country and our fellow man.

I think we live best when we live with kindness and an aim to go about doing good. While I end up at dorm Mass most weeks, I can’t truthfully say I’ve already found faith that there’s a God. But he it karma, God, fate or whatever else one may call it, I believe doing good pays — and even if it doesn’t, it’s worth doing anyway. I think I’ve rarely regretted being kind or going the extra mile for someone. I think I regularly regret doing the opposite. I think when I look back I will value the time I spent for others far more than the time I spent for myself. I think whether we’re in business or medicine, science or engineering, working in a school or in a non-profit, we can all find an avenue to serve each other.

Gandhi once counseled, “The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” Churchill noted, “We make a life by what we give.” Irrespective of the mantra, let us dream greatly, dare boldly, serve tirelessly and act kindly. We all know far too many people who have died far too young, in war and in peace, to waste the days we have. Our time here is far too fleeting to shrink from the bright lights and fail to fulfill our promise. Ultimately, let us lose ourselves in the service of others, and, in the process find ourselves worthy of the service and sacrifice of others.

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Marvel is back on the big screen with “Thor: The Dark World," and one dead car battery later, here is my take on the film. Chris Hemsworth reprises his role once again as Thor, alongside Natalie Portman as Jane Foster and Tom Hiddleston as Loki. This is the second installment in the Marvel universe following the events portrayed in the first Avengers movie, which is interesting not only because of the future at which it hints, but also because it shows how much the characters have developed over the course of these movies.

The movie picks up where Avengers left off. Loki has just been imprisoned for his crimes on Earth and Thor has set about trying to once again establish peace amongst the brother he once knew and loved still exists; therefore, he claims, if he were ever inclined to believe that Loki was planning to betray him, he would not hesitate to kill him. However, the two brothers seem to fall into old habits relatively quickly once they decide to work together.

The atmosphere created by this team-up is very nostalgic and reminiscent of the relationship they once shared in the first movie, before Loki’s betrayal. This key point shows the degree to which two characters’ paths can diverge so quickly within the Marvel universe. Although they are technically working together to fight the same enemy, there is a perceivable chasm that now separates them and it is evident that there is no hope to resurrect the affectionate brotherly relationship they once shared.

Another great facet of this movie was its ability to more successfully strike a balance between Thor’s love for Foster, while still preserving the necessary warrior attitude that is so important to this character. Apart from this delicate balance, there is also the ever-present motif that Thor has been forced to quickly mature over the course of presumably five years so that he can cope with the intense storms that always find him. The Thor we saw in the first movie was extremely arrogant and concerned almost entirely with glorious battle, whereas the Thor seen in this film has realized the value of taking pause to consider how his actions may play out. In a sense, this shift is extremely important because, as some may remember, this immaturity that he has seemed to overcome originally barred him from inheriting the throne from his father in the first movie.

I would rate this movie as very good but not necessarily great. If you are a fan of the Marvel cinematic universe or Thor particularly, you will no doubt enjoy what this movie has to offer. There was action, love, tension and the usual spire of twists and turns that makes these movies good. Also, remember to stay after the credits to catch the teaser trailer they include if you want to see where the Avengers storyline is headed to next!

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The Observer
By MATTHEW McMATHON Scene Writer

Before I took what’s becoming a daily nap this Wednesday afternoon, there was no new Death Grips album, and there was no indication of a new Death Grips album. After I woke up, there had been a new Death Grips album for almost 30 minutes. This is how quietly and mysteriously one of the currently most important acts in music navigates. In the moments surrounding the group’s possibly misguided decisions, it may be hard to understand why the trio decides to do what it does.

They cut ties with Epic Records by releasing their second album of 2012, “No Love Deep Web,” for free under their own label, Third Worlds, after alienating themselves from fans by retreating from public appearances to give the album the proper dedication they felt it needed. Yet, what are the chances that a group like Death Grips could succeed on a major label and mysteriously one of the currently unknowns — dropping their excellent introductory mixtape “Exmilitary” with little-to-nothing about the band being known — and stunts like these only bring them more publicity and a louder dialog within the music world.

“Government Plates,” dropped via the band’s Facebook page, marking the first thing Death Grips have put out since taking to Facebook to release what now appears to have been a lead single for the album/mixtape, “Birds.” That song, posted in August, came with no context besides the song’s lyrics. Similarly bizarre in nature, “Government Plates” comes with no warning and no explanation, except for accompanying music videos for each song on their YouTube channel. On “Government Plates,” Death Grips experiment more with higher register beats and synth lines like in “No Love Deep Web,” but return to the industrial style of their first two LPs. MC Ride sometimes explores some of the slowest, most deliberate, and possibly calmest flows he has ever spit — and he still sounds totally deranged. Remaining as cryptic in writing as the band is with its image, Death Grips are at their most repetitious, while not conforming to traditional song structure. Tracks throw everything in your face immediately and see what sticks; the band’s concrete ability to think of the song, making it one of the feel-good tracks of 2013 without a doubt. It one of the feel-good tracks of 2013 without a doubt.~ 

Still, the whole album builds to monumental closing track “Whatever I Want (F*** who’s watching).” The track instantly explodes with frontman MC Ride’s trademark paranoia, and the jarring samples pair perfectly. Experimental and noise influenced, the song features static, warped samples and looping vocals over a wind- ing, chaotic six minutes. Death Grips have not formed anything less challenging than their previous work, but "Government Plates” is as equally rewarding. Even when Death Grips don’t holistically hit the mark, like for the first time on "No Love Deep Web," the experience is still more rewarding than most other albums coming out. No group puts as much energy and raw power into their music, and their contributions are something to anticipate. One thing is sure, Death Grips do whatever they want, and if other artists like what they hear, they follow; Death Grips, unknownst to many, have their hands in shaping the future of what music can become.

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“Government Plates”  
Death Grips
Label: Third Worlds
Tracks: “Whatever I Want (F*** who’s watching),” Birds
If you like: “Yeezus,” clipping

“Sail Out”  
Artist: Jhene Aiko
Record Label: Artium
Genre: R&B, Soul

THE KICKBACK

The second you hear her voice, you’ll know why she is a budding superstar. I first heard her voice associated with Top Dawg Entertainment on songs with Kendrick Lamar, Schoolboy Q and Ab-Soul. You probably first heard her voice on a few cuts off Drake’s latest album, “Nothing Was the Same.”

But now Jhene (pronounced juh-nay) Aiko is off on her own, sailing out if you will, with her latest EP, “Sail Out.” I’ve been looking forward to this project for quite some time, but I couldn’t help but be left a little disappointed with where it ended up going.

The only prior knowledge I had of the EP was her single “Bed Peace,” with Childish Gambino. This song is by far the best track off the release and one that I recommed everyone listens to. It will have you hooked and keep you hitting the repeat button.

The track starts out with an airy guitar riff followed by the angelic, soothing melody of Aiko singing a catchy, light-hearted hook that will soon turn into a sing-along after you hear it once. Her voice fits perfectly with the bouncy melody and then Childish Gambino comes in to seal the deal.

Aiko says she wanted to find someone to be the John Lennon to her Yoko Ono, and she couldn’t have found a better fit. Childish Gambino fits right in with the jubilant nature of the song, making it one of the feel-good tracks of 2013 without a doubt. Because I heard this track first, I thought the rest of the seven-song EP would follow in a similar vein. But it was more like seeing hilarious previews to a comedy you really want to see, but then realizing all of the movie’s best parts were in the previews.

The biggest disappointment was the track I looked forward to the most: “Stay Ready (What A Life),” mostly because it featured Kendrick Lamar. I’ve never been disappointed by a Kendrick Lamar verse, but this one comes pretty close to it. The intensity and depth that makes Kendrick what he is doesn’t appear here, but the lazy beat doesn’t help either. I ran into a similar problem with the Ab-Soul feature on “WTI.” And let’s not even mention the completely out-of-place Vince Staples feature on the opening track, “The Vapors.”

If anything, the overall feel of the EP is forgettable. I got the sense that Aiko was in her element on “Bed Peace” and either lost sight of that or never wanted to go in that direction in the first place. The truth is, she should, because she shines when her music resembles a sunny day rather than a stormy one.

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When it comes to changing traditions, Major League Baseball is almost as bad as Notre Dame. Yesterday, the 30 owners unanimously approved to fund the expansion of instant replay in the MLB beginning in the 2014 season. It was the first vote in a two-part process; the second vote will come on Jan. 16 in Paradise Valley, Ariz., to finalize the new rules.

The NFL instituted replay in 1986, the NHL in 1991 and the NBA in 1992. In 2008, the MLB partially caved in and allowed the review of whether a ball was a homerun or not, but that was the extent of replay in the MLB.

Former MLB commissioner Bud Selig played a large role in preventing a full-scale replay system to be enacted in professional baseball. Selig, and baseball fans, can get very stuck in their ways and start to see things a certain way, a genteel-like atmosphere. Their arguments for not having replays go something like this, “Umpires may make mistakes, but it’s part of the game. It’s always been a part of the game. Why change it now?”

But MLB has to compete with the NFL, NBA and a rising NHL — all have a large following of young fans. But with Selig’s retirement and MLB’s need to attract a younger fan base, the owners’ unanimous vote for instant replay is a massive move forward for baseball.

At this point, however, it is uncertain as to what the new replay rules will be exactly. MLB’s Chief Operating Officer Rob Manfred said tag plays, out/safe at first and foul/foul beyond the base will be included in the new rules for replays. Balls and strikes, checked swings and foul tips will not be eligible for review.

All challenges will be sent to New York for official judgment and the head umpire will wear a headset and be able to hear the verdict. The initial review, checked swings and foul tips will have two challenges per game. If the challenge is correct it will not count against the manager’s total.

Selig argued that ball games already take too long, and with replays, the game times will only increase, while the fan’s interest will decrease. This is a very valid concern. The average 5-inning game length in 2013 was 2:59 and in the playoffs it increased to 3:17.

With almost every play up for review, and if no challenges are deducted for being correct, there could feasibly be a very large number of challenges, which assuredly would slow the game down. There is also the concern that teams would stop in order to give their personnel time to review the play before making a challenge.

The potential disallows any replay in MLB far outweigh the concerns. Obviously, adding brand new rules will be a process. Baseball will have to see what works best, but instant replay in any form is an improvement. Future Armando Galarraga’s of MLB will not be cheated of a perfect game, and future 1985 Cardinals will be able to explain a World Series loss without the excuse of a blown call.

Obviously baseball officials will still miss calls, but instant replay will lessen the likelihood that officiating mistakes affect the outcomes of contests. The NFL is still working out its instant replay kinks and it has been in use for 27 years. There are still lapses in the NFL. (See the “Brady Tuck Rule” and last year’s “Fail Mary”), just as there will be in the MLB. It will simply take time to determine the most fitting replay system. Obviously it will be hard to decide what can be challenged, as “phantom” double plays and tags are very common in the MLB. But by voting for instant replay, MLB is showing a much-needed willingness to change and improve.

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Three undefeated teams highlight semifinals

Alumni and Carroll face off for a shot at the Stadium, Kangaroos look for redemption against Knights

By ANDREW EISENREICH Sports Writer

In a battle of two unbeaten teams, No. 2 Alumni will clash with No. 3 Carroll in Sunday’s semifinal.

On the line is not only a chance to compete for the fall season’s top prize, but also a chance to set foot on the storied field in Notre Dame Stadium.

Considering those hallowed grounds has been the goal from the beginning of the season for Carroll (4-0-1), Vermin senior captain Mike Russell said. With only one team standing in their way to the championship, the Vermin are highly motivated and excited to play, Russell said.

“This is the farthest Carroll has been in the playoffs in a long time,” Russell said. “There’s a lot of history behind us.”

Coming off a 14-0 victory over Fisher, a team Carroll tied in the regular season, Russell said his team hopes to keep its momentum rolling deep into the playoffs.

Headed by senior dual-threat quarterback Bobby Dorman and complemented by freshman running back Zack Dorman and complemented by freshman running back Zack Dorr, the Vermin offense has put up over 16 points per game. Russell said the keys for the Vermin would be both limiting turnovers on offense and creating them on defense.

“Standing in their way this week is a strong Dawgs defense, which has only allowed two scores on the season. Alumni seniors captain Jeffrey Kraemer said the Dawgs’ defense is the team’s greatest strength.”

On defense, anyone can step up and make a play at any time,” Kraemer said.

Last weekend, Alumni (5-0) recorded five interceptions en route to a 20-7 victory over Knott.

On offense, the Dawgs like to stick to the basics, Kraemer said. Alumni highlights a solid run game and consistent pass style as part of an offense that has accounted for just under 12 points per game.

The Dawgs offense will match up with a Vermin defense that has yet to allow any points in the playoffs.

While the teams have not played each other in quite some time, Kraemer said he expects the matchup to be physical.

“This game is absolutely huge, especially for this season’s success story, senior captain and receiver Jeremy Riche.”

“Defense has been our strongest,” Riche said. “It plays at a consistently high level. Our defense is what has put us over the top to win these games.”

This is a redemption game for the Kangaroos, who gave up their only loss of the season to Keenan on Oct. 6.

Donegan said he feels his team has improved since the loss.

“The guys are a total blast to work with, and we have gotten better at playing together,” Donegan said. “We’ve been competing and getting better during every single practice and game.”

Both captains said their teams feel ready for Sunday’s game.

“Keough made it to the semifinals last year and we’re happy to be back,” Donegan said. “We’ve taken care of the basics in practice, and we need to bring those to the game. I’m excited to play on the practice fields, and hopefully we can make it to the stadium.”

Riche said the Knights are also optimistic about their chances.

“If we come out and play the style of football we’ve been playing all year, I feel confident we can come out with the win,” Riche said.

Keough and Keenan will face off in the semifinals Sunday at 1 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

By REBECCA ROGALSKI Sports Writer

As playoffs continue Sunday, Mod Quad rivals No. 1 Pasquerilla West and No. 4 Pasquerilla East will battle it out in their semifinals matchup.

Pasquerilla West (7-0), who finished the regular season with an undefeated record, continued their winning streak in the post-season with a 25-7 victory over No. 8 Webb Family last Sunday. Senior linebacker and captain Brenee Toole said she hopes Pasquerilla West can defeat the Pyros (6-1) for the second time this year, but she expects a challenge.

“Pasquerilla East is a great team, and [the Pyros] have been constantly improving since our regular season matchup,” Toole said. “We’re trying to come up with some new plays that’ll give us an advantage, as well as play the game to the best of our abilities and see if we can once again come out on top.”

Pasquerilla East hopes to re-deem itself against the Purple Weasels, the only team the Pyros lost to in the regular season. After a close 14-7 overtime victory against No. 5 Howard last Sunday, the Pyros know they need to step up their game on both offense and defense, senior defensive linerman and captain Caroline Kise said.

She said, however, she believes the Pyros are in much better position to beat the Purple Weasels this time around.

“We played Pasquerilla West in our second game of the season, so we didn’t have players comfortably settled in positions yet,” Kise said. “But now we’re all experienced, so I hope that we’ll be able to play Pasquerilla West with more confidence and strength.”

Pasquerilla West will make its 11th consecutive semfinals appearance, and Toole said the Purple Weasels understand that in order to survive, they need to work together as a unit.

“Our success in this game is simple,” she said. “Every player just needs to know what their responsibilities are on defense or defense and work with one another in order to play to our potential.”

On the other side, Kise said sound defense against the run would be a key to slowing Pasquerilla West’s explosive attack.

“The biggest thing for us is to make sure we have a solid run defense,” Kise said. “Our offense is traditionally pretty strong, but we consistently struggle on defense during our last few games. I hope to see us significantly improve on this aspect during this matchup.”

Pasquerilla West and Pasquerilla East will duke it out Sunday at 4:15 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

Pasquerillas face off in rivalry showdown

Ryan and Pangborn battle for chance to claim spot in championship

By CORNELIUS MCGRATH Sports Writer

No. 2 Ryan and No. 3 Pangborn will match up for the second time this season, with a trip to Notre Dame Stadium on the line.

Both Ryan (6-0-1) and Pangborn (6-0-1) are unbeaten, with Pangborn seemingly in both teams’ records being a tie in their nail-bitng meeting during the regular season.

Having lost in three consecutive semifinals, Phoxes senior captain and offensive lineman Mary Kate Veselik said the team is determined to go one step further this year.

“This game is absolutely huge, especially considering our very frustrating past,” Veselik said. “It would be absolutely wonderful to get to the stadium as a senior.”

Pangborn’s defense has had success recently, as the unit recorded four interceptions against Cavanaugh in the quarterfinals of the playoffs last weekend. The offense has been strong as well, and Veselik said she believes the Phoxes provide opposing defenses with a unique challenge.

“We have two wonderful junior quarterbacks in Caitlin Gargan and Liz Quinn, who both have different strengths,” Veselik said. “I believe this gives us a dynamism that makes us unpredictable, and therefore, very strong.”

At the same time, Veselik said she realizes that this will be no easy game, especially considering the high stakes.

“Ryan really is a great side,” Veselik said. “The game will be even more competitive than last time, and I just hope we come out on top.”

Ryan senior captain and offensive lineman Andreas Carlson said her team also anticipates an extremely tough game, much like its previous match up with the Phoxes, but also that the team will not be intimidated.

“The girls are very ready for this game,” Carlson said. “Not nervous, just excited for an intense match up. Pangborn is very strong, but we are really hoping to come away with a win.”

Ryan is coming off a 41-0 win over No. 7 Lyons in the quarterfinals, and Carlson said she believes the Wildcats’ defense will be again be the team’s greatest asset this weekend.

“We have had a great defense all season, and I think our defense will be the key to winning,” Carlson said. “I am very confident that we can keep going and have some big stops during the game.”

This battle of the undefeated teams will commence this Sunday when Ryan and Pangborn meet at 5 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

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ND hosts Big Ten powers

**By MIKE GINOCCHIO**

Sports Writer

After three consecutive weekends of competing on the road, the Irish return to the Rolfs Aquatic Center for a pair of dual meets against Michigan State and Wisconsin this weekend.

After such a long stretch on the road, it’s a welcome relief for Notre Dame (2-2) to be back competing at home, Irish coach Tim Welsh said.

“We’re happy to be home,” Welsh said. “It’s been a long four weeks for us, and it’s just great to be back [at Rolfs].”

Notre Dame will open the weekend against Michigan State (0-2) tonight.

In its most recent dual meet Nov. 8, Michigan State was surprised by Division II Grand Valley State, who beat the Spartans, 166-134, in East Lansing, Mich. Michigan State’s upset loss, however, doesn’t mean the Irish are in for an easy meet tonight, Welsh said.

“[Michigan State] swam faster against Grand Valley than [it did] against Iowa [in a 182-113 loss], earlier this season,” Welsh said. “We’re definitely not overconfident. Comparative scores don’t mean as much, but comparative times do. And what we know about Michigan State is that they’re quite balanced. Whatever they can do, they can do more than once, and they’re fast enough that, if we take it easy at all, they’ll be ahead of us with more than one guy.”

Welsh said that the meet events that will most likely be highly-contested are the 200-yard freestyle and the 100- and 200-yard butterfly races. With that in mind, the Irish will look toward strong showings from swimmers such as sophomore Michael Hudspith and freshman Trent Jackson, who swam a 1:41.29 and 1:41.54, respectively, in the 200-yard freestyle against Pittsburgh last Saturday.

After they compete against Michigan State, the Irish will get right back into action with a meet against Wisconsin on Saturday morning.

“[Wisconsin’s] bringing in the national champion in the 200-yard backstroke [junior Drew TeDuits],” Welsh said. “They are a very well-travelled and a very experienced racing team. They’ve already raced against Georgia, California, Stanford ... They’ve been on the road against many high-caliber teams. This is a very experienced team.”

Welsh said racing against Big Ten teams has allowed Notre Dame to compete with some of the top programs in the country.

“We swam against Michigan, we swam against Purdue, we’re going to swim against Michigan State and Wisconsin and later in the year against Northwestern,” Welsh said. “All of the Big Ten teams are strong. We’re expecting a heck of a challenge on Saturday.”

The Irish square off against Michigan State at 5 p.m. tonight and meets Wisconsin at 11 a.m. Saturday. Both meets will be held at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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Irish prepare for regional meet

**Observer Staff Report**

After a strong performance at the ACC Conference Championships on Nov. 1, Notre Dame heads to Madison, Wis., today for its most important meet of the season in the Great Lakes Regional.

At the conference championship, the Irish ran toward the front of the pack, with the men finishing third out of 14 teams and the women finishing fourth out of 15.

On the men’s side, senior Martin Grady led the way in the eight-kilometer race, finishing fifth overall with a time of 24:13.2. Graduate student Jeremy Rae followed Grady with a time of 24:21.8, good enough for an 11th place finish. Both Grady and Rae earned ACC honors, the third time each of them have been given all-conference honors.

For the women, senior Kelly Curran was the top Irish runner in the six-kilometer race, finishing in 16th place with a time of 20:55.8. Junior Hannah Eckstein finished in 29th place with a time of 21:34.1. Both girls earned All-ACC honors as well, which is the second all-conference designation for Curran.

Now Notre Dame sets its eyes on Madison for the Great Lakes Regional. A finish in the top-two would automatically qualify the team for next week’s NCAA Championships, while both teams can potentially earn at-large bids even if they don’t automatically qualify.

The men and women will each bring eight runners. The men will run Rae, Grady, graduate student J.P. Malette, seniors Walter Schafer and Patrick Lesiewicz, sophomores Tim Ball, Michael Clevenger and Jake Kildoo.

The women will run Curran, Eckstein, juniors Emily Frydrych and Gabby Gonzales, sophomores Danielle Aragon, Sydni Moretter, Molly Seidel and Alexa Aragon.

The Irish look to qualify for the NCAA Championships at the Great Lakes Regional meet today at the Thomas Zimmer Championship Cross Country Course in Madison at noon and 1:15 p.m. central time.

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said. “I was the lad that scored both goals last time and did a really good job handling the ball, and we maybe didn’t handle him as well as we would have liked.”

But Madison is not Virginia’s only scoring threat. Junior midfielder Eric Bird leads the team with six goals, while Madison and freshman forward Biggs Lennon have scored five goals apiece this season.

They have a number of good players,” Clark said. “Their No. 7, [sophomore midfielder] Todd Wharton, does a good job. But they’ve got a whole pile of players. [We need to] watch the ball, we’ll pay close attention to every one of them.”

Notre Dame and Virginia open the semifinal round of the ACC Championship at 5:30 p.m. tonight. The game will be followed a matchup between No. 4 seed Clemson and No. 1 seed Maryland at 8 p.m. The winners of each game will play in the ACC Championship game at 2 a.m. Sunday.

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her to be honored.”

McGraw said the decision to induct Diggins into the Ring of Honor just a few months after her graduation is a testament to the impact she had on the program.

“Usually you’d wait a few years before you did something like that, but she’s so special that we felt like we wanted to do it right away,” McGraw said.

But once the game begins, the Irish (2-0) will return to the business of solidifying the team in the post-Diggins era.

“At this point in the season we’re really focused on us,” McGraw said. “We’re still trying to find our identity and work the freshmen in.”

McGraw said the team has come a long way since the exhibition win over California on Oct. 30, which lacked the defensive intensity she wanted to see.

“I think we’re playing really well; we’re getting better every game,” McGraw said. “I felt like we had a giant improvement between the first and second game, and I’m hoping for the same kind of improvement in our game on Saturday.”

“I think defensively we’re getting stronger and offensively we’re playing okay, but I’d like to see us execute a little bit better offensively. So that’s what we’re looking for.”

Irish bring in No. 1 recruit, top-five signing class

Three top recruits signed letters of intent to play with Notre Dame next year, including forward Brianna Turner, the nation’s top prep player as rated by Blue Star Turner, the nation’s top prep player as rated by Blue Star.

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Turner, a senior at Manvel High School in Pearland, Texas, has won four gold medals with the under-18 U.S. team. She averaged 19.6 points, 9.4 rebounds and 3.6 blocks a game during her first three years of high school basketball.

“‘She is a 6-foot-3 shot-blocking defensive player who’s really going to help us on the boards, and she’s a lot like Devereaux Peters, who played here,’ McGraw said. ‘So we’re really excited about what she’ll bring to the press and defense. And she can score, too.’

Kathryn Westbeld is a 6-foot-2 forward out of Huntington St. Joseph High in Kettering, Ohio. Last season, she led her high school team to a 27-1 record and a Division I state championship.

“She’s a really good three-point shooter, a very smart player. So we’re looking for her to help us at both ends of the floor.”

All three players are ranked in the top-20 by Blue Star Basketball.

Saturday’s festivities begin at 1:30 p.m. as Diggins is inducted into the Ring of Honor at Purcell Pavilion. Tip off against the Crusaders (0-2) is set for 2 p.m.

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Cathy “Chuka-what” Chukwulebe def. Victoria “Every KO begins with” Kay

The battle between two seniors came to an early end, as Cathy Chukwulebe pushed her classmate Victoria Kay around the ring before the referee stopped the fight in the third round. Chukwulebe came out of the gates with a very aggressive approach that exploited her height advantage over Kay. However, Kay did not shy away from the challenge, as she met Chukwulebe punch for punch. The fighters traded blows in the first round, as Kay landed multiple one-two combinations to Chukwulebe’s body, and Chukwulebe retaliated with jabs and hook combinations to Kay’s head. The difference in target area, however, proved to be crucial to the outcome. The referee had to stop the fight for Kay twice before he officially called the fight in favor of Chukwulebe in the third round.

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Valerie “Villawag” Williams def. Rachel “The Ringer” Wright

Junior Valerie Williams captured a victory by unanimous decision over senior Rachel Wright. Wright came out strong with a series of jabs and combinations in the first round, but Williams began rolling out punches and held her own against Wright in the second round. During the third round, Williams became more aggressive, utilizing a combination of punches and knocking Wright down. The judges ultimately awarded Williams the unanimous victory.

Jessica Freeman def. Emily “EmDawg” Popovich

Senior Jessica Freeman secured an unanimous victory over sophomore Emily Popovich. In the first round, Freeman and Popovich wore each other down with big punches and body shots. Freeman took the offensive in the second round, using a series of one-two combinations that secured the victory over Popovich. The Observer | ndsmcobserver.com
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to gain an advantage. In the third round, Freeman stepped up aggressively and threw counter-punches and jabs. Ultimately, the judges declared a unanimous victory for Freeman.

Molly Allare def. Shannon “The Glommer” Bugos

In a contentious bout, junior Molly Allare came out with a unanimous victory over sophomore Shannon Bugos. Allare and Bugos fought aggressively in the first round, as both used combinations and counter-attacks. In the second round, Allare fired off a series of jabs andfinished the round with a strong hit on Bugos, which allowed her to take control. Allare didn’t let up in the third round and was awarded the unanimous victory.

“Muhammad A-Liz” Garvin def. Catherine “I Have the Answers” McQuestion

On the strength of a quick start, senior Liz Garvin defeated sophomore Catherine McQuestion in a unanimous victory. During the first round, Garvin came out strong with quick punches and efficiency, hitting McQuestion with powerful hooks. In the second round, Garvin came out of the gate strong and threw several combinations before McQuestion could prepare to counterattack. Garvin put McQuestion on the defensive in the third round and threw a series of jabs and one-two combinations. The judges awarded Garvin a victory by unanimous decision.

Katie Martin def. Brenna Cashman

Sophomore Katie Martin took the reigns in the ring to defeat sophomore Brenna Cashman by a referee-stopped contest in the third round. Martin secured her offensive position in the first round by throwing a series of one-two combinations and jabs. Martin kept Cashman on the defensive in the second round and threw a strong head shot before both boxers started trading punches against the ropes. To start the third round Martin overwhelmed Cashman with combinations and the referee was forced to stop the fight, sending Martin home with the victory.

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Carrera Brown def. Mary “The Mean Machine” Green

Sophomore Carrera Brown defeated sophomore Mary Green in a split-decision victory. During the first round, Green put Brown on the defensive. Brown stepped up in the second round and took control with a series of jabs and hooks. To finish out the match, Brown and Green aggressively threw combinations in the third round, but Brown earned the split-decision victory.

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Junior Liz Zolper, right, connects with senior Kendall Johnson's head during their bout Thursday night. Zolper emerged victorious over the upperclassman.

Sophomore Hannah Skrbis and graduate student Erin Wilson trade punches during their bout Thursday night. But ultimately Skrbis went home with the win.
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well. They play an aggressive forechecking system.

The Irish have implemented a faster-paced style as the game of hockey has changed in recent years, Jackson said. He noted Notre Dame is using the up-tempo style of NHL teams such as the Chicago Blackhawks and Pittsburgh Penguins, while utilizing the width of the ice to generate speed similarly to the Boston Bruins.

"When so many teams really packing it in down low defensively — and we’re going to see more of that in the next couple of weeks — you really have to make sure that you keep the puck moving so teams can’t outnumber you," Jackson said. "There’s some element of speed but it’s more about puck support and body positioning to create speed in the offensive zone.

Complicating the use of that strategy is a plethora of injuries to the Notre Dame roster, as forwards senior Mike Voran, sophomores Thomas and John D’Ambrosio, and freshman Vince Hinostroza and junior defenceman Eric Johnson are all on the mend. Jackson said defensive depth returning, and when he does, the usual winger could see time at center, but the rest will be out for at least a few weeks.

"Consistency is a huge thing," Jackson said. "It’s been a little bit more challenging because our depth was depleted over the last few weeks and we have to really focus on one game at a time, even though I would like to see us get a little winning streak going at some point here."

Notre Dame’s 10 seniors have handled their non-league schedule. Certainly when we get into Friday and Indiana State will be out for at least a few weeks. We’re one of the best passing teams in the country. They’re a team that really likes to bunker in, drop deep in their own half, and not give you room to operate. They’re very dangerous off the counterattack and on set pieces. As a team, they like to keep things close."

Waldrum said the Irish need to limit several dangerous Iowa players in particular, including junior forward Cloe Lacasse, senior forward Ashley Catrell and red-shirt junior midfielder Katie Nasenbenny.

"Those three players really make their team tick, offensively," Waldrum said. "Defensively, we need to control them. We need to be very intense and good, and we’re hungry to get back on the field."

On the other hand, Iowa (15-6-1, 5-5-1 Big Ten) enters the tournament on a role, having beaten then-No. 7 Michigan and then-No. 20 Penn State en route to losing to then-No. 18 Nebraska in the Big Ten championship game last weekend.

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Solution to Thursday’s Puzzles:

Celebrity Baby: You are eager and ambitious. You learn quickly and act fast.

Happy Birthday: Scale down and settle into a routine that will keep you safe. From impulsive acts that may be costly. Look at all your options. Think from letting anyone make choices for you. Take charge and be earnest about keeping life simple and moderate. The right decisions will lead to improvements that alleviate stress and lead to greater happiness. Your numbers are 5, 12, 23, 30, 36.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put your energy and not your cash, into new endeavors or partnerships. Be innovative, yet not overmoderated and disciplined in all aspects of life. Problems will develop due to a power struggle. Don’t get angry when efficiency is what’s required. Strive to excel. Scale down and settle into a routine that will keep you safe. From impulsive acts that may be costly. Look at all your options. Think from letting anyone make choices for you. Take charge and be earnest about keeping life simple and moderate. The right decisions will lead to improvements that alleviate stress and lead to greater happiness. Your numbers are 5, 12, 23, 30, 36.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don’t be too generous, as this can lead you down a slippery slope. Calculate what it is you want and how you should best go about getting it. Be prepared to discuss your options with someone you can trust, and if you feel uncertain, don’t make a move. Romance will ease stress.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Steal out of the limelight and catch what’s going on around you. Steep up the situation and make the changes required to compete in and win. The right decisions will lead to improvements that alleviate stress and lead to greater happiness. Your numbers are 5, 12, 23, 30, 36.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Each day, be more flexible and be more adaptable. Changes will be necessary. Stress will build if you try to control more than you can. The right decisions will lead to improvements that alleviate stress and lead to greater happiness. Your numbers are 5, 12, 23, 30, 36.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on control and stop trying to do too much. Letting anyone make choices for you will not be productive. The right decisions will lead to improvements that alleviate stress and lead to greater happiness. Your numbers are 5, 12, 23, 30, 36.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your motto is that there will not be one correct choice for you. The right decisions will lead to improvements that alleviate stress and lead to greater happiness. Your numbers are 5, 12, 23, 30, 36.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Step back and look at what you have done. You will see that you have learned from your past mistakes and made progress. The right decisions will lead to improvements that alleviate stress and lead to greater happiness. Your numbers are 5, 12, 23, 30, 36.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Slow down in the pace of your present situation. Think of ways to slow down the pace you are on and create a routine that will help you. The right decisions will lead to improvements that alleviate stress and lead to greater happiness. Your numbers are 5, 12, 23, 30, 36.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The future is bright and you can look back on your past and see your growth and progress. The right decisions will lead to improvements that alleviate stress and lead to greater happiness. Your numbers are 5, 12, 23, 30, 36.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Share your thoughts and put together a budget. Your astute way of exploiting what you have to offer will grab attention and lead to a formal introduction. The right decisions will lead to improvements that alleviate stress and lead to greater happiness. Your numbers are 5, 12, 23, 30, 36.

CLUES

Yesterday’s Jumbles: Knife Deft Neuron Trauma

Answer: When the unprepared hunter ran into the giant buck, he said this — OH “DEER”!

Answer here:

that scrambled word game

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish open NCAAs at home

By GREG HADLEY
Sports Writer

Six of No. 23 Notre Dame's seven losses this season have been by one goal, and the Irish are prepared for another tight battle as they open the first round of the NCAA Championship at home against Iowa tonight.

"I don't expect it to be a very high-scoring game," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "With our struggles and the way they defend, I think it could be a really tight game. It'll come down to set pieces and who doesn't make mistakes. We need to stay focused for 90 minutes."

In such a close game, the difference may come down to Notre Dame's home-field advantage. The Irish (11-7-1, 7-5-1 ACC) are 8-2-1 at home this season.

Irish freshman defender Mariel Adams sends a pass downfield during Notre Dame's 1-0 loss to UCLA on Sept. 1.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Brey asks for 'sixth man' on Sunday

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Editor

It's still 50 days before No. 21 Notre Dame's first conference game as a member of the ACC. Yet Irish head coach Mike Brey is approaching Sunday's non-conference matchup with Indiana State as a league tilt.

"It's going to be a tough game for us and it's a great challenge for us and that's why we scheduled it," Brey said. "But they're coming up here extremely confident, veteran group, well coached, knows how to play. ACC kind of preparation." Brey spent Tuesday night playing the rounds to different dorms on campus trying to drum up student support for Sunday's 12 p.m. contest at Purcell Pavilion. The head coach added he would be in the dining halls later in the week pushing for a large crowd, something that has typically been difficult to come by early in the season, especially for non-conference Sunday afternoon games.

"My theme was ... this is an ACC game," Brey said. "We could use an ACC kind of crowd for this game. Let's practice our ACC crowd and sixth man helping us because they're very good." The Symcomores (1-0) return four starters — including their two leading scorers — from last year's squad that finished 18-15. In their

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Diggins to join Notre Dame elite

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

Former Irish point guard Skylar Diggins will be inducted into Notre Dame's Ring of Honor before the No. 6 Irish take on Valparaiso in Purcell Pavilion on Saturday. The ceremony will take place around 1:30 p.m., approximately a half-hour before tip-off.

"It's going to be a very emotional night for everyone in the building, Skylar's meant so much to our program," Irish coach Muffett McGraw said. "She really has elevated our program to an elite status, and it's a chance for everyone to come out and thank her one more time, and it's going to be such a achievement for her.

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HOCKEY

Hockey East comes to Compton

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

The No. 4 Irish return to conference action this weekend when they host Merrimack in a two-game series that marks the first Hockey East games ever played in Compton Family Ice Arena.

After splitting a non-conference home series against No. 1 Minnesota last weekend, Notre Dame (7-3-0, 1-0-0 Hockey East) will face a different style of hockey than the up-tempo play the Gophers employed when the Warriors (3-5-0, 9-2-0) visit tonight and Saturday.

"They pack it in defensively," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "There's going to be five guys in front of the net like [former CCHA opponent] Ferris State has played and they transition from it. So that's their way of generating speed as well, but they're more of a patient team waiting for their chances to score and they defend this time because we just had video [before the last meet], we didn't experience it. But at the same time they have that same advantage against us. They know what we do. So the advantage will be the same for both teams." But Clark said he does have a good idea of what needs to be done differently if Notre Dame is to reverse the outcome of the teams' last meeting.

"We've obviously got to handle [Virginia sophomore forward] Darius Madison," Clark

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ND faces Virginia in rematch

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

The No. 1 Irish are set to face No. 12 Virginia, the only team that has beaten them this season, in the ACC Championship semifinals this evening at Maryland SoccerPlex in Germantown, Md.

The Cavaliers (10-4-4, 4-3-4 ACC), who are the No. 6 seed in the conference, got the best of the Irish (12-1-5, 7-1-3), who are the No. 2 seed in the conference, at a Lumni Stadium on Oct. 26, winning 2-0.

Although the loss to Virginia is the only blemish on Notre Dame's record, don't expect to hear Irish coach Bobby Clark talking about payback or extra motivation against the Cavaliers.

"I don't think they need a lot of motivation in this game," Clark said of his players. "They're playing in the semifinal of the ACC [Championship]. You don't need a lot of motivation. The guys are going to be very excited and very focused, and I think very determined."

Although actual game experience against the Cavaliers may prove beneficial to Notre Dame, Clark cautioned that familiarity cuts both ways.

"I think we have a very good idea of how they'll play," Clark said. "We'll have a better idea of how they'll play."