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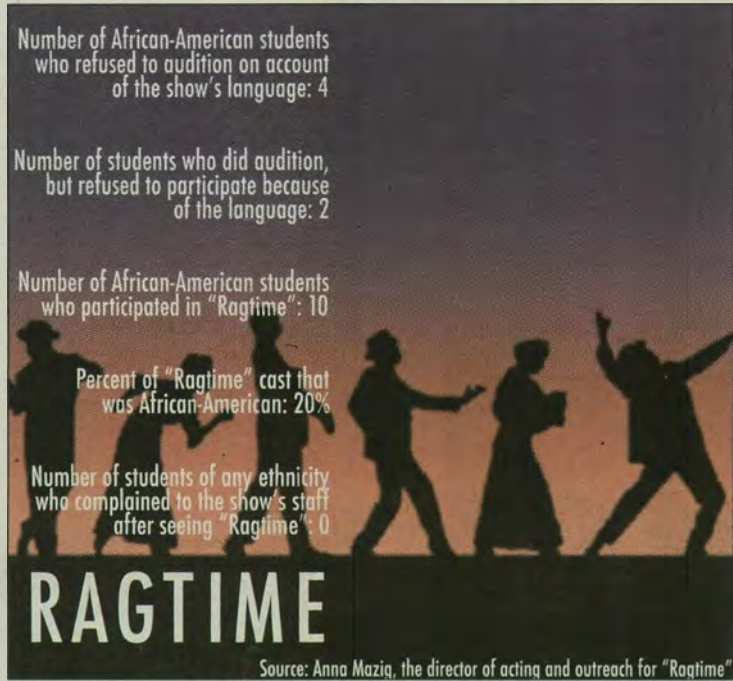
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'Ragtime' reflects racial integration



Black students involved in non-athletic events challenge stereotypes

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Assistant News Editor

While students and professors who see a broad-shouldered young black man in class may quickly assume he is a football player — a common Notre Dame stereotype — the gradually increasing involvement of black and minority students in non-athletic organizations and events could help change that mindset.

"Historically, the exposure for African-American men at Notre Dame has always been relative to sports," said

Chandra Johnson, director of Cross Cultural Ministry. "That's where the stereotype comes in, and I think many African-American young men don't realize how much that misconception is entrenched in the Notre Dame community and in those who come from outside, especially during home football weekends, and how the stereotype permeates the experience of many African-American men here."

Johnson, who served as assistant to University President Emeritus Father Edward Malloy, has worked with minority students on interracial issues at Notre Dame for more than a decade.

In the last five years, she said she has witnessed the presence and leadership of

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Alito to address SMC grads

By KELLY MEEHAN
Saint Mary's Editor

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito will deliver the 2007 Saint Mary's commencement address, College officials announced Friday.

"It is an honor and a privilege to welcome a United States Supreme Court Justice to Saint Mary's College,"



Alito

College President Carol Ann Mooney said in a statement Friday.

Alito was nominated to the Supreme Court by President George W. Bush and was sworn in on Jan. 31, 2006, after previously serving as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit — a position he was appointed to by President George H. Bush in 1990.

Alito has also held many high-profile positions, including Assistant to Solicitor General Rex E. Lee, Deputy Assistant to Attorney General Edwin Meese and U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey.

Mooney recently worked as a committee member with Alito on the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure

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Leaders meet for community summit

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Student leaders from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross and Indiana University-South Bend joined forces with civic and professional leaders from the South Bend-Mishawaka community Friday to discuss poor communication between the groups — a meeting that student body president Lizzi Shappell said has "never happened before."

To address one of the Shappell administration's primary goals — improving community relations — student government members organized a Community Summit to encourage discussion about

the "strained" relationship between college students and community members.

Held at Notre Dame Downtown, offices for the University's community relations department, the meeting drew representatives from local organizations including both the South Bend and Mishawaka mayor's offices, Downtown South Bend, Inc. and the South Bend Common Council.

The most important objective achieved — and the summit's primary goal — was relationship building, Shappell said.

"Never before had that variety of student and community constituencies been in the

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Community Relations committee chair Josh Pasquesi, center, pictured at a recent Senate meeting, was active in organizing the summit.

Black campus leaders give women advice

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Six prominent black women within the Notre Dame community gathered Sunday to discuss issues relevant to young women of color — health, finances, spirituality, professions in higher education, community involvement and politics — in an effort to commemorate Women's History Month.

Shades of Ebony and Welsh Family Hall sponsored "Faces of the Ages: Addressing the Trends and Concerns of African American Women Today" in the Coleman-Morse lounge. The event featured six pan-

elists who spoke about a specific topic tailored to black women, and was followed by the opportunity for the audience to ask questions.

"I am here to just sort of talk about choices and the choices that you make," said Executive Assistant to the President Frances Shavers, a certified yoga instructor who spoke about health and fitness. "Your body is the only one you get."

Shavers emphasized the importance of thinking about the preservatives found in food, as well as the quantity and type of food

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McIntosh examines oppression

White privilege discussed at Diverse Students' Leadership Conference

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

For Peggy McIntosh, the prevalence of racism was not something she was taught to see.

Speaking to 300 participants in the Carroll Auditorium Saturday, McIntosh, assistant director of Wellesley College's Center for Women, highlighted her experiences studying white oppression of blacks — something that she, as an upper class white woman, had ini-

tially been hesitant to believe.

During her keynote speech for the Diverse Students' Leadership Conference, McIntosh said she had been taught that "knowledge is white" and that she was "superior to her colleagues of color."



McIntosh

The oppressiveness, she said, is ingrained in a person's upbringing through the "myth of meritocracy" — something she said she experienced.

McIntosh uses the "myth of

meritocracy" to describe the way whites and males are raised to believe that they had earned and deserved everything they had, something she said is not entirely true.

"[We are] born into the system that preceded us," she said. "We didn't construct this. We can't be blamed for it."

This system, however, wasn't limited to race and can be applied similarly to gender stereotypes, she said.

McIntosh said she first came to understand the oppressive system in place at a conference she chaired about feminism in education. The men at the conference

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INSIDE COLUMN

Selling my soul

On a chilly, rainy day three Novembers ago, I sold my soul to journalism.

The University had fired Ty Willingham, and that afternoon, those were the only words out of anyone's mouth. My editors, rushing to cover each angle as it broke, decided to take a chance on an eager freshman. I hustled out of class, excited and nervous and determined — I naively approached Darius Walker in LaFortune, not thinking the football team had probably been instructed not to comment — and showed up breathless at the Main Building, notebook in hand.

As I forced my numb, uncooperative hands to furiously take down quotes, praying the words wouldn't be too blurred by rain, I was cold, overwhelmed and still a little nervous — but thrilled.

Two and a half years later, I'm no longer an anxious-beyond-belief rookie reporter whose heart would pound faster than she could scribble. But that thrill is still there. It's the feeling that hits my gut when there's big news to tackle. It's how my stomach always gets a little uneasy before an interview, trying to guess what the person might say. It's when my mind races into an unfolding story and suddenly sees how to put it together.

Most of all, it's why I can't imagine doing anything else with my life. And that's why taking over as editor in chief of The Observer is both satisfying and nerve-wracking, a reward and a responsibility.

It's the greatest feeling when the front page of The Observer reaffirms its importance on this campus. It's the worst to see a glaring headline misspelling, to miss a story that would have meant something to readers, to hear an accusation of misquoting.

Those mistakes are dishearteningly avoidable. They do, however, keep editors grounded. After all, journalism is challenging — and not always exciting. It's rare to have a "Monk moves on," "Willingham fired" or "Jenkins delivers verdict" kind of day. Bombs don't drop often. National championship seasons come and go, but newspapers print forever. It makes the everyday stories important. It means finding thrills in the small things. It pushes us to better serve readers on a daily basis, to put events into context, to treat each story both accurately and truthfully.

I'm frequently questioned about my attachment to this job. What people don't usually see is the way my supposedly inexplicable obsession mirrors one of their own. Why do some people commit their lives — and bodies — to a sport? Why do others devote themselves to a subject, a cause, a belief? Why does anyone fall in love?

Point is, we can't help it. Selling my soul was never my choice, so I don't regret it. I'm just thrilled.



Maddie Hanna
Editor in Chief

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS BETTER: LAFORTUNE OR RECKERS? WHY?



Brad Monroe
freshman
Zahm

"LaFortune because of the freedom one has to run through it naked."



Casey McGushin
freshman
Sorin

"LaFortune because you can relax at the BK lounge."



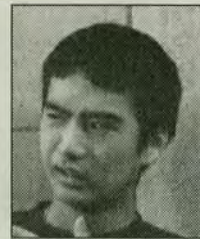
Kara Davey
sophomore
Pangborn

"LaFortune because of the all around variety."



Pat Quine
freshman
O'Neill

"Reckers because Kyle Cutler works there."



Vu Nguyen
freshman
Alumni

"Reckers because there are more wrecked people at Reckers."



Will Culligan
freshman
Dillon

"LaFortune because the pizzas are bigger."



Cobra Mansa leads this "Capoeira" group in a routine at Rockne Memorial Sunday. "Capoeira" is a Brazilian martial art with origins tracing back to the 16th century.

OFFBEAT

Nudists sweat it out at Dutch gym

HETEREN, Netherlands — A dozen middle-age and elderly men were game enough for a Dutch gym's invitation to work out nude. But they were vastly outnumbered by the dozens of journalists watching them lift, row and cycle in the buff.

Fitworld owner Patrick de Man allowed the media in for the first session of "Naked Sunday" after receiving inquiries from as far away as Russia and Australia.

The response from nudists was more lukewarm.

A smattering of men trick-

led in and out throughout the day at the gym in the small town of Heteren, 60 miles east of Amsterdam. They found the exercise room packed with photographers, TV crews and reporters who jostled for interviews and pictures while the nudists hit the machines and free weights.

Body parts delivered to couple's home

CASCADE TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Two packages containing human body parts — including a liver and part of a head — meant for a medical research lab instead were delivered to a home.

The body parts, sent from China, were mistakenly dropped off Thursday at Franck and Ludvine Larmande's home by a DHL express driver who believed the bubble-wrapped items were pieces to a table.

"My husband started to unwrap one and said, 'This is strange, it looks like a liver,'" Ludvine Larmande said. "He started the second one, but stopped as soon as we saw the ear."

"Something wasn't right. It was scary, and I'm glad I didn't open them."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A blood drive will be held at Saint Mary's Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Student Center. It is their third annual blood drive and walk-ins are also welcome.

The College Libertarians will be showing the movie "Busted: The Citizen's Guide to Surviving Police Encounters" at 8 p.m. Tuesday in 144 DeBartolo. After the movie, there will be a question-and-answer session regarding civil liberties with a criminal defense attorney.

David Cortright, Kroc Institute Research Fellow and former executive director of the Committee for a SANE Nuclear Policy, will give the lecture "The New Nuclear Danger and the Imperative of Disarmament" Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. in Room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

Angela Ndalians, an associate professor of cinema studies at Melbourne University in Australia, will speak at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on "Podcasts, Mobisodes, and the TV Experience."

David Solomon, Director of the Center for Ethics and Culture, will be speaking at Wednesday's Theology on Tap at 8:30 p.m. in Legends. The topic for the discussion is "Right to Full Life. Consistent Ethic of Life."

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

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Naval ROTC hosts leadership conference

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

More than 100 midshipmen arrived on campus Friday with 40 of the 56 ROTC programs in the country to participate in Notre Dame's 12th annual Naval Leadership Weekend.

The ROTC members, who were mostly junior undergraduates, came from across the country to listen to speakers discuss what leadership and ethics mean to military officers.

"[The speakers] were by far the biggest names we've been able to have come in all year so it was a big weekend for all of us," said Battalion Operations Officer Chase Gund, the event's coordinator.

The cast included Notre Dame graduate Brigadier General Michael Brogan of the U.S. Marine Corps, four-star Admiral Kirkland Donald of the U.S. Navy, Major General Michael Ennis of the Marine Corps and retired Navy Seal Chuck Pfarrer.

Topics ranged from giving general advice to young members of Naval ROTC to leadership and "sea stories," Gund said.

"It was basically a packed weekend of lectures, talks and discus-

sion about what it means to be a leader in our field," Gund said.

Military ethics were also a focal point, especially in Saturday's panel discussion featuring Daniel Dell'orto, a Notre Dame graduate and Deputy General Counsel for the Department of Defense.

"The main question throughout [the panel discussion] was, 'Can you sacrifice some ethics for the security of our country? Where do you draw the line? Where can you bend it and where can you break it?'" Gund said.

In addition to Dell'orto, four other panel members provided different perspectives about the balance of national security and ethics, Gund said.

Gund said Brogan discussed the delicate balance between ethics and security during his talk as well.

"One thing that stuck out in my head from the weekend was the one line I took away from Brigadier General Brogan," he said. "It was, 'The difference between ethic and morals is that morals is choosing between right and wrong, whereas ethics is choosing between right and right.'"

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Chase Gund
battalion operations officer

College holds second DSLC

Students from local colleges, high schools attend 3-day event

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

More than 200 people participated in workshops at Saint Mary's this weekend on topics ranging from the Ku Klux Klan to HIV/AIDS, white privilege and diversity in the media as part of the College's three-day Diverse Students' Leadership Conference (DSLC).

"My personal goals for the conference were exceeded," said Kim Hodges, Saint Mary's student body president-elect, Student Diversity Board vice president and conference chair.

Since the conference — which is designed to show participants the challenges within and benefits of diverse academic, social and professional settings — began a year ago, Hodges said the number of workshops, as well as the quality, has increased.

Hodges said participants came from Saint Mary's, Holy Cross, Notre Dame and Indiana University South Bend, as well

as two local high school groups from Young Life and the Charles Martin Youth Center.

Saint Mary's alumnae both participated in and attended the conference. A portion of prospective students also came to check it out, Hodges said.

The Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership brought several guests to campus, including Ann Bettendorf Freeman, Class of 1988, who gave the talk "Lehman Brothers: Women in the Work Force."

Though there were about 22 activities offered, ranging from lectures to workshops to meet and greets, many people only showed up to see Peggy McIntosh's keynote address Saturday about white supremacy.

Nearly 300 people packed the Carroll Auditorium for McIntosh's lecture, Hodges said. The reaction to McIntosh's speech was mixed, with students both enjoying and disliking how she presented her message.

The conference was partially funded by Lehman Brothers and Walgreen's, who doubled their contributions from last year, Hodges said. To obtain funding, Hodges even went to Chicago in February to meet with Freeman to discuss the conference.

Next year, the conference will be run by junior Adriana Lopez, who will take over for Hodges as chair of DSLC and vice president of SDB.

"I definitely love the variety of topics that they have, when we say diversity a lot of people think of race and ethnicity but it's a lot more than that," Lopez said of this year's conference.

For next year, however, she wants to add a few ideas of her own.

"I also think that outside from that we can also bring women from our [South Bend] community because I think that that would personalize it," she said.

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Former psychology chair dies at age 70

Special to the Observer

Naomi Meara, the Nancy R. Dreux Professor of Psychology emerita at Notre Dame, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Medical Center in South Bend after a brief illness. She was 70.



Meara

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Meara studied English and education at Ohio State University, and earned her master's degree in student personnel administration from Syracuse University and doctorate in psychology from Ohio State. Before joining the Notre Dame faculty in 1986 she had taught at the University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse; Ohio Dominican College; and the University of Tennessee.

In addition to teaching undergraduate and graduate courses at Notre Dame, Meara chaired the psychology department from 1988 to 1991 and served on numerous University committees. She also was the author of dozens of articles on psychoanalytic counseling and the achievement and career development of women and co-author with M.J. Patton of the textbook

"Psychoanalytic Counseling."

Meara's teaching, research and publications particularly concerned the application of virtue ethics to the education of psychologists. A soft-spoken woman admired by her students and colleagues for her keen intellect and sense of humor, she insisted that the virtues of prudence, integrity, respectfulness and benevolence were indispensable to the practice of her profession.

According to John Borkowski, Andrew J. McKenna Professor of Psychology at Notre Dame, Meara exemplified those virtues as well. In a tribute published in the May 2001 issue of *The Counseling Psychologist*, Borkowski wrote that "among Naomi's many contributions to counseling psychology, the one that stands out in my mind is her sensitive, selfless and purposeful style of leadership... If only we had more leaders like Naomi in the profession, in academia and in government, we would all be better off. Can Naomi's leadership style be packaged and distributed to organizations in need?"

Visitation was Sunday at Welsheimer Funeral Home in South Bend. A funeral Mass will be celebrated today at 9:30 a.m. in Notre Dame's Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

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were "nice" and "pretty brave for attending," she said, but had been taught "knowledge is male."

Such oppressiveness, McIntosh said, had been taught to men and was a subconscious action.

"It's not their fault," she said.

The message of this discussion was that those with positions of privilege should use it to undermine the oppressive system they lived in.

In her own life, McIntosh said once realized she had this privilege, she spent three months trying to see if she really did have unearned advantages as a result of being white. After those three months, she said she found 46 examples, which she wrote about in her paper "White Privilege and Male Privilege: A Personal Account of Coming to See

Correspondences Through Word in Women's Studies."

One example in her paper, she said, was that she could be pulled over for speeding and be fairly sure of getting off with a warning because she was an elderly Caucasian woman "with my hair in a bun."

"[We are] born into the system that preceded us. We didn't construct this. We can't be blamed for it."

Peggy McIntosh
assistant director
Wellesley College
Center for Women

Realizing that she had advantage wasn't enough for McIntosh, who took action by writing to companies like Crayola demanding that they produce more skin-toned crayons, and to different supermarkets

to insist that they include "soul food" in the shelves.

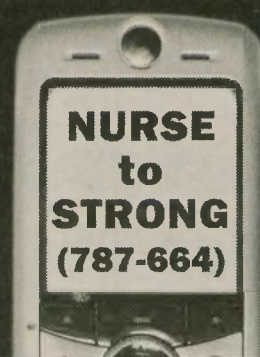
In an attempt to demonstrate that everyone in the room had been oppressed in some way or another, McIntosh then paired audience members together to talk about instances where they had unearned disadvantages and advantages.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

China increases defense budget

BEIJING — A top U.S. envoy on Sunday urged China to be more open about its military spending, hours after the government announced a 17.8 percent increase in its defense budget — the biggest in more than a decade.

The \$44.9 billion budget for 2007 would mainly be spent on higher wages and living allowances for members of the armed forces and on upgrading armaments "in order to enhance the military's ability to conduct defensive operations," Jiang Enzhu, a spokesman for China's national legislature, said. He did not give any details.

China's 2.3 million-strong military is the world's largest and has been criticized abroad for not being open about its spending. Unlike the U.S., where Congress is required to approve the military budget, China's military is secretive and rarely releases information on its spending.

The Pentagon believes China's total military spending may be much greater since the announced budget does not include key items such as weapons purchases.

The 2007 budget marks an increase of \$6.84 billion over last year and is the third highest jump since 1990, surpassed only by increases of 21 percent in 1995 and 18 percent in 1994.

Arab League to negotiate with Israel

CAIRO, Egypt — Arabs will relaunch a 2002 land-for-peace offer in an effort to end the decades-long conflict with Israel at a summit later this month, but without changes Israel has been pushing, the Arab League's Secretary-General said Sunday.

Amr Moussa's remarks to a meeting of Arab foreign ministers came as Saudi Arabia announced that hard-line Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad offered support for the initiative during talks with Saudi officials, though Iran denied the two discussed the peace plan.

NATIONAL NEWS

Walter Reed conditions criticized

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers promised a quick response and sought an independent commission as they expressed outrage Sunday over the poor conditions at Walter Reed Army Medical Center for soldiers wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"To think that men and women are serving their country in the most honorable and courageous way possible and all we give them is a dilapidated, rat-infested, run-down building to recover is a disgrace," Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. in a letter Sunday to Defense Secretary Robert Gates.

Gates also dismissed Army Secretary Francis J. Harvey, who had fired the medical center's previous commander, Maj. Gen. George Weightman, and replaced him with Lt. Gen. Kevin Kiley, the Army's surgeon general and a former commander of Walter Reed. Gates said that Harvey's response was not aggressive enough.

Prosecutor fired after Senator's call

WASHINGTON — New Mexico Sen. Pete Domenici acknowledged Sunday that he called a federal prosecutor to ask about a criminal investigation, but insisted he never pressured nor threatened his state's U.S. attorney.

The prosecutor, David Iglesias, was fired by the Justice Department in December. Iglesias says he believes he was dismissed for resisting pressure from two members of Congress before last year's election to rush indictments in a Democratic kickback investigation.

LOCAL NEWS

Canal pollution concerns Hoosiers

EAST CHICAGO, Ind. — Residents who live near the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal are worried that a project set to dredge tons of tainted sediments from the waterway will only spread its industrial legacy of chromium, PCBs and other toxic substances.

East Chicago environmental activist John Bakota doubts the effectiveness of the methods that will be used to dredge the canal and eventually dispose of the toxic muck.

"Will the cure be as bad or worse than the disease? Right now we have a dirty canal, but could we end up with a still dirty canal and a dump besides?" asked Bakota.

IRAQ

Coalition advances in Sadr City

Shiites commit to peaceful removal of militants from Baghdad neighborhood

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — U.S. and Iraqi troops poured into Baghdad's main Shiite militia stronghold Sunday, encountering no resistance in the one-time Sadr City combat zones but testing the Shiites' commitment to the U.S.-promoted campaign to drive militants from the capital.

Outside Baghdad, U.S. soldiers described a raid last week that uncovered a suspected Sunni "torture site" and the rescue of two Iraqi captives, who apparently had been spared immediate execution because the militants' video camera broke and they wanted to film the killing.

The quiet but dramatic advance in Sadr City — involving nearly 1,200 U.S. and Iraqi forces who didn't fire a shot — marked one of the most significant developments in the security clampdown in Baghdad since it took effect nearly three weeks ago.

But it only received the green light after drawn-out talks between U.S. commanders and political allies of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and his powerful Mahdi Army. Both sides are watching each other for any wrong moves on the same streets where they battled in the past, including intense urban warfare in 2004.

Al-Sadr's militiamen lowered their profile under intense government pressure to give the security operation a chance to root out both Sunni and Shiite extremists. U.S. military leaders, however, must walk a fine line as part of the tacit truce. They are seeking suspected Shiite death squads leaders, but must keep from squeezing al-Sadr's militia too hard — and risk collapsing the entire drive to reclaim Baghdad from extremists and gangs.

"The indication that we are getting is a lot of the



An Iraqi army soldier stands guard at a vehicle checkpoint at the entrance to Baghdad's Shiite enclave of Sadr City, Iraq Sunday.

really bad folks have gone into hiding," said Lt. Col. David Oclander shortly after troops moved into Sadr City's teeming grid of low-rise buildings in north-east Baghdad.

Oclander said "not a shot was fired" as troops entered the area — which was constructed in the 1960s to house poor Shiites seeking work in the capital and was known as Saddam City until the former Iraqi leader's fall in 2003.

As the insurgency picked up steam in the past few years, Sadr City became the site of frequent battles. Among the U.S. casualties was Spc. Casey Sheehan, whose death on April 4, 2004, began the anti-war

campaign of his mother, Cindy Sheehan.

Last week, U.S. and Iraqi forces began pinpoint raids into Sadr City seeking suspected leaders of Shiite death squads blamed for thousands of execution-style slayings of Sunni rivals in recent years. Since Friday, military planners have worked inside a Sadr City police station in apparent preparations to create a permanent outpost, police said.

Despite the calm crossing into Sadr City, some quickly protested the strong U.S. presence.

An al-Sadr ally, lawmaker Falah Hassan, claimed the Sadr City pact called for Iraqi forces to lead the

searches and only call in U.S. units if they faced resistance. He called the front-line U.S. role a "provocative act."

Al-Sadr, too, has complained about the heavy U.S. role in the raids around the city. In a statement last week, he also decried the security plan's inability to stop car bombs and other attacks blamed on Sunni insurgent groups against Shiite civilians.

The comments raised worries that he could order his Madhi Army to confront forces carrying out the security operation. But he didn't attempt to raise the stakes — a possible sign of newfound caution from al-Sadr.

NAACP president quits amid strain

Associated Press

NEW YORK — NAACP President Bruce S. Gordon is quitting the civil rights organization, leaving after just 19 months at the helm, he told The Associated Press on Sunday.

Gordon cited growing strain with board members over the group's management style and future operations.

"I believe that any organization that's going to be effective will only be effective if the board and the CEO are aligned and I don't think we are aligned," Gordon said. "This compromises the ability of the board to be as effective as it can be."

Gordon said he will give up his duties before month's end. He spoke by phone from Los Angeles, where he had just attended the taping of the NAACP Image Awards.

Dennis C. Hayes, general counsel of the Baltimore-based National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, is expected to serve as interim president, Gordon said.

Hayes filled the same role after Kweisi Mfume resigned the presidency in 2004 after nine years.

Gordon said that while the NAACP is an advocacy organization, it needs to be more focused on service and finding solutions.

"I'm used to a CEO running an

organization, with the board approving strategy and policy," Gordon said. "But the NAACP board is very much involved."

Gordon said he made the decision in recent weeks and told the board at its annual meeting in New York City in mid-February.

NAACP leaders were surprised by his decision and engaged in hours of discussion, he said.

"They expressed disappointment," Gordon said. "We attempted to see whether there was a way to continue but that didn't happen."

Gordon sounded weary as he boarded a flight home to New York City on Sunday.

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— an experience that allowed her to develop a friendship with Alito and Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, Executive Assistant to the President Susan Dampeer said.

Dampeer said Mooney sent a letter to Alito asking him to speak at the 2007 commencement ceremony — an invitation he cordially accepted.

The usual commencement speaker nomination process allows members of the

College community to submit ideas, which are researched by Dampeer and reviewed by the academic council and Board of Trustees, Dampeer said.

Alito, who is the 11th Catholic to serve on the Supreme Court and the fifth on the current Court, will attend the College's Baccalaureate dinner and reception on May 18 before addressing the

graduates and their guests at the May 19 ceremony in the Court of LeMans at noon.

Dampeer said the College works to "get someone prominent who would deliver a memorable message to the students and their families."

Like many students, senior Bridget Gorman was enthusiastic about the

announcement of a well-known speaker. However, she

expressed concern that the male judge might not relate as well to the female student body.

"I think it is exciting that such a big name is speaking, but I am a little bummed it is not a woman," she said.

Dampeer said throughout the years there has been an equal mix of male and female speakers, and she said she thinks the judge's message will be inspirational.

Senior Grace Guebert said she was impressed by the selection, but wished a Saint Mary's alumna was giving the address.

"It might be nice to hear

from someone with a connection to Saint Mary's, but I am not disheartened by the choice," she said.

Gorman said she was also impressed by the selection, which she said "shows how much pull Saint Mary's really has."

Alito, a New Jersey native, graduated from Princeton University in 1972 before attending Yale Law School. He was editor of the Yale Law Journal and graduated in 1975.

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same room to start these conversations," she said.

Shappell said student participants will be debriefed and follow-up meetings will be arranged for certain possible initiatives — a starting point for future work.

"We will not see all of the initiatives discussed at the summit achieved before I graduate," Shappell said. "However, that was not my intention. The summit's goal was to start the conversation."

Because there is nothing "centralized" between the groups and the four campuses, Senate Community Relations committee chair Josh Pasquesi said the discussion was crucial in helping initiate communication.

Pasquesi also said that leaders from all four campuses will select initiatives they would most like to work on and meetings will be arranged for these initiatives.

"People were very excited about the initiatives that came out of this or possibly will come out of this," he said.

For Shappell, the summit was crucial — one of the "cornerstones of my administration," she said.

"In just two years, we have seen a significant change in the relationship. ... I am pleased how we are leaving the state of community relations for future administrations," Shappell said. "I am optimistic about the emerging push for collaboration and more consistent communication."

Such relationships are necessary to build on these ideas and push for such collaboration, Pasquesi said.

"Now it's up to other to bear fruit on these initiatives," he said.

Problems, solutions discussed

Small group discussions led by Notre Dame student leaders and a large group wrap-up session broke up the summit.

One of the main themes of discussion — poor communication between campuses and community members — generated possible solutions, including the creation of a central Web site where students could go to gather information about events and opportunities in the local area, and where community members could go to get information about events on all area campuses.

Without a specific agenda, the event generated discussion of various problems and ideas for possible solutions.

Small groups formed to discuss four topics: improving and expanding freshman initiatives, balancing service and professional opportunities for students, promoting better neighbor inter-

actions and better integrating community members into area campuses.

Freshman initiatives

◆ In a small group session led by Shappell, Notre Dame senior Meghan Wons described the success of the first ever "Explore South Bend" tour offered during Freshman Orientation. Group members discussed expanding the program to the other three colleges and offering a similar program to parents. Wons is a news writer for The Observer.

◆ Several groups discussed the possibility of creating a South Bend student guidebook, including information from area restaurants, businesses of interest and recreational opportunities.

◆ A small group led by Notre Dame Pangborn senator Sheena Plamootil talked about the possibility of sending a welcome letter to incoming freshmen and their parents from South Bend and Mishawaka community leaders.

Service and professional opportunities

◆ All groups debated ways to prevent "brain drain" from the larger community. Shappell said while community service is emphasized there is little emphasis on occupational opportunities in the area.

◆ Shappell's small group generated the idea of bringing community businesses to career fairs at Notre Dame to promote internships and professional opportunities.

◆ A small group led by student body president-elect Liz Brown discussed the idea of bringing together the service groups

between all area campuses to better provide services and prevent duplication.

Promoting better neighbor relations

◆ In Shappell's small group, Robinson Community Learning Center volunteer Margaret Taylor described her experience in mentoring students who volunteer at the center. Mentoring provides for a two-way learning relationship, she said.

◆ In the wrap-up session, Wons talked about creating a forum for both students who are residing off campus and their neighbors to better educate both parties.

◆ Saint Mary's student body president Susan McIlduff said in the wrap-up session that most students aren't introduced to law enforcement officials until football weekends. Fostering better relationships between these groups and breaking stigmas between groups is essential, she said, noting that Holy Cross students recently invited some area police officers to participate in an intramural football league.

Integration of community members

◆ In both small group and large group settings, Taylor said Notre Dame "is not a warm and fuzzy place" for community members.

◆ McIlduff said in the wrap-up session that inviting community members to events put on by Notre Dame's Student Union Board and comparable groups at other schools would promote better relations.

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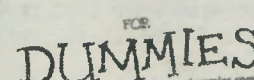
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IN BRIEF

Ibuprofen works best in children

CHICAGO — Deciding which medicine to give a child in pain just got easier: The first head-to-head study of three common painkillers found that ibuprofen works best, at least for kids with broken bones, bruises and sprains.

Available generically and under the brand names Advil and Motrin, ibuprofen beat generic acetaminophen and codeine in an emergency room study of 300 children treated at a Canadian hospital.

The youngsters, aged 6 to 17, were randomly assigned to receive standard doses of one of the three medicines. They then periodically rated their pain. Half an hour later, ratings were similar in the three groups. But starting an hour after taking the medicine, children who got ibuprofen reported substantially greater pain relief than the other two groups.

Children rated their pain on a 100-point scale before and after taking the medicine. At 60 minutes afterward, scores for children who got ibuprofen had dropped 24 points, compared with 12 points for the acetaminophen group and 11 points for the codeine group. The differences remained at 120 minutes.

Unpaid U.S. taxes amount to billions

WASHINGTON — Think of the uses of \$300 billion, the annual gap between what taxpayers owe and what they pay.

It would more than cover the federal deficit for a year or the extra money President Bush wants in 2007 and 2008 for Iraq and Afghanistan.

It would pay for the \$125 billion that Congress has agreed to spend on Hurricane Katrina relief, with enough left for three years worth of federal education programs.

Such are the hopes of lawmakers asking the IRS to get aggressive about reducing what is known in Washington as "the tax gap."

Skeptics, however, scoff at the notion that there is a pot of gold waiting to be claimed. They say it is an illusion as long as nothing is done about the complicated federal tax system.

An IRS study last year concluded that the tax gap in 2001 was \$345 billion. Of that, \$197 billion came from underreporting on individual income tax returns and \$88 billion from underreporting by corporations and the self-employed. The rest came from those not filing.

Treasury head optimistic on trade

Despite 'soaring' deficit, U.S. relationship with China a 'benefit to both countries'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson says the economy is healthy, inflation seems under control and the U.S. should not perceive China as an economic enemy.

After a week in which the Dow Jones industrials posted their worst weekly performance in more than four years, Paulson said in a television interview broadcast Sunday he felt good about the economy and discounted the chance of an economic downturn.

"Markets never move in any one direction forever in a straight line. And so I look at it and put it in perspective and say, over the last year, the Dow's up almost 11 percent, the S&P's (the Standard & Poor's 500 index) up 9 percent, and I'll take it," Paulson said.

U.S. stocks dropped 416 points last Tuesday after big declines in China and other countries. Wall Street's tumble rattled investor confidence about the state of the U.S. economy.

The sell-off followed comments a day earlier by former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan that the economy might slip into recession by year's end. Just weeks ago, the current chairman, Ben Bernanke, gave Congress a mostly upbeat assessment of the economy's prospects.

"Clearly, no one's got a crystal ball. So there's always a possibility that there will be a downturn, always a possibility," Paulson said. "But I don't see it. I think we have a healthy economy in the U.S."

"You know, a year ago, when the growth rates were much higher, I was concerned. I said, 'Is this going to be sustainable? Now I'm looking at it and I'm seeing a situation where it looks like we're



Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, right, greets President George W. Bush last May. Paulson recently announced that China does not pose an economic threat to the U.S.

successfully making the transition.

"The consumer's strong. Exports have been greater than imports for quarters running, and they're adding to our growth," the secretary said in an interview taped Friday for "This Week" on ABC.

"We've got a very healthy labor market. Inflation seems to be contained. And what really makes a difference to me is the average worker is now beginning to feel the benefits. Real income is up 2.1 percent for the average American worker over the last year.

So I'm feeling good about the U.S. economy."

Paulson, who this week makes his third visit to China as treasury secretary, said it is essential that both countries have strong economic ties. The former head of the investment company Goldman Sachs has said China is moving too slowly in overhauling its currency system and cracking down on copyright piracy. U.S. businesses blame these factors for the soaring U.S. trade deficit with China.

"I would say that our relationship with China is

multifaceted and it's a very important relationship for the U.S. And I don't believe we need to make China an enemy," Paulson said.

"I think China is — this relationship is an important relationship, and the economic relationship is an important part of the overall relationship," he said.

"And if we manage that relationship properly on a long-term basis, and if we manage the relationship — the overall relationship — with China properly, it's going to benefit both of our countries for a long time to come."

BRAZIL

Bush seeks foreign ethanol 'alliance'

Associated Press

SAO PAULO — Just an hour's drive outside this traffic-choked metropolis where President Bush kicks off a Latin American tour Thursday, sugar cane fields stretch for hundreds of miles, providing the ethanol that fuels eight out of every 10 new Brazilian cars.

In only a few years, Brazil has turned itself into the planet's undisputed renewable energy leader, and the highlight of Bush's visit is expected to be a new ethanol "alliance" he will forge with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

The deal is still being negotiated, but the two leaders are expected to sign an accord Friday to develop standards to help turn ethanol into an internationally traded commodity, and to promote

sugar cane-based ethanol production in Central America and the Caribbean to meet rising international demand.

Across Latin America's largest nation, Brazilian media are billing the Bush-Silva meeting as a bid to create a new two-nation "OPEC of Ethanol," despite efforts by Brazilian and American officials to downplay the label amid concerns that whatever emerges would be viewed as a price-fixing cartel.

Meanwhile, political and energy analysts warn that any agreements reached between Brazil and the United States are unlikely to have short-term effects. And the deal itself could end up largely symbolic because of reluctance by Washington to address a key point of friction: A 53 cent-per-gallon U.S. tariff on Brazilian ethanol imports.

"For the Brazilians, the tariff has utmost priority," said Cristoph Berg, an ethanol analyst with Germany's F.O. Licht, a commodities research firm. "They will agree with developing biofuel economies around the world, but the first thing they will say is 'We want to do away with that tariff.'"

No one is expecting Bush to give ground on the tariff. The politically sensitive issue essentially subsidizes American corn growers who are rapidly ramping up ethanol production amid Washington's encouragement of renewable biofuels to ease U.S. dependence on imported petroleum.

But the visit will help Bush and Silva join forces to promote the politically popular issue of renewable energy simply by gathering in a place where ethanol is king.

Race

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black and minority students expand across the campus' arts and student government realms — an observation confirmed by the Pasquerilla East Musical Company's (PEMCo.) production of "Ragtime" last month.

"Ragtime" organizers assembled a cast that was approximately one-fifth black, making it one of the University's most racially integrated collaborations outside a football field or a basketball court in recent years, Johnson said.

Junior Anna Mazig, director of Acting and Outreach for "Ragtime," said a handful of black students were hesitant to participate or objected to the show during its organization, a result of the language and the themes it touched.

However, she did not receive any complaints following the premiere of "Ragtime."

"I haven't heard a single negative thing about the show, even from the individuals who were initially skeptical towards 'Ragtime,'" Mazig said.

Sophomore Kyle Carter, who played Coalhouse Walker in "Ragtime," said the production was an important stride toward exposing the artistic abilities of black students to the rest of the University community.

"I already knew the African-Americans many people saw for the first time in 'Ragtime' were accomplished performers, because in what you would call 'the black community' they've had plenty of stage experience in high school, Black Images or Black Koffeehouse," he said. "However, no one else on the campus would've known about their talents without 'Ragtime.'"

Another "Ragtime" co-star,

sophomore Ashley Cook, also said the talents of the black community on campus went relatively unknown outside that community until "Ragtime" came along.

"Every ethnic group has its own show here, and that's great because it strengthens the sense of cultural identity, but the problem is that your talents are displayed only to your racial group," she said.

Sophomore Floyd Rose said he had stayed within the black community until he participated in "Ragtime."

"I've always been sheltered in my own community, but when you branch out it's really a wonderful experience because you meet so many wonderful people from all colors who really care about you and want to work with you to achieve something bigger," he said.

Group-specific programming

Iris Outlaw, director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS), said "Ragtime" was able to incorporate different ethnicities because the production's script tackled the theme of racial lines and consequently called for a multi-racial cast.

She said she thinks the challenge ahead is integrating non-white performers in productions that don't necessarily discuss ethnicity.

Different groups from different racial backgrounds already participate in events that don't directly pertain to their ethnicity, she said, citing past appearances of the Saint Mary's Irish Dance Team and the black First Class Lady Steppers in Latin Expressions, a celebration of Hispanic tradition.

Junior Michelle Mas, one of the masters of ceremonies at the upcoming Latin Expressions, said there is a tradition of cross-racial collaboration in Notre Dame's ethnic programming.

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Iris Outlaw, director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services, said interracial programs need to be brought to campus to compliment group-specific programming, like Latin Expressions, seen above.

MSPS, she said, a variety of ethnicities come together because "we understand the importance of each other's cultural heritage, but more importantly, because I don't think these group-specific programs are targeted at specific groups anymore."

"Everybody intermingles simply because it's the natural thing to do since those racial barriers from the past are being broken a little more every day," Mas said.

Mas said junior Anya Hersherberger and senior Jason Laws will choreograph certain acts in Latin Expressions, though neither student is Hispanic.

However, Outlaw and Johnson agreed there is a need on campus to promote entertainment programming that can feature students of all colors — outside of ethnic

contexts — to compliment the segmented programming already in place, which includes Latin Expressions, Black Images and Asian Allure, among others.

"I think the group-specific programming that happens on campus is very important because it strengthens the identities of the different ethnic communities here — and from there, the majority students can incorporate," Johnson said.

That incorporation, she said, is now simply a matter of time.

"I believe 'Ragtime' was the tip of the iceberg," Johnson added. "I believe it's already happening because there is a socially conscious population of majority and minority students."

The shift to inclusiveness

Johnson said she believed the engine powering the increase in the number of black artists and student government leaders on campus is the student body's growing acceptance of cultural differences. She attributed the move to the upbringing of Notre Dame students and the

newspaper headlines that have steered their career courses.

"Within the last five years I have noticed a marked shift in the type of student that comes to Notre Dame. I call this generation the post-9/11, post-Enron generation," she said.

Johnson said Enron exposed the fraudulent activity in the business world and its disrespect for the common worker at the hands of high-ranking officials, while Sept. 11 exposed the country's vulnerabilities at the homeland security level, relative to the citizens' fear of strangers and foreigners.

She said today's students are in tune with the politics and the needs of the planet — but unlike their parents and grandparents, they are not afraid to cross racial lines

to reach their goals.

"What girds America right now is the fear of the stranger and the new generation is saying, 'We're taking the best of the best from whatever group they come from and we're going to attempt to do a better job,'" Johnson said.

She applauded senior class president Sheldon Dutes and newly elected student body president Liz Brown and vice president Maris Braun — as well as the electorate — for breaking biases that in the past could have prevented black or female candidates from serving in leadership roles.

"While it is true that the misconception is that most African-American students here are athletes, I feel that it is important for the ND community to recognize the contributions and involvement of African-American students in other areas besides athletics," said junior Tristan Van Voorhis, president of the Black Cultural Arts Council.

Johnson said she expects more events like "Ragtime" in Notre Dame's future, but

thinks they will have to be created by students. There aren't many shows that exist in American entertainment that replicate that degree of ethnic integration, she said.

Johnson praised PEMCo. for its outreach to the black community and its willingness to engage in racial dialogue. The collaboration between majority and minority students is a positive step, she said.

"It's a higher social consciousness from the majority students that is breaking down the barriers that have separated them from the minorities — and minority students are coming with the same desire to be a part of a broader community," Johnson said.

That desire is evident in at least one student group. Mazig said several of the black cast members who first collaborated with PEMCo. on "Ragtime" — as well as minority students who sat in the audience and enjoyed the production — told her they want to permanently join the musical company.

That's the case for Carter, Cook and Rose.

At the beginning, Carter said, the black cast members who were new to the company — as well as the first-year and Saint Mary's performers — felt estranged and distanced from the returning PEMCo. artists. However, students gradually grew acquainted with each other and became a "family," he said.

Cook said she hoped more students from more ethnic pools will be encouraged to participate in PEMCo. and other non-minority groups in light of Ragtime's successful racial integration and display of teamwork.

She — as well as Carter and Rose — said she's planning to stay with the company and participate in its musical revue this spring.

In light of "Ragtime," Rose was optimistic about the coming years.

"This is what Notre Dame could be in the future," he said. "A place where we could all accept each other and respect each other's gifts and come together as one."

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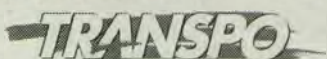
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consumed. She also mentioned a survey in Women's Health magazine that said that black women are less likely to exercise.

"Think about what you eat, how much you eat," Shavers said. "Just move, get some exercise."

During the question and answer session, Shavers advised women who feel busy with the demands of college to start taking steps toward making better health choices now, but to take things slowly and allow themselves "to sort of mess up without blaming yourselves."

In another question from the audience, panel members were asked how they "cope" with the challenges posed by both their gender and race.

"Whenever I think I am having a tough time, I remember there is so much to be grateful for," Shavers said. "Even in challenges, there is so much opportunity to grow."

Focusing on another aspect of personal well-being, assistant professor of marketing Constance Porter examined financial issues faced by black women and financial risk taking. Porter, who never planned on entering the teaching profession, has worked as a banker and consultant.

Porter said in a recent study controlled for age and education, black women were investing their money too conservatively.

"I was shocked to find this out, barring age, barring education and barring income levels," she said.

Looking at issues involving black women and religion, Associate Director of Campus Ministry and Director of Cross Cultural Ministry Chandra Johnson spoke about spirituality, something she cultured in herself from family experiences that included both pain and love.

"As a spirit-filled woman of African descent, I depend on my ancestors to tell me what I need to know to sustain my relationship with God into the twenty-first century," Johnson said. "God has a relationship with each and every one of you in a particular way."

To Johnson, spirituality gives a sense of resilience.

"Because we're made in God's image and likeness, there is nothing in this world that could destroy you unless you let it," Johnson said.

A similar idea of resilience was echoed in College of Business advisor Gina Shropshire's advice to take advantage of all available academic opportunities — even though she acknowledged it can be frustrating being the only black student in a given classroom.

Since women were still new to Notre Dame when Shropshire started at the University as an undergraduate, the thought of pursuing a career in higher education as a female never really crossed her mind. Now, she urges young black females to give the profession serious thought.

"We need the intellectualism, we need the fresh ideas," she said, commending current female black stu-

dents for improving the University from the past. "I see [female African American] students who come to campus, and you own it."

As Shropshire admired the ability of black women to own their roles on campus, Director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services Iris Outlaw urged them to become more active in the community. She suggested seeking opportunities to mentor others or becoming involved in boards accomplish this goal.

Taking an active role in the community can "help you see beyond just Notre Dame and you going out and getting a job," Outlaw said.

Also encouraging black females to take an active role outside of their immediate surroundings, political science and Africana Studies professor

Dianne Pinderhughes recommended that black women consider a career in politics — a topic that she said is organized around her research.

Pinderhughes said data on

elected officials of color from 2001 showed, "a little more than one third of total black elected officials were female."

Every time there is a new election, she said, the proportion of black females elected becomes higher. Pinderhughes told audience members that they can be part of this.

"You have a role in that ahead of you," Pinderhughes said.

Pinderhughes, who suggested that black females consider the roles of elected officials, appointed officers and roles in administrative agencies, expects black women to play an increasingly important role in the future of politics.

"One of our hypotheses is that black women will be important in developing political coalitions," she said.

Law student Tina Ferguson, who helped establish Shades of Ebony in 2002, moderated the discussion.

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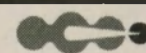
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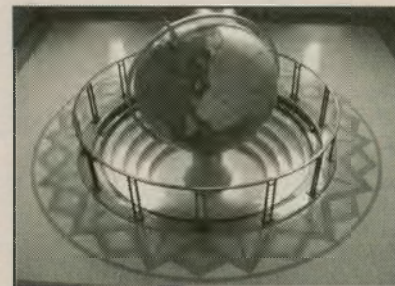
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Crime and punishment at Notre Dame

In some ways, much of Notre Dame life is structured around a complex bureaucracy whose sole purpose is to distribute punishments to all of the bad little boys and girls on campus. Penal institutions like Dulac, ResLife, Rectors, ARs, RAs, NDSP, Bill Kirk and the Ninth Circle of Hell all serve to warn the student body that just because college is a parentless sanctuary doesn't mean that we all get to run around naked worshipping a pig's head on a stick. Unfortunately, acting up here will get you far more than a spanking and a time out in your bedroom. Just ask Kyle McAlarney.

Still, in many ways, we have it good. We can drink in our dorms (sorry Morrissey), tailgate ourselves into cirrhosis and lead social lives that are — for the most part — unrestrained. Sure, there's that much-maligned sex clause in the rule book, but until ResLife starts strapping chastity belts onto all incoming freshmen, sexual promiscuity will remain about as easy to enforce here as it always has been in the Oval Office.

At the very least, we certainly have it better than our predecessors at Notre Dame did.

In the first few decades of the University, particularly when the campus contained both grade school boys and collegians, life was more reminiscent of a modern prison camp than a modern college. Every single second of a student's day was regulated and overseen by a prefect or Brother. The acts of waking up, eating, using the bathroom, dressing, praying, studying and sleeping were all strictly regimented to such an extent that Father Arthur Hope, author of "The Story of Notre Dame," wrote that "no one at Notre Dame had any freedom."

Perhaps the most intensive efforts to govern student life, though, came as a means of preventing them from traveling into the city of South Bend and visiting places like Chafin's — the predecessors of Corby's, Finnegan's and Club Fever. In the words of Father Hope, "The most frequent complaint against students, as the college grew, was their tendency to imbibe."

The best record for these early "drunk

stories" of Notre Dame is a detailed ledger known as the "Black Book" — still available for perusal in the University Archives — which notes the many student misdeeds which occurred between 1867 and 1881. Maintained by the Prefect of Discipline, the Black Book offers a hilarious look into the often absurd penal system in place at Notre Dame during the early years of the administration of the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

Nearly every page of the Black Book contains at least one story of a student who traveled to South Bend and returned to campus drunk. Since \$2 cabs were not dutifully waiting at Main Circle in those days, students had to be much more inventive when it came to planning their escape. Many, for instance, would fake an illness and go to the infirmary. When the attendant there had gone to sleep for the night, the students would sneak out and run the two or three miles into town. The tales of their subsequent expulsions speak volumes about the rigid penal system in place at the time.

In September of 1867, according to the Black Book, "two students went to town ... and both came back intoxicated On the morning of the 24th, in a meeting of the President, Vice President and Prefect of Discipline, it was decided to send them home — which was accordingly done." Now imagine Father Jenkins, John Affleck-Graves and Bill Kirk gathering together every time a student returned to campus drunk today. They would be locked in a room 24 hours a day with all the expulsions they would have to distribute.

In 1868, one student "was expelled for going three times to South Bend and returning the last time beastly drunk." Another "had a thirst for whiskey and would go to South Bend to get it. December 17th [he] was sent to where he could obtain plenty of it" (home). The next year, a similar fate met "a young man who seemed to have an unquenchable thirst for whiskey," and another who was "expelled for continual drinking."

Clearly, even the most heroic seven-night-per-week drinkers on campus today owe their ability to avoid expulsion to the valiant efforts of the "beastly drunk" men of the 1860s who would even defy the great Father Sorin in their efforts to satisfy an "unquenchable thirst for whiskey." They may not have their portraits hung in the Main Building alongside the likes of

Father Badin and Father Corby; they may not have a cheeseburger named after them at CJ's along with the Four Horsemen of the Rockne era; they may not have statues honoring them on campus like Father Hesburgh, Father Joyce, and Frank Leahy. Nevertheless, to much of the Notre Dame student body, these were certainly some of the first campus heroes.

Of course, not every punishment recorded in the Black Book relates to drinking. By my estimation, between 1867 and 1881, over 150 students were expelled from Notre Dame — and this at a time when Father Sorin dreaded expulsions because of the tarnishing effect that it had on the reputation of both the student and the school. Some were expelled for "insolence, disobedience and profanity." Some were "good for nothing fellows," "very poor specimens," or "very bad young men." One porn-peddler was kicked out "for having in his possession an obscene book which was captured." Some temperamental students were even "abusive and impertinent toward ... teachers."

One 1874 student in particular caught my eye, as the Prefect wrote, he "was extremely addicted to grumbling. He thought that there was too much religion here and not liberty enough for youths of his age. He declared his intention of being expelled." Certainly, before today's students make similar complaints about the University's religiosity — which many of us have — it would be useful to put ourselves into the shoes of this poor man who had it infinitely worse than we ever will.

In the past 135 years, much has obviously changed for the better about the Notre Dame penal code, yet being college students, that doesn't stop us from being "extremely addicted to grumbling" about these rules. Perhaps, though, we should be a little more thankful that we don't live in 1868 (or in Morrissey today) and begin to appreciate our hard-earned freedom to get "beastly drunk" without the risk of expulsion, among other things.

Because let's face it: It's no fun getting banned from this amazing place. Just ask Kyle McAlarney.

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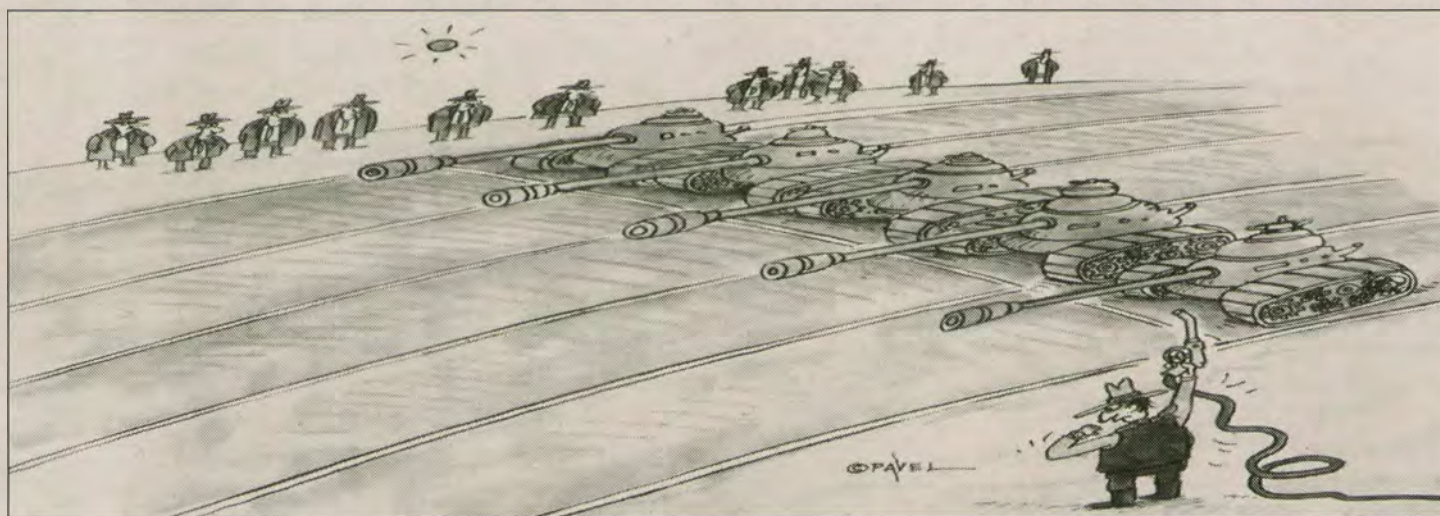
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Joey Falco

Forty Ounces to Falco

EDITORIAL CARTOON



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A kiss is a lovely trick designed by nature to stop speech when words become superfluous."

Ingrid Bergman
Swedish actress

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't punish allergy sufferers

I would like to ask that The Observer submit Patrick Wolohan's Letter to the Editor ("Sympathy for allergy sufferers," March 2) to the Office of Residence Life and Housing or be brought to the attention of someone who could rectify this situation. It is absolutely unreasonable for any dorm to have a pet if some of its residents may be allergic to that pet.

Wolohan makes an excellent point in that students with allergies are often placed in the newer air-conditioned dorms such as PE to prevent severe allergic reactions. These dorms specifically are much more likely to have residents who are allergic to a dorm pet because of this, and should not have to put up with the possibility of the hall staff suddenly getting a new pet they're allergic to.

Wolohan suggests that there be specific dorms for animal lovers. While this could be a valid solution it perhaps goes too far in that it would require selection of a dorm, which Notre Dame obviously has done away with. Instead there should be some sort of University policy that dorms they are specially placing students with allergies in should not be allowed to have pets that a resident could possibly be allergic to.

People may not realize this, and I may not be fully aware of how the dog's presence affects the girls' allergies, but here at Notre Dame your dorm is supposed to be your second home. Voluntary transfers from dorm to dorm are not very commonplace here because of this. Thus, forcing students with allergies to either leave the dorm or deal with whatever allergic reactions they may have is the equivalent of a punishment for having an allergy and that's not right.

James Breen
freshman
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Mar. 2

More faulty logic surrounding Saint Mary's policies

In the March 2 Staff Editorial ("New housing policy problematic"), the Editorial authors accused the Saint Mary's administration of "faulty logic" in their recent decision to require incoming students to live on campus for six semesters. I would like to respectfully note that, whatever the status of the administration's logic, The Observer's editorial itself suffers from faulty logic, which I see in two primary places.

The editorial begins by noting that no college student likes to be told what to do, and that therefore the Saint Mary's residential policy decision "will undoubtedly create problems for the entire College community." This statement's premise is an over-generalization; further, "undoubtedly" and "entire" are strong terms, which communicate that the authors presume to know how each Saint Mary's community member will respond to the policy after a reasonable examination of its pros and cons.

Then, toward the end of the editorial, the authors imply that freedom of residential choice is a plus in the minds of all current and prospective students. As one who (happily) chose to attend a liberal arts university with a six-semester residential requirement, I am not certain that the new policy "will frustrate students and scare off some top applicants." Current students are able to choose how they will respond to the policy, and some prospective students may choose to apply precisely because of the enhanced community experience they think will ensue from the six-semester requirement.

I certainly agree that students' behaviors are not solely determined by proximity to a campus. I also agree that the policy's reception would likely have benefited from a greater inclusion of student input. If this new policy is implemented (and I make no judgements as to its appropriateness), the reaction to the policy by current students (those not directly affected by the policy) will influence the attitudes of future students (who will be affected) as the two groups interact in the next three years. As we have recently been reminded, Saint Mary's students are proud members of their community; they should not allow this type of faulty thinking to influence their own independent decision-making regarding their campus and its policies.

David Kneip
graduate student
off-campus
Mar. 4

U-WIRE

Learn to live with others

Living, as I do, in an accommodating community and attending an accommodating university, I sometimes forget just how unreasonable some people can be when it comes to their beliefs. I forget that there are people who can't stand the fact that others have different opinions about the eternal destination of their soul. I forget that there are people who don't know how to stand firm in their own system without imposing it on someone else.

Joanna Lees

Ball State
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Daily News

Unfortunately, it's never long before something comes along to remind me.

For instance, last week a religious group in Great Britain issued a list of demands asking Britain's public school system to ban activities that did not follow their religion. Among these activities are dancing, art that depicts human figures, music lessons, science lessons, sex education, swimming, required vaccinations and playground games.

The group also demanded that all students be required to learn about the religion in question — but students of this religion would be allowed to leave the room when information about other religions was taught.

To top it off, this religious group — which will stay

unnamed because if I name it I'll get nasty comments, and I can do without the stress — is a relative newcomer to Great Britain and is comprised mostly of immigrants. This adds insult to injury as they seek to impose their system on the nation which took them in. One wonders how well an English religious group would do in this group's countries of origin.

The bigger question, though, is why can't the people in this group — hear me out, now — just quietly assimilate? Stop screaming and let me explain.

Immigration is when a person leaves his home country behind and moves to a new country. The idea behind this is that conditions in the new country will be better than the conditions in the old country.

Nowhere is it written that the newcomer gets to make the rules. There's no reason immigrants can't keep their religion peaceful; plurality is part of what makes the West unique among world cultures — but there's every reason for him not to force it on his neighbors. Such action only breeds resentment and ends in bitterness and violence. Plus, it's just not nice.

One major indicator of a culture's development is its tolerance for other cultures. Personal maturity is likewise indi-

cated by an individual's ability to stand firm in his own beliefs without feeling threatened by an opposing viewpoint.

If someone moves to another country and feels his religion threatened, maybe his faith wasn't as strong as he'd thought. If a person is always cocooned in a comforting blanket of like-minded people, he has no reason to examine his faith. Exposure to other ideas, however, can have one of two effects: It either tempers the man's faith like water on hot steel, or it shatters it.

The way to avoid shattering, of course, is to learn more about one's own faith and learn to stand as an individual.

Unfortunately, some don't seem to have grasped this concept, choosing instead to silence those who disagree with them — a reaction equal with stuffing their fingers in their ears and shouting "I can't hear you!" when free discourse should be valued above silence.

Let's try that way.

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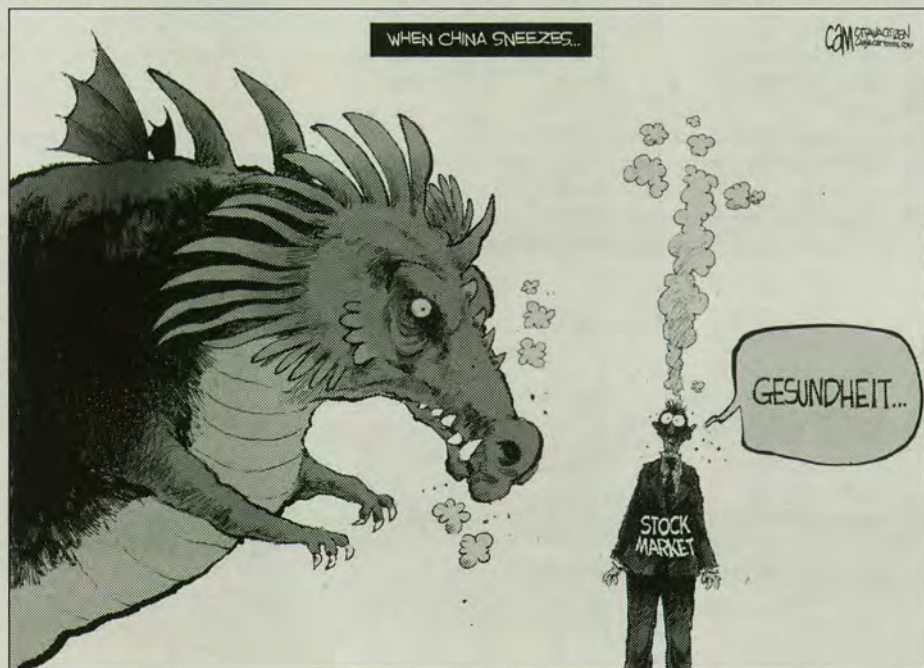
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EDITORIAL CARTOON



MOVIE REVIEWS

Whitaker dominates 'Last King of Scotland'

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Scene Critic

When a great actor seizes control of a career-defining role, he does more than mimic actions and words. He lives, eats and breathes that person's life.

Screen legend Marlon Brando was renowned for the depths to which he'd sink in pursuit of honing his craft. For his first screen appearance in the 1950 film "The Men," Brando spent a month in bed at a veterans' hospital to prepare himself for the role of Lieutenant Bud Wilozek, a bitter paraplegic and World War II survivor. Brando did more than play Wilozek. He became him.

Fifty-six years later, Forest Whitaker went to the same lengths in his pursuit of brutal Ugandan dictator Idi Amin for "The Last King of Scotland." Whitaker mastered Amin's East African accent and learned Swahili. He met Amin's family and friends. He spent hours poring over books and watching documentary footage, studying the man and his methods. For five months, Whitaker delved further and further into the deep, dark recesses of Amin's mind to bring his

tyranny back to life.

The results are astounding, as Whitaker's brilliantly raw turn here is one of the great screen performances of the past decade. His Amin is baleful and benevolent, savage and sympathetic. For the first 60 minutes, Whitaker beguiles us so skillfully that his monstrosities in the film's climax alarm us that much more.

For all the press surrounding him, Whitaker's Amin isn't even the central character in this story. The moral center to "Last King" is Nicholas Garrigan (James McAvoy), a young, idealistic Scotsman who arrives in Uganda to aid a rural hospital. When he's called upon to treat a minor injury to Amin, Garrigan impresses the newly appointed Ugandan president with his candor.

The feeling is mutual, as Garrigan is in turn drawn by Amin's charisma. An admirer of the Scots, Amin takes on Garrigan as his personal physician and advisor. But as the years pass by, Garrigan can no longer ignore Amin's increasing paranoia and moral corruption, which gives way to the slaughter of thousands of Ugandans, the very people Amin had sworn to protect near the film's start.

McAvoy has one of the hardest tasks in this picture, and he deserves a lot of credit for not being engulfed by Whitaker's masterful performance. Amin cajoles, bullies, flatters and menaces Garrigan, but McAvoy's character never plays a secondary role to Whitaker's Amin in the overall plot of the film, which is both an asset and a distraction for director Kevin MacDonald's film.

The problem with this movie, ironically, is that Whitaker is too good. Having



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Forest Whitaker stars in "The Last King of Scotland" as Ugandan dictator Idi Amin. For his portrayal of Amin, Whitaker won the Oscar for Best Actor.

recently been crowned with a Best Actor Oscar for his work, Whitaker delivers the performance of a lifetime here. In multiple scenes, he transitions seamlessly from a booming, mirthful laugh to a frenzied rumble when angered, his face contorting with rage.

Whitaker's Amin can never be ignored, and his absence in the film's midsection is palpable as the narrative drags without him. Sadly, Garrigan is a footnote in his own story as he slips further into Amin's grasp. We are so enamored of Whitaker's Amin that we wait with baited

breath for the lion's return each time we're tested with Garrigan's misfortunes.

Fierce, domineering and captivating, Whitaker's performance in "The Last King of Scotland" will outlive the film itself in the years to come. Like Brando and the great screen actors of old, Whitaker does more than play Amin in this biographical effort. He becomes him, stamping his fearsome visage upon Amin's face before our very eyes.

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The Last King of Scotland



Director: Kevin MacDonald
Writers: Peter Morgan and Jeremy Brock
Starring: Forest Whitaker, James McAvoy, Kerry Washington, Gillian Anderson

'23' chills audiences despite acting, writing flaws

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

Humans have 23 pairs of chromosomes. The earth is tilted at a 23-degree angle. Psalm 23 is the best-known Psalm. In Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," Caesar was stabbed 23 times. Michael Jordan wore the number 23, and Dr. Pepper has 23 flavors.

It's clear that there is something strange about the number 23. Joel Schumacher's "The Number 23" highlights much of the folklore surrounding 23 in an exciting, fast-paced mystery-thriller.

Walter Sparrow (Jim Carrey) is a mild-mannered dogcatcher who leads a happy life with his wife Agatha (Virginia Madsen) and son Robin (Logan Lerman). While chasing a particularly vicious dog one day, Agatha stumbles into a used booksellers and discovers a red book entitled "The Number 23." Written by Topsy Kretts, Agatha becomes intrigued and passes the book along to her husband. Entranced by the novel's narrative, Sparrow becomes obsessed and begins seeing the number 23 appear in world events and his own

personal life.

The script, written by first-time scribe Fernley Phillips, is alternately clever and idiotic. Why he felt the need to give everyone ridiculous names is almost unfathomable — the wife's name is Agatha (Sparrow, not Christie, though the reference is obvious), the son's name is Robin Sparrow, the professor's name is Isaac French and the book author's name is Topsy Kretts (get it?). We spent a good portion of the film giggling over the fact that Sparrow couldn't figure out what "Topsy Kretts" really meant and the rest of it aghast that he would actually name his son Robin Sparrow.

In actuality, though, "The Number 23" isn't nearly as bad as everyone says. Instead, despite its inherent goofiness, the film is a lot of fun to watch and is surprisingly intriguing. The number 23 does have a lot of significance in numerology, and some of the coincidences pointed out in the film are interesting (9/11/2001, 9 + 11 + 2 + 1 = 23, for instance), but the film often stretches to make it all work.

Still, "The Number 23" clips along at a nice pace until its bizarre resolution. The scenes that occur within the narrative of the novel "The Number 23" are stylish and well-directed. On the whole, however, "The Number 23" is closer to "Phone Booth" than it is to "Batman and Robin" and that's a very good thing — Schumacher keeps his excesses in check, especially in the scenes set in reality.

It's obvious that Jim Carrey is trying to stretch out his acting muscles into more dramatic roles, an extension of his well-received turn in 2004's "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Jim Carrey stars in the Joel Schumacher film, "The Number 23." Despite some flaws, the film is a decent mystery thriller that provided both chills and laughs.

Mind," which co-starred Kate Winslet. He does himself a bit of a disservice here because his performance really isn't all that good. Virginia Madsen, however, manages to reel him in a bit with a steady, straight-faced performance as Agatha, but doesn't offer the character to act off of that Winslet did. None of the other characters have much to do, though Danny Huston is quickly establishing himself as a capable character actor in the vein of John C. Reilly.

Although "The Number 23" is adver-

tised as a scary movie, it functions far better as an unraveling mystery movie, closer in vein to Christopher Nolan's "Memento." It certainly falls to a distant second when compared to the far superior "Memento," but even with its numerous faults, "The Number 23" is still an enjoyable ride that brings both laughs and chills to the audience — it wanted to bring the chills but not the laughs.

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The Number 23



Director: Joel Schumacher
Writer: Fernley Phillips
Starring: Jim Carrey, Virginia Madsen, Logan Lerman, Danny Huston

WASHINGTON HALL REVIEW

'Oregon Trail' revels in wacky ride to the West

By TAE ANDREWS
Assistant Scene Editor

A snappy script, a grab bag of slapstick gags and a whole lot of improvisation combined to make "The Oregon Trail" the rootin'est tootin'est comedy this side of the Mississippi. Based on the popular children's computer game which enjoyed its heyday during the 1990s, the play follows the eccentric antics of a wagonload of wacky characters as they ford rivers, hunt animals and fend off Native American attacks all in the name of Manifest Destiny.

Written by A.J. Allegra and put on by the St. Edward's Hall Players at Washington Hall this past weekend, this crazed comedy captured the fun of the computer game while managing to ridicule it at the same time, all in the spirit of the wild, wild west.

After loading up his wagon "like Wilkes Booth loaded up Lincoln," frontiersman Ezekiel (Drew McElligott) takes his family on a crazy joyride out West in pursuit of a better life. Along for the ride are Ezekiel's wife Martha (Laura Godlewski), his snowpants-wearing son Judah (Mike Anderson) and flamboyant and scantily-clad drama king Jebediah (Nathan Morse). In addition, Crazy Fingers (Steve Iwanski), a heavily bearded schizophrenic with a penchant for profanity

and making love to scarecrows, somehow manages to find passage aboard Ezekiel's wagon.

Peppered throughout with commentary from Matt (Jeff Eyerman), the mustached store proprietor who narrates this intrepid tale, hilarity ensues when the rations get reduced to "meager" and the tempo speeds up to a grueling pace as the play races to its wild conclusion.

As irreverent as it is inappropriate, "The Oregon Trail" entertains with a smattering of salty language, a series of comic interludes and asides and more lewd moments and homoerotic interplay than you can wag a wagon tongue at. There are a slew of truly bizarre moments in the play that can barely be explained and many of which aren't fit to be printed here. Some of the highlights of the ones fit for print include:

◆The play's absurd hunting scene, in which a slew of beasts from the animal kingdom (and a few not from it, such as a pair of unicorns thrown in for good measure) are mowed down by Ezekiel and Jebediah while recreating a scene from "The Lion King."

◆The unforgettable and utterly inexplicable appearance of "Stemmy" (Patrick Vassel), a nymphomaniac stem cell who arrives to save the day when Ezekiel and Judah find themselves at an impasse late in their journey.



Photo courtesy of Kristin Schwarz

The cast of "The Oregon Trail" displays the eclectic and random nature of the play, from the moving tree, far right, to Matt the general store owner, center in apron.

◆A lengthy debate over the proper pronunciation of the word "dysentery," a debilitating and common disease for both players of the computer game and characters in the titular play.

What makes "The Oregon Trail" so funny is its talented and creative cast, which uses its flexibility and creativity to keep coming up with spontaneous moments of ridiculousness on the fly. In addition, the play used some rather unconventional stage conventions to set the stage, such as the use of a moving tree (Beth Melia) to present the image of

movement as Ezekiel kick-starts the wagon's three-dozen oxen into gear. The play also used a myriad number of costumes to keep the gags coming, as a near-naked Dancing Indian (James Gower), the Statue of Liberty (Emily Balthasar), a can of Spam and all manner of strange animals make it into the mix. For the audience, the main challenge of "The Oregon Trail" was keeping up with its wild and crazy cast as the jokes kept flying on this wild ride.

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Dave Matthews gives UK some American jam

In the United States, Dave Matthews is famous for his bohemian brand of rock music that blends jazz-influenced jams with funky acoustic guitar. With his summer tours, Matthews has sold out amphitheaters and stadiums around the country — drawing thousands of college and high school student revelers to parking lots and massive lawns all over the US. Due to his American successes, Matthews has won three Grammy awards and sold millions of albums.

Yet in the United Kingdom, Matthews is able to walk into a pub anonymously. Just as British pop star Robbie Williams was never able to break big across the pond, so too has Matthews struggled to build a fan-base on the UK and Europe as a whole.

Despite this, he recently played a concert in a tiny theater that is a part of Newcastle City Hall in northern England, playing to a small crowd of Brits and a few dedicated American fans that made the trek.

The concert was listed as a solo acoustic performance, but he surprised the audience by having his long-time friend and guitar accompanist Tim Reynolds join him for the entire show. Reynolds is notable for sharing the top billing with Matthews on the multi-platinum 1999 release "Live at Luther College" and for encouraging Matthews to start a band after teaching the young South African bartender a few things about playing the guitar during Matthews' early days as a musician in Virginia.

More mature in both appearance and sound, Matthews has grown visibly older since the heady days of his early career that revolved around sex and drugs. The magic of Matthews' music is still strong, though it seems to have lost some of its quirky songwriting seen on classics like "What Would You Say" — songs like "Oh" and "Smooth Rider," although pleasant, are by no means anthems like past hits "Ants Marching" or "Tripping Billies."

It became clear during the show, especially during complex numbers like "Satellite" and "Lie in our Graves" that it was wise to bring Reynolds along to deepen Matthews' own sound. Matthews reveled in playing his newer songs, especially those from his solo album "Some Devil." He also debuted a yet-to-be-named song during the encore that could indicate a new DMB that is venturing into alt-country territory for their next studio album, adding a little spice to the normal DMB formula. The other unreleased songs played were "Sister," a touching ode to his sister Jane and "Cant' Stop," a slightly mournful up-tempo tune he played on his electric guitar instead of his signature acoustic.

The point of this tour is not to promote a specific record, although Matthews did play a few tunes, including the autobiographical "Old Dirt Hill" off 2006's "Stand Up", but to reach a new audience. Matthews tried hard to connect with British and European fans at the show, even resorting to local patois during his riffs on everything from little-known British beaches he's visited to acting and playing piano with British televi-



Photo courtesy of Bob Costa

Dave Matthews played a concert in the United Kingdom with friend Tim Reynolds. He has been quietly generating a larger fanbase in the UK and Europe.

sion star Hugh Laurie during Matthews' guest appearance on Fox's "House M.D."

Before the show, Matthews, who now lives in Seattle, was in a Starbucks near Newcastle's town center, getting a cup of American coffee in a small corner of northern England. No bodyguard, no screaming fans — just a normal guy getting a coffee while Brits read their newspapers.

Matthews is building his British and European fan-base, albeit slowly, at

his own pace, playing in tiny, off-the-beaten-path venues and eschewing expensive advertising.

Talking to him briefly after the show, it's clear he likes it like that, giving the Brits some jam with their tea and bread — winning them over on their terms, not his.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

St. John's beats Friars, ends Big East season

Louisville finishes second in the conference; North Carolina downs rival Duke; Clemson spoils Hokies' ACC title run

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Qa'rraan Calhoun had 21 points to help St. John's snap a 10-game losing streak to Providence with a 77-64 win Sunday in the Red Storm's regular-season finale at Madison Square Garden.

Anthony Mason added 17 points for the Red Storm (16-14, 7-9 Big East), who had lost their last three games.

Herbert Hill scored 27 points on 12-of-16 shooting for the Friars (18-11, 8-8). Dwain Williams added 12 points and Sharaud Curry had 10.

St. John's, which has not played in the conference tournament since 2003, will face Marquette in the opening round Wednesday at Madison Square Garden. Providence faces West Virginia.

Red Storm center Lamont Hamilton hyper-extended his left knee in a collision with Mason at 6:07 of the first half and did not return. An MRI is scheduled Monday for the team's leading scorer (13.7) and rebounder (6.7), but he is expected to play in the tournament.

A three-point play by Hill gave the Friars their last lead of the game, 18-17, at 9:22 of the first half.

St. John's went on a 21-14 run the rest of the half behind Mason's eight points, which included a pair of 3-pointers, for

a 38-32 lead at the break.

Calhoun closed a 15-5 run to start the second half with a 3-pointer, increasing the Red Storms' lead to 53-37 at 14:05. Eugene Lawrence and Mason added 3-pointers in the run.

Louisville 86, Seton Hall 71

A year ago, during Louisville's tumultuous transition to the Big East, coach Rick Pitino wondered if the Cardinals truly belonged in one of the nation's toughest conferences.

He doesn't wonder anymore.

The 16th-ranked Cardinals capped their remarkable turnaround season with a win over Seton Hall on Sunday, propelling Louisville (22-8, 12-4) into second-place in the Big East and erasing any lingering doubt Pitino had about his team's toughness.

"We're now a legitimate Big East team, and we weren't last year," Pitino said. "In just eight months we've changed that whole mindset."

It's a mindset Pitino thinks will serve the Cardinals well in the upcoming Big East tournament, and one they showcased against a game Seton Hall squad that hardly looked like a team playing out the string.

The Pirates (13-16, 4-12) nearly matched the Cardinals shot for shot — and blow for blow — in a physical game that saw plenty of pushing and shoving, four tech-

nical fouls and an early exit for Seton Hall coach Bobby Gonzalez. Gonzalez was ejected after picking up his second technical foul with 51 seconds remaining.

"We wanted to go down swinging, go down fighting," Gonzalez said. "That's what our team did all year. That was our identity."

By the time Gonzalez began the slow walk to the locker room, the Cardinals had finally shaken the Pirates, who stayed close behind a career-high 29 points from Brian Laing and some red-hot shooting. The Pirates made 10 of their first 13 3-pointers, but cooled off down the stretch, missing their last eight as Louisville relied on its depth to pull away.

"It was close, they tried to scrap it out," said Louisville guard Brandon Jenkins, who scored four points in his final game at Freedom Hall. "But in the end, this is something that can help us."

North Carolina 86, Duke 72

Blood poured from his nose and onto his lip, chin and the court. The latest bruised face of college basketball's nastiest rivalry belongs to North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough.

"Just a little bump and bruise," teammate Reyshawn Terry said. "Nothing that a little ice can't handle."

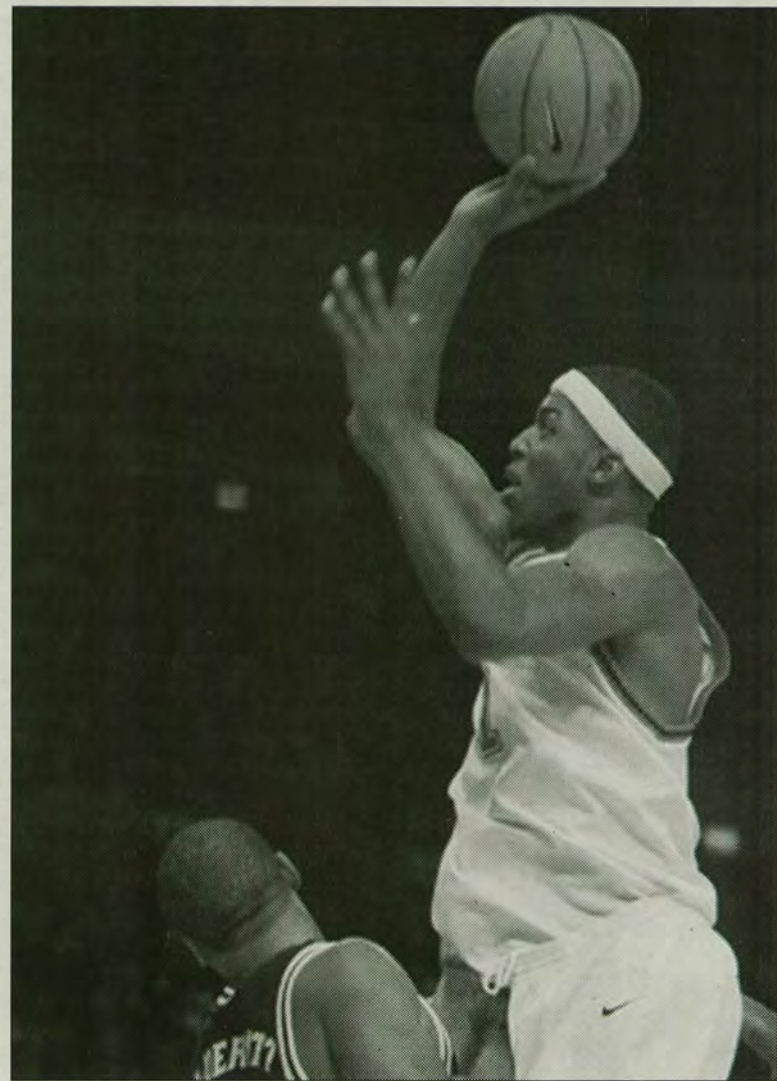
Hansbrough had 26 points and 17 rebounds before suffering an injury that looked worse than it really was in the closing seconds of the No. 8 Tar Heels' win over 14th-ranked Duke on Sunday, clinching the top seed in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

Terry added 15 points in his final home game for the Tar Heels (25-6, 11-5), who swept the regular-season series with the Blue Devils for the first time in 11 years, avoided their first three-game slide under Roy Williams and gave the homespun coach his 100th victory at his alma mater.

But perhaps the lasting image of the intense rivalry is Hansbrough's bloodstained face, a scary-looking picture that evoked memories of center Eric Montross' bleeding, shaven head after he took an elbow in 1992. The latest injury came with 14.5 seconds left, when Hansbrough leaped for a layup. After the ball left his hand, he was struck in the face by Gerald Henderson's right elbow.

"He got our guys in the air, and I came down on him," Henderson said. "It's unfortunate that it turned out like it did, but I wasn't trying to hurt the kid or anything. It just turned worse than it was."

Hansbrough crumpled to the ground, his nose bleeding onto the floor and down his face, before he jumped to his feet menacingly and had to be



St. John's forward Qa'rraan Calhoun takes a shot in the Red Storm's 77-64 win over Providence Sunday.

restrained from Duke's players while he was taken to the locker room. The officials reviewed the play and ejected Henderson, then later said in a joint statement that under NCAA rules he would be suspended for one game.

Clemson 75, Virginia Tech 74

Clemson showed it could take the heat.

The Tigers withstood second-half pressure from No. 21 Virginia Tech on Sunday for a victory that prevented the Hokies from capturing a share of the Atlantic Coast Conference's regular-season title.

"We're not a clutch team, but we needed this win and we got it," said K.C. Rivers, who led the Tigers (21-9, 7-9) with 22 points and scored the decisive basket with 18 seconds remaining. Rivers, whose season average is 13 points, was 5-for-7 from 3-point range and hit all three of his second-half attempts.

Cliff Hammonds added 17 points and six assists for the Tigers in the ACC regular-season finale for both teams.

"We made a couple of big plays down the stretch," said Hammonds, who had three 3-pointers.

The Tigers shot 61 percent in the second half, including 75 percent from behind the arc. The Hokies (20-10, 10-6) shot 64 percent after halftime, but only 33

percent from 3-point range.

"This is a tough road win, as good a win as we've had all year," said Tigers coach Oliver Purnell.

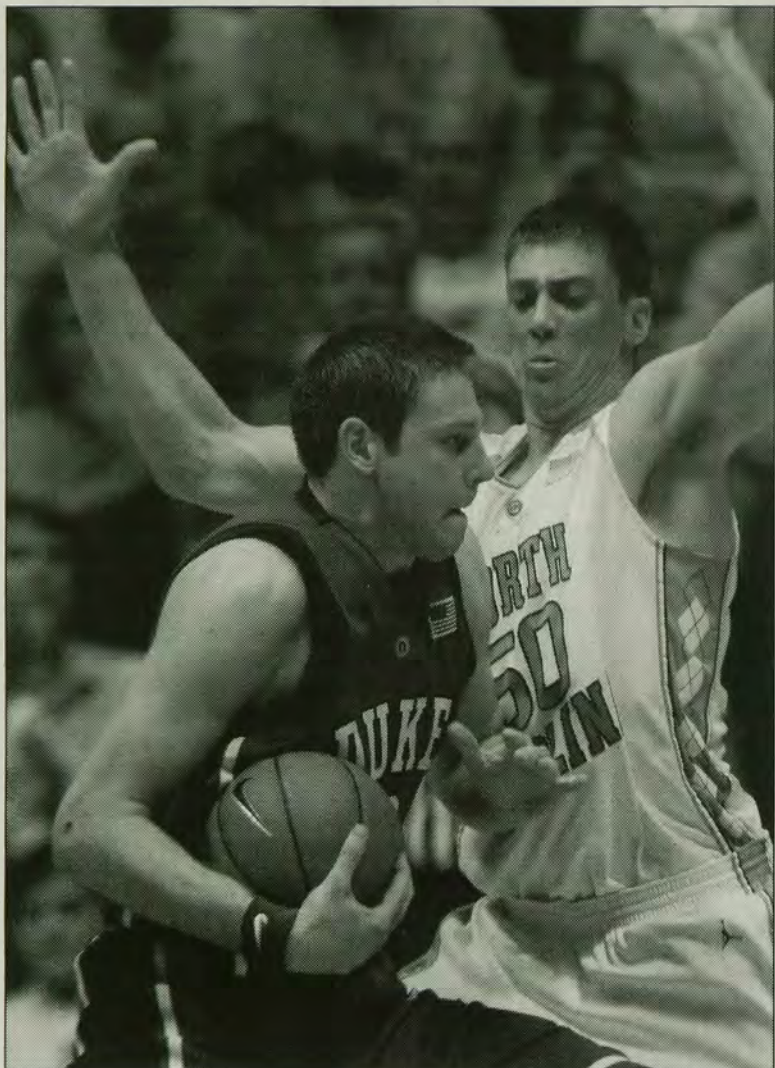
Zabian Dowdell led Virginia Tech with 25 points. Jamon Gordon added 14 points. Both are seniors who were among five honored by Tech at the beginning of the game.

"It's a fine line between winning and losing," Hokies coach Seth Greenberg said. "We were in position. We just weren't tough enough on one or two plays defensively."

Except at the very beginning, the Hokies didn't lead until Dowdell stole the ball and ran the length of the court for a basket to make it 66-65 with 5:48 remaining. Clemson took the lead back when Hammonds hit a basket and a 3-pointer, and led 70-66 with 3:10 left.

Dowdell then had four points as the Hokies went on a 6-0 run to regain the lead at 72-70. Rivers made a 3-pointer to give Clemson a one-point lead with 2:11 left, only to have Dowdell respond with a jumper to give Virginia Tech a 74-73 lead with 47 seconds left.

The Tigers built a 26-11 lead, thanks to a 15-0 run, with 10:08 left in the first half. But Dowdell then got hot, scoring 15 points as the Hokies narrowed the deficit to 35-32 at halftime.



Duke guard Josh McRoberts drives to the basket in the Blue Devils' 86-72 loss to North Carolina Sunday.

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Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division			
team	record	pts.	last 10
New Jersey	40-18-7	87	6-3-1
Pittsburgh	35-21-9	79	6-4-0
NY Islanders	33-23-9	75	7-1-2
NY Rangers	31-27-7	69	5-3-2
Philadelphia	17-37-11	45	3-4-3
Eastern Conference, Northeast Division			
team	record	pts.	last 10
Buffalo	44-16-5	93	8-1-1
Ottawa	38-23-5	81	7-1-2
Montreal	33-29-6	72	4-6-0
Toronto	31-26-9	71	4-4-2
Boston	31-28-5	67	6-3-1
Eastern Conference, Southeast Division			
team	record	pts.	last 10
Tampa Bay	37-26-4	78	6-2-2
Atlanta	34-23-10	78	4-5-1
Carolina	33-28-7	73	5-5-0
Florida	27-26-13	67	7-1-2
Washington	24-30-12	60	1-5-4
Western Conference, Central Division			
team	record	pts.	last 10
Nashville	44-18-4	92	6-3-1
Detroit	41-16-9	91	6-1-3
St. Louis	28-27-10	66	6-2-2
Columbus	26-33-7	59	4-4-2
Chicago	24-33-9	57	2-5-2
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team	record	pts.	last 10
Vancouver	37-27-5	79	7-2-1
Calgary	35-21-9	79	6-3-1
Minnesota	36-23-6	78	7-1-2
Colorado	32-29-5	69	5-4-1
Edmonton	30-30-6	66	2-6-2
Western Conference, Pacific Division			
team	record	pts.	last 10
Anaheim	38-17-11	87	5-2-3
Dallas	38-22-5	81	5-2-3
San Jose	39-25-2	80	3-6-1
Phoenix	27-35-3	57	2-7-1
Los Angeles	22-33-10	54	4-3-3

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2	Georgetown	285	4
3	Duke	270	6
4	Cornell	250	7
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7	Johns Hopkins	192	1
8	Navy	186	10
9	Syracuse	179	2
10	North Carolina	167	14
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14	Delaware	96	15
15	Towson	84	13

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NFL



Ahman Green stiff arms Dolphins defensive end Jason Taylor last October. The Houston Texans agreed to undisclosed terms Sunday with the former Green Bay running back after he rushed for 1,059 yards in 2006.

Texans agree to deal with RB Green

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans agreed to terms with free agent running back Ahman Green on Sunday.

The 30-year-old former Green Bay Packer will likely become the starter for a team that struggled at the position last season after Domanick Williams, formerly Davis, missed the year with knee problems.

Green will be introduced at a 1 p.m. news conference in Houston on Monday, said Texans vice president of communications Tony Wyllie. Terms of the contract were not immediately available.

Houston also has a trio of inexperienced running backs in Wali Lundy, Chris Taylor and fellow former Green Bay player Samkon Gado. They also hope to re-sign free agent Ron Dayne, the 1999 Heisman Trophy winner, who excelled late last season after years of struggles.

Green had 266 carries for 1,059 yards last season after returning from a torn right quadriceps in 2005. He missed two games last season because of lingering effects from the injury.

He has 8,491 yards and 54 touchdowns in his nine-year career that began with Seattle. Before the injury two years ago, Green gained more than 1,100 yards in each of the previous five seasons.

Green, who has been with the Packers since the 2000 season, has close ties with former Packers head coach Mike Sherman, who is the Texans' offensive coordinator and assistant head coach. Along with Gado, former Packers teammate Mike Flanagan also plays for the Texans.

Green spent the weekend in Houston, visiting the Texans and taking in a Houston Rockets game on Saturday night.

"I'm just looking for a situation where I feel comfortable around the players and the coaches, where I can be myself," Green said Sunday before the deal was announced. "Come down here and just play football and have fun. That is what I'm looking for."

Green did not immediately return a message left on his cell phone by The Associated Press.

After meeting with Denver and Houston, Green told reporters in Houston earlier on Sunday that he was canceling other scheduled visits to teams and could "possibly" make his decision in the next 24 hours.

IN BRIEF

Montoya spins out teammate, wins Busch Series race
MEXICO CITY — Juan Pablo Montoya spun teammate Scott Pruett to take the lead with eight laps left, then held off Denny Hamlin to win the Busch Series race on Sunday for his first NASCAR victory.

Montoya, the Colombian star who jumped from Formula One to NASCAR late last season, recovered from a bad pit stop to aggressively move from 19th to first, taking the lead when he sent Pruett's car spinning on the 72nd lap of the Telcel-Motorola 200.

"I'm very sorry about what happened with Scott," Montoya said. "I thought he saw me and when he came across I had no room to go."

Montoya said he would personally apologize to Pruett.

"Of all the people to take out — your teammate," Pruett said. "That was just lowdown, nasty, dirty driving."

Weekley misses 3-foot putt, chance to win first PGA event
PALM BEACH GARDENS, — Boo Weekley missed a 3-foot par putt on the final regulation hole of the Honda Classic, wasting a chance to win his first PGA Tour title.

He'll have to wait until Monday morning to get a shot at redeeming himself.

Weekley, Camilo Villegas, Mark Wilson and Jose Coceres went into a four-man playoff Sunday night, one that they couldn't finish before darkness fell on PGA National.

Each player made par at the par-5 18th, the first playoff hole. Wilson made a spectacular par, driving his tee shot into the mud and scrambling to the green before making a 30-foot putt to keep him in contention, and Coceres' birdie try that would have ended the tournament hit the lip and rolled away.

Weekley made a 3-footer to earn his trip to the second playoff.

Pippen and former coach Jackson talk about comeback
PHOENIX — Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson says he has talked to 41-year-old Scottie Pippen about making a comeback with the team.

"I did get in touch with Scottie," Jackson said before the Lakers played the Phoenix Suns on Sunday, "but it was just preliminary talk about how he's doing, where he's at and how he feels."

Jackson coached Pippen while both were with the Chicago Bulls during their title years. Jackson said Pippen is interested in coming to Los Angeles.

"I would say he kind of talked about the parameters of what he thinks he can do to help," Jackson said.

Pippen and Michael Jordan led the Bulls to six NBA championships. He was with the Bulls for 12 seasons, from 1987-98.

MEN'S TENNIS

ND set to take on Huskies

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

No. 8 Notre Dame will look to finish its home indoor season undefeated when it takes on No. 15 Washington today at 4 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Even though the team has gone 6-0 at home, posting wins over top-ranked teams including No. 22 Michigan, No. 12 Duke and No. 10 Florida State, Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss is focused solely on the match.

"I'm more concerned about Washington than what our home record is," he said.

The Huskies, who have several left-handers on their roster, will challenge the Irish from the beginning. Seniors Alex Slovic and Daniel Chu are two of the left-handers likely to test Notre Dame on the courts at No. 1 doubles.

"They play great doubles," Bayliss said. "They serve big and they try to take away the middle of the court, they have a very aggressive style and we need to counter that well."

Chu will also present a problem for Notre Dame at No. 3 singles.

"[Chu] is a very smooth play-

er," Bayliss said. "He doesn't hit the ball big, but he is a very balanced player with good transition skills."

No. 84 Slovic will take on the No. 1 singles spot for the Huskies. Senior Stephen Bass (No. 11) and junior Sheeva Parbhu (No. 27) have both played at No. 1 singles for Notre Dame, and Bayliss said he is comfortable playing either one against Slovic.

"They serve big and they try to take away the middle of the court."

Bobby Bayliss
Irish head coach

"[Bass and Parbhu] have alternated some all year — both are number one players," he said.

Bayliss is also confident in the rest of the singles lineup. Sophomore Brett Helgeson and seniors Ryan Keckley and Barry King can all play at No. 3 singles and have alternated throughout the season.

The only set player is junior Andrew Roth, who anchors the Irish at the No. 6 position. "[Roth] has really been our sparkplug this year," Bayliss said. "He's got more energy

"We really need to hold our ground and try to be as aggressive as we can and push them around a little bit."

Bobby Bayliss
Irish head coach

than anybody and he's been a pretty effective number six as well as playing good doubles."

Even though Bayliss expects the team to do well in both doubles and singles play, Notre Dame will still look to make a powerful showing against Washington. The Huskies are likely to challenge the Irish from the beginning, and Bayliss said his team has to be prepared to answer with strong rallies.

"We really need to hold our ground and try to be as aggressive as we can and push them around a little bit," he said.

A win over Washington would mark the seventh win at home for the Irish in the indoor spring season — a task Bayliss said is vital to the team's overall success.

"We would like to see a higher percentage of first serves, more aggressive net play and the ability to counter on returns," Bayliss said. "It's important that we really conclude the

indoor portion of our schedule with a strong win."

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish lose to Big Red for third straight year

By PAT O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will have to wait another year to defeat Cornell.

After falling twice to the Big Red by one and three goals in the last two years, the Irish lost to Cornell 13-8 Saturday in Hewlett, N.Y.

Cornell (3-0) had the Irish down 12-3 in the third quarter on two 5-goal streaks. The last quarter and a half featured a Notre Dame (2-1) streak of five goals

to the Big Red's one, but it was too little, too late.

"We came out flat and got outplayed in all aspects," Irish junior goaltender Joey Kemp said. "They generated a lot of offense from their midfield, and we didn't do so as much."

Attacks David Mitchell and Brian Clayton led the Big Red with four points apiece, while fellow attacks Eric Pittard and John Glynn added two goals and one assist. Midfielders Henry Bartlett and Chris Finn each netted two more goals in the win.

The Irish were led by freshman attacker Will Yeatman, who scored two goals and

added an assist. Senior attacker Brian Hubschmann once again tallied two goals of his own in the defeat. Junior midfielder Michael Podgajny contributed one goal and an assist, while sophomore attacker Ryan Hoff, senior midfielder Lucius Polk and sophomore attacker Peter Christman all aided with a goal each.

"We came out flat and just got outplayed in all aspects."

Joey Kemp
Irish goaltender

"This shows us a lot about what we need to improve," Polk said. "The loss is bad, but we now know how

to get better."

Notre Dame continues its five-game road trip with a visit to Chapel Hill to play No. 10 North Carolina (3-1) Saturday.

Notes:

♦ Kemp played the whole match this time, and he made 13 stops on the day. His counterpart, Cornell's Matt McMonagle, had an impressive 15 saves in the game while letting up only 8 goals.

♦ Cornell held a 48-34 advantage in shots.

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ND SWIMMING

Divers struggle on Day 2

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

In the span of a few hours, Notre Dame went from having two divers in the NCAA Championships to having zero.

After the preliminaries for three-meter diving, held Saturday morning, sophomore Michael Bulfin occupied second place with 339.90 points while teammate Sam Stoner was one spot behind with 337.15 points.

Bulfin and Stoner needed only to maintain their current positions in order to earn automatic bids to the NCAA Tournament. The two divers, however, could not replicate their morning performances.

In the three-meter finals held Saturday evening, Bulfin tallied 312.20 points giving him a total score of 614.15 points that dropped him to a fifth place finish. Stoner managed only 277 points in the finals, dropping him

all the way to 11th place. The third Irish diver to compete over the weekend, junior Steven Crowe, finished in 18th place with a combined score of 549.45 points.

The failure to hold a top-three spot, which would have guaranteed a spot in the national tournament, was especially disappointing for Bulfin who appeared poised to obtain the berth for the second consecutive season. In 2006, Bulfin qualified by finishing fourth in the three-meter diving with a combined total 634.40 points.

Notre Dame did manage to achieve two additional top-10 finishes this past weekend, both coming in the one-meter diving. With a combined total of 600.25 points, Stoner picked up the highest finish of his career in the Zone C Diving Meet with a seventh place finish. Bulfin finished one spot behind his teammate tallying a combined total of 597.20 points.

The Irish women also failed to qualify a diver for the NCAA Tournament. Notre Dame sent freshmen Tiffany Robak and Natalie Stitt to compete for the nine available NCAA slots in Zone C.

Robak tallied the pair's best finish accumulating 490.95 points off the one-meter board — good enough for a 12th place finish. Stitt finished 16th in one-meter diving with 468.55 total points. Indiana's Christina Louka won the event with 652.10 points.

Off the three-meter board, neither Irish diver managed to qualify for the finals. Robak found herself in 28th place after the prelims with 216 points while Stitt finished 40th tallying 171.65 points.

Neither men's coach Tim Welsh nor women's coach Carrie Nixon could be reached for comment following the weekend's events.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish take down two top-25 teams at home

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Notre Dame kept rolling this weekend, soundly defeating two more top 25 opponents. The No. 2 Irish knocked off No. 23 Texas A&M 5-2 and No. 19 Texas 7-0, improving to 12-1 in dual match play.

Against the top-25 this season, the Irish are 9-1 and have now won 27 consecutive matches at home — a new school record.

"We played O.K. against A&M," Notre Dame coach Jay Louderback said. "They're a scrappy group and their tough to play at times, but I thought against Texas we played very well."

"We won a lot of close matches against a team that's very good."

Against the Aggies, the Irish had trouble grabbing the dou-

bles point. No. 5 seniors Christian and Catrina Thompson feel behind 5-2 to Texas A&M junior Tiffany Clifford and senior Sarah Foster, while No. 15 sophomore Kelcy Tefft and junior Brook Buck fought Texas A&M's No. 34 team of seniors Anna Lubinsky and Nicki Mechem neck and neck.

In practice the last two weeks, Louderback has spent a lot of time working with his doubles teams.

"We made a lot of errors. We tried to overhit the ball instead of using a little bit more feel and throwing the lob in," Louderback said. "We did start doing it eventually."

The Thompsons stormed back and captured six of the next seven games to grab an 8-6 victory, while Notre Dame's third doubles team of freshmen Kali Krisik and Cosmina Ciobanu clinched the doubles point with an 8-3 victory over Aggie junior Anna Blagodarova and freshman Michelle Simmons. Ciobanu and Krisik ended the weekend with a 10-3 record in their doubles play for the season.

"Our one and two doubles teams are pretty strong and so when we play teams, we tend to see some pretty good No. 3 teams because they figure they can beat us there," Louderback said. "[Opponents] tend to load up at No. 3 doubles and [Ciobanu and Krisik] play very well there."

Buck and Tefft eventually lost their match 8-6 but Notre Dame still took a 1-0 lead. The Irish then continued their season long strong singles play against the Aggies. Notre Dame freshman Colleen Rielley pulled off a hard-fought three set victory against Foster 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 to give the Irish their fourth point and the victory.

"She just started slow. The match before that she did that too," Louderback said. "Once she gets going though, she can get on a roll and games go by pretty fast."

"She came back in that match and that was big because at the time, we needed that."

At No. 1 singles, Catrina Thompson retired to Lubinsky in the third set after the match had already been decided and Tefft dropped her match to Blagodarova giving the Aggies their two points.

Against the Longhorns, the Irish again captured two of three doubles matches to claim and early 1-0 lead. Tefft and Rielley each dispatched of their opponents with relative ease to make the score 3-0. Catrina Thompson then clinched the victory with a 7-6 (3), 6-4 victory against Texas freshman Vonja Corovic.

Christian Thompson held off a surge from Texas junior Courtney Zauft to win 6-1, 2-6, 6-3 to give the Irish a 5-0 advantage.

Buck then won her match against Longhorn senior Ristine Olson 6-2, 6-7 (4), 7-5 to improve to 8-1 this season.

Ciobanu rounded out the scoring with a grueling, three-hour long, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5) win over Texas freshman Stephanie Davison. Ciobanu has now won all 13 of her dual matches this season.

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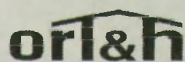
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SOFTBALL

Irish win three of four in Jacksonville road trip

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame found its winning formula this weekend at the Jacksonville Tournament, taking three games and suffering only one close loss in Florida.

The Irish (7-7) started the tournament Friday with a 4-1 win over Virginia (8-14). Sophomore Erin Glasco connected with a two-run double off Cavaliers hurler Coty Tolar in the first inning, giving the Irish all the runs they would need.

Irish sophomore Brittney Bargar gave up only one unearned run in the fourth inning. Bargar scattered six hits while going the distance for the win.

Notre Dame infielder Stephanie Brown continued her hot hitting, going 3-for-4 with a run scored.

The Irish finished their day with a 7-2 win over tournament host Jacksonville. Notre Dame again got off to a fast start, scoring four runs in the first. The Irish followed that inning with three runs in the second, jumping out to a seven-run lead that was too much for the Dolphins (4-17) to overcome.

Senior Kenya Fuemmeler pitched a nearly perfect game, giving up no hits and one walk in four scoreless innings. Fuemmeler picked up her first win of the season, and sophomore Christine Farrell finished off the Dolphins for her first career save.

Inclement weather struck on Saturday, changing the tourna-

ment schedule for the Irish. Instead of a second game against Jacksonville, Notre Dame faced Virginia again Saturday.

After falling behind 3-0 to the Cavaliers, the Irish rallied in the bottom of the fifth inning. Consecutive doubles by Linda Kohan and Heather Johnson drove home three runs to tie the game at three.

With two outs and two aboard, sophomore Erin Glasco then smashed the game-winning home run. The timely homer was Glasco's first of the season.

Bargar had another strong performance on the mound, throwing 5 1/3 innings and allowing just one earned run. Fuemmeler, a day after picking up her first win, recorded her first save of the season and sealed Bargar's sixth victory.

The weather-related changes to the tournament also shortened Sunday's scheduled doubleheader with Michigan to a single game. The No. 13 Wolverines (19-1) squeaked out a 1-0 win over the Irish in the last game of the tournament.

Bargar threw another complete game for the Irish but took the loss, despite giving up just one run on six hits. Michigan ace Lorilyn Wilson improved to 10-1 with the performance, allowing just one hit and striking out 13 in the shutout.

No players were available for comment following the games due to travel.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

ND takes down Big Red 13-9 on the road

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

The No. 7 Irish rebounded quickly from Thursday's 18-10 loss at home to Northwestern with a 13-9 win over No. 16 Cornell Sunday in Ithaca.

Playing on a snowy Schoellkopf Field, the Irish responded to an opening goal by the Big Red with a streak of four straight goals to build a 4-1 lead. Cornell cut the lead to 4-3 with goals by Katherine Simmons and Noelle Dowd.

That was the closest the Big Red would come, however, as Notre Dame got two consecutive free-position goals by midfielders Jillian Byers and Caitlin McKinney.

The Irish took the 6-3 lead into the half, then scored two quick goals to start the second and take a commanding 8-3 lead. Cornell countered with two goals of its own, but it was the last threat from the Big Red.

A three-goal burst by Notre Dame stretched its lead to 11-5 with only 15 minutes remaining in the game. Both teams traded goals down the stretch, but Cornell couldn't catch up.

With the snowy weather delaying Notre Dame's plane, the Irish didn't arrive in Ithaca until midnight on game day and had very little time on the field before the game.

"I was really proud of our mental toughness," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "We were faced with so much adversity — the travel,

miserable playing conditions and weather, and it was our third game against a ranked team in a week. We were very happy just to get out of there with a win."

The Irish were led by McKinney, who contributed three goals and three assists. Byers and midfielder Lena Zentgraf also netted three goals apiece in the winning effort.

Simmons led the Big Red with three goals, and six other Cornell players scored at least once in the game.

Sophomore Erin Goodman had a career-best 14 saves. Goodman recorded 11 saves in the first half, allowing Notre Dame to take a 6-3 advantage.

"Erin was really in the zone in the first half," Coyne said. "I really think she kept us in the game and helped us take the lead at points."

Notre Dame was also dominant in draw control, winning 20-of-24 for the game. Kaki Orr and Zentgraf led the way with five draw controls each.

The Big Red out-shot the Irish 27-26 for the game, and Cornell goalkeeper Renee Hughes had six saves.

The win improved Notre Dame's record to 3-1, with all four games to start the regular season played against ranked teams.

Next up for the Irish is a trip back to the northeast to face Canisius in Buffalo. The Griffins are 3-2 after a 13-10 win Saturday over Vermont.

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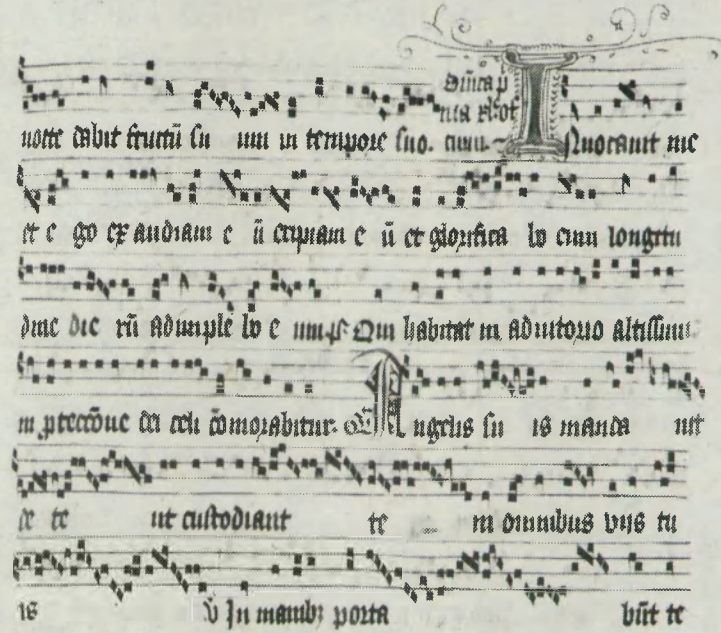
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TRACK AND FIELD

Records broken at Loftus

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

The men's 4x400 meter relay team set a school record Saturday at the two-day Alex Wilson Invitational, held at the Loftus Sports Center, with a time of 3:08.38.

The relay team's mark, which qualified it to possibly make the NCAA Championships this Friday in Fayetteville, Ark., was one of several school, meet and personal records set over the weekend.

"I just think the mile relay was the race of the day for us," Irish coach Joe Piane said. "It's been a long time coming for those guys to get qualified for the NCAA's."

The team, composed of senior Jordan Powell, junior Austin Wechter, junior Bob Kueny and senior Ryan Postel, finished second in the race. Ranked No. 12 in the nation after Saturday's race, they find out tonight if they will compete in the NCAA Championships.

The distance medley relay also performed well, finishing in 9:35.71 — good for the ninth-fastest time in the country. Wechter, senior Todd Ptacek, junior John Cavanaugh and junior Jake Wilson placed seventh in the event Saturday.

"That was fantastic. They did a great job," Piane said. "And it ensures that they're going to be at



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Notre Dame sophomore Lauren Biscardi competes in the high jump at the Alex Wilson Invitational Sunday at the Loftus Center.

the NCAA's."

Irish runners had success in the individual events as well. Fifth-year senior Molly Huddle won the 5,000 meters with a time of 16:31.54. This was only Huddle's second race of the year, since she missed a large portion of the season with a foot injury.

"It means a great deal to her, certainly for her self-satisfaction," Piane said. "To the team itself, it means that Molly is back. She's been injured for quite a while and now she's obviously healthy and ready to compete for the highest level."

Postel ran the 400 meters in 47.23 seconds, his best time on the season, and finished in sixth place. That time is the second-

fastest in Notre Dame indoor track history and also qualifies him for the NCAA Championships. Sophomore Patrick Smith posted a career-best time of 8:01.32 in the 3,000 meters.

Having previously qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 5,000 meters, Smith has now qualified for the NCAA's in two events.

Wilson has also qualified for the NCAA's in the mile and senior Thomas Chamney will run the 800 meters at the Championships.

In total, the meet saw 83 NCAA provisional qualifying times posted.

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FENCING

Irish finish second at Midwest Conference

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame played bridesmaid once again.

A year after finishing second in all six disciplines at the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships, the host Irish were runners up once again Saturday at the 2007 edition of the event.

Defending champion Ohio State took first place, while the Irish finished a close second.

Notre Dame's top team finish was a win in the women's epee with a 5-3 victory over the Buckeyes in the final.

The Irish finished third in men's epee, second in men's foil and men's sabre and third in women's sabre, women's foil and men's epee.

Notre Dame fenced without senior sabreist Patrick Ghattas, who was competing in Bulgaria on the international circuit.

Junior Ryan Bradley, who primarily took Ghattas' spot in the lineup, said he was glad to get in, even if he wished he had fenced better to push the Irish to a higher finish.

"Obviously with Patrick gone, it was a good experience for me to fence against some good competition," he said. "I really enjoyed it."

Other than the win in women's epee, Notre Dame's best perform-

ance might have been in the women's sabre competition, where the Irish fell to eventual champions Ohio State 5-4 in the semifinals. The Buckeyes went on to capture the title in that event and three others.

Notre Dame's victory in women's epee final and Northwestern's win in women's foil championship were the only blemishes on Ohio State's otherwise perfect record.

In Saturday's individual competition, the Irish took three of six titles.

Sophomore Adrienne Nott dominated the competition in women's foil, surrendering only 18 touches in her final three 15-touch bouts. After topping Ohio State's Holly McKibben 15-2 in the quarterfinals and Northwestern's Jessica Florendo 15-10 in the semifinals, Nott thrashed the Wildcats' Samantha Nemecek 15-6 for the crown.

On the men's side, junior foilist Jakub Jedrkowiak battled his way to the final, where he topped Ohio State's Joe Streb, 15-4, for the title.

Irish freshman epeeist Kelley Hurley also continued her winning ways, easily capturing the crown in her discipline. Hurley defeated Ohio State's Alexandra Obratzova 15-11 in the title bout after earning 15-11 wins in both the semifinals and quarterfinals.

Men's epeeist Karol Kostka, foilist Mark Kubik and sabreist Matt Stearns also turned in top performances, reaching the semifinals.

But the gutsiest performance of the weekend for Notre Dame might have been Valerie Providenza's silver medal showing. The senior battled bronchitis throughout the week and emerged from pool play as the sixth seed in women's sabre. She fought to reach the semifinals, where she fenced Ohio State junior Eileen Grench in one of the day's most competitive bouts.

Grench took a quick 4-1 lead, but Providenza rattled off three touches in a row. Deadlocked four touches later at 6-6, Providenza landed three attacks in a row before Grench went on a 7-2 run for a 13-11 lead. Providenza then responded with four touches in a row to secure the victory.

While Providenza's semifinal was marked by dramatic momentum shifts, the final started out with a tit-for-tat. Providenza and Ohio State All-American Siobhan Byrne alternated touches for the first 13 scores of the match. With Providenza clinging to a 7-6 lead, Byrne went on a 6-1 run to take a 12-8 advantage. Providenza responded with five touches of her own, but after she took a 13-12 lead, her calf began to cramp and she walked with a noticeable limp to the on-guard position. With Providenza exhausted, Byrne collected the final three touches for the win.

"Given that I didn't feel well, I'm happy I got second," said Providenza, who has been using an inhaler for her bronchitis. "I was a lot more tired in my bout with Eileen. I just tried to throw all I could at the final."

Note:

♦ Jedrkowiak beat Ohio State's William Jeter 15-13 in the semifinal. Jeter, whose emotional outbursts earned him warnings at January's Notre Dame Duals, nearly received a black card — an ejection from the competition — for grabbing the mask of Cleveland State's Liran Gross during Jeter's 10-9 victory over Gross in the quarterfinal.

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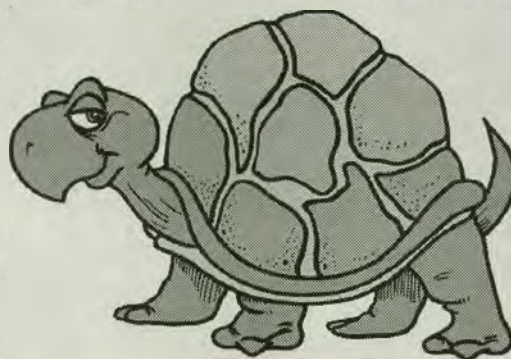
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Cave

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Irish pre-empted the visit.

"I think he was going to get a lot of offers," Frank said of Cave. "I don't know if he's going to be a five-star guy, but he'll be a four-star guy."

Frank said he didn't think it was a coincidence. Notre Dame hosted juniors from around the country as the team's former players prepared for the April 28-29 NFL Draft. NCAA rules prohibit the high school prospects from watching or participating in the workouts, but Frank said the presence of NFL personnel and former players is a boon to recruiting

for the Irish.

While both commits were in-state prospects, Frank said the juniors came from Texas, California and Nebraska, among other states. Frank said the commitments are a testament to the efforts of recruiting coordinator Rob Ianello, personnel development coordi-

nator Dave Peloquin and Ron Powlus, formerly the director of personnel development and currently the team's quarterbacks coach.

"They are so much further ahead this year than they even were last year,"

Frank said. "They are the guys who get them in the position where they can offer all these players."

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FOOTBALL

Loftus plays host to NFL workouts

Brady Quinn throws for scouts for the first time since Sugar Bowl

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Brady Quinn finally let NFL scouts, general managers and owners get an up-close look at what he can do on the field.

Quinn, whose only workout at the NFL combine was bench pressing 225 pounds 24 times, took part in a half-hour workout Sunday at Notre Dame's pro day, throwing a variety of passes with a representative from every NFL team watching on.

"We threw everything people wanted to see,"

Irish coach

Charlie Weiss said.

"We put him

through every

throw that any

NFL organization

would want to see

— from moving in

the pocket, to

moving from the

pocket, to three-

step, to five-

step, to seven-

step. I think now they

have enough information to

make a critical evaluation, if

they didn't have enough on

tape already."

Quinn, who had fluid drained from his right knee at halftime of the game against Southern California and aggravated the injury in the Sugar Bowl against LSU, didn't take part in any of the agility drills, like the 40-yard dash or the 60-yard shuttle run. He said he'd do that at Notre Dame's next pro day on March 22.

"I want to be 100 percent. I'm not quite there yet, but I will be soon," he said.

Quinn has been the center of much draft speculation, particularly over whether the Oakland Raiders will use the No. 1 overall pick to take him or LSU's JaMarcus Russell.

Some draft analysts have said Quinn's draft status has been

weakened since the end of the season as NFL teams reviewed the way he played, particularly in the Sugar Bowl. Quinn said he can't understand how people are saying his stock is going down.

"We haven't done anything since then and people are sitting there saying, 'You're stock's going up, you're stock's going down.' It's kind of comical in that sense," he said. "You're just working out, doing the best you can every day."

NFL personnel at the pro day Sunday said they were impressed.

"Really he made more throws here than you'd think about making at the combine. I think he threw about 60 balls here today and it takes a little bit of

endurance to be

able to do that and

he did it pretty

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sion," Vikings

coach Brad

Childress said.

Cleveland

Browns coach

Romeo Crennel

said Quinn had zip

on his passes.

"The fact he could make all his throws, both right and left, he's a polished quarterback. He's smart. When you watch him on tape you can see he knows where to go with the ball. He will at times throw it away when he has to," Crennel said. "So we think he's a good young prospect."

Quinn threw 63 passes, connecting on 58 of them. Twice former Irish receiver Matt Shelton got his hands on passes but couldn't pull them in. Rhema McKnight couldn't catch a 35-yard pass or a 20-yard pass he dove for. Quinn overthrew tailback Darius Walker on a 25-yard pass.

"I thought there were four catchable balls and one crummy throw to the right hand side," Weiss said.

Quinn said he was pleased with his performance, although he thought he could have done better.

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Lilley

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real catalysts for us.”

With strength behind the plate from Lilley and Pollock, the Irish jumped out to an early 5-1 lead in the first inning and never looked back.

Every starter for Notre Dame earned at least one RBI including big two-run plays from Matt Weglarz, Tony Langford and Ryan Connolly. Langford and Connolly each added two in the sixth inning to bring the lead to 13-5 — the highest scoring inning for the Irish, who racked

up seven runs.

“We really executed offensively,” Schrage said. “We were able to get our bunting and running game going a little bit and we got some clutch hitting. We put pressure on [Nebraska] and they made some mistakes against us and that was a big factor in the win.”

Sophomore pitcher David Phelps gave up one earned run in his five-plus innings — Jake Opitz’s three-run homer over the rightfield fence. Phelps’ win was his second victory over a top-ranked opponent — he led the Irish from the mound as they defeated No. 12 Texas Christian Feb. 24.

Notre Dame posted three runs

in the seventh to enact the 10-run mercy rule and end the game.

Sunday’s win over Nebraska marked the highlight of the Stetson Invitational for the Irish. Stetson rallied from a 4-0 deficit to take the 5-4 win Friday, and Iowa followed with an 8-1 victory Saturday.

“We played a great game Friday night and it was a tough heartbreaker to lose,” Schrage said.

The Irish posted four runs in the first inning Friday with doubles from Lilley and Ross Brezovsky, but that was the only action Notre Dame saw from behind the plate. Stetson remained steadfast and earned one run in each of the first three innings before finally posting

two runs in the bottom of the seventh, giving the home team the go-ahead run.

Notre Dame struggled from the field as well. Right-hander Joey Williamson pitched only one inning — senior right-hander Dan Kapala relieved the junior to help the Irish protect their lead part way into the fifth inning.

Sophomore right-hander Brett Graffy was charged with the loss after he allowed the go-ahead run in the seventh inning. Stetson’s Casey Frawley and Brian Pruitt each posted an RBI off Graffy for the win.

Notre Dame struggled again on Saturday against Iowa, falling 8-1.

“We came out flat on Saturday after that tough loss [Friday] and we talked a lot about resiliency and how to battle

through adversity even though you lose a tough game and they responded in a great way [against Nebraska],” Schrage said.

Iowa scored in five of the first six innings before the Irish could rally to post a single run in the sixth. Iowa took the lead early finishing the match up in six innings with an 8-1 win after the game was called early due to heavy rain.

While Schrage was satisfied with the way the team played from behind the plate, he said he would like to see more consistency on both ends.

“Hopefully we’re getting our bats rolling a little bit,” he said. “But we need to show up our defense a little bit better yet. It will be good next weekend to get into a groove.”

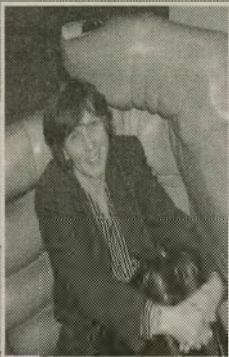
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Demons

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end of Saturday’s game.

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DePaul for the entire game. Early in the second half, the Blue Demons dominated play, outscoring Notre Dame 20-4 over a seven-minute span. DePaul spread the ball around during the run with five different players scoring points.

Blue Demons guard China Threatt led the offense during this stretch, knocking down both of her 3-point attempts. Threatt delayed any Irish comeback attempts with her threes. Her second triple extended the Blue Demon lead to 10 points as DePaul appeared in complete control of the game.

But even though the Irish were floundering, they did not sink.

Notre Dame responded to DePaul’s run with one of its own, scoring 10 straight points over the next two minutes, led by freshman Ashley Barlow and junior Charel Allen.

“I thought Charel came through for us at that point,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “Ashley Barlow got a couple of rebounds. I thought it was mostly rebounding.”

Barlow made the most of her 5-foot-9 frame, fighting for rebounds during the Irish run in order to get put-back layups. Barlow finished with nine points and seven rebounds, but entered the locker room at half-time scoreless on 0-of-5 shooting.

“I think she prefers to come off the bench,” McGraw said. “In the first half she was really out of sync and I thought in the second half she played more like she’s played all season long.”

At the tail end of Notre Dame’s 10-0 run, the Irish failed to convert on two chances to swing momentum in their favor. Allen was sent to the line twice for the Irish — once with a chance to take the lead and once to tie — but made only one of the two foul shots.

“I was disappointed, and I thought if we had gotten the lead it would have been a

much different game,” McGraw said. “It would have put more pressure on them, but when it’s a tie game you don’t have that same pressure.”

The Irish played a tough man-to-man defense, led by guard Breona Gray. Gray has been Notre Dame’s top defensive player all season, and tracked down loose balls and forced turnovers throughout Saturday’s game.

“The biggest part of our defense was to continue playing hard. We never wanted to give up,” Gray said. “Wherever the ball was, I was there and so were the rest of my teammates.”

Although Notre Dame forced 19 turnovers, at times it played too aggressively and was in foul trouble throughout the game. Notre Dame finished with 21 team fouls and had both of its point guards — senior Tulyah Gaines and freshman Melissa Lechlitner — foul out late in the second half.

With the loss, the Irish are eliminated from the Big East tournament and now await the NCAA Selection Committee’s decision March 12 on whether they will be in the

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Muffet McGraw
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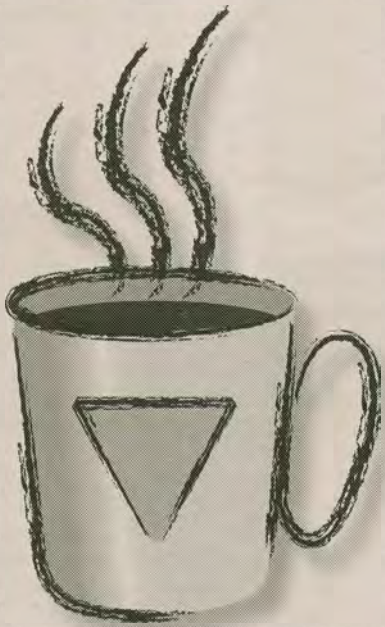
“Wherever the ball was, I was there and so were the rest of my teammates.”

Breona Gray
Irish guard

Tournament.

DePaul currently finds itself in a similar position to the Irish on the bubble for the NCAA Tourney. The Blue Demons lost 63-55 to Rutgers in the second round Sunday night, hurting their chances of impressing the committee enough to secure a spot in the bracket. Both teams will have to wait until next Monday before they learn their post-season fates.

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only previous appearance during his career.

"My freshman year they beat us, and they beat us in the Big East tournament my sophomore year to keep us out of the NCAA Tournament," Falls said. "So finishing up my regular season career with a win against them is a pretty cool thing."

Falls has scored more than 20 points in three of his last six games and has scored in double figures in each of the last 12. He credited the scoring outburst to extra motivation in his last month of college basketball.

"As a senior, your career is winding down and you want to go out strong," he said. "The adrenaline gets flowing and you get in a rhythm."

In addition to Falls, Notre Dame had three other starters in double figures — senior guard Russell Carter with 17, junior for-

ward Rob Kurz with 13 and freshman forward Luke Harangody with 10.

Point guard Tory Jackson was the only starter not to score in double figures, finishing with six points, but the freshman made up for it with nine assists.

"He was distributing the ball well," Falls said. "He was getting in the lane, finding shooters and finding cutters."

Notre Dame scored the first six points of the game and never looked back, leading from start to finish. The Irish got up by as

much as 13 at 44-31 two minutes into the second half, but Rutgers made a run and cut it to five at 62-57 with less than six minutes remaining.

Seeing the lead slipping away, Notre Dame went on a 6-2 run and coasted to victory.

"They kept making runs at us, but we kept responding," Falls said. "We just kind of ground this one out." Forward Adrian Hill led the Scarlet Knights with 16 points and 18 rebounds.

Notes:

♦ The Irish will play at 2 p.m.

Thursday in Madison Square Garden in New York City in the Big East quarterfinals against the winner of Syracuse and Connecticut, who will play on Wednesday.

The first round bye gives Notre Dame an extra day to prepare for the tournament.

"We're going to soak up the city and the environment and get ready to play at the Garden," Falls said.

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Champs

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and then just wail on me," Navare said. "This year I kept my distance, you know, 'you come in first, see what happens.'"

132 lb.

Paul "Squints" Oddy def. Chris "Cougar" Cugliari

Although Oddy won the fight in a unanimous decision, neither fighter took a clear advantage in the first round. Both threw accurate punches and hit home with some of them.

In the second round, Oddy's right hand helped him land some straight shots to Cugliari's head. Oddy would wait until his opponent attacked and then counter-punch with his right. Cugliari came back in the third round, pressuring Oddy all over the ring, but Oddy ended the round in dramatic fashion, landing four straight hard rights to Cugliari's head as the round expired.

140 lb.

Kris "El Azteca" Perez def. Christopher Hartstein

Perez's power led him to a unanimous victory.

Perez put a lot of pressure on Hartstein, forcing him around the ring and using his exceptionally hard punches to keep Hartstein from accomplishing anything offensive.

The second round saw more of the same. Perez would capitalize on the opening every time Hartstein threw a punch.

Hartstein started landing some punches in the beginning of the third round, but by the end Perez's power was too much for him. Perez was too quick defensively for Hartstein as well, bobbing his head and keeping Hartstein from getting a bead on him.

145 lb.

Lawrence "The Boston Massacre" Sullivan def. Mike "I'm On the Poster" Hennig

Sullivan won one of the most exciting fights of the night in a unanimous decision.

Hennig's upper-body movement was very good in the first round, keeping Sullivan from landing many punches to the head. The fighters used the entire ring and moved quickly and often. Sullivan took advantage of Hennig's lowered defenses at the end of the second round and was finally able to land some hard punches.

Both fighters were exhausted in the third round and struggling just to throw a punch, but Sullivan had more stamina. Both fighters wrapped up often, forcing most of the punches in the round to be thrown from close range.

Sullivan said conditioning played a large role in the match, and thought his training with the Marine ROTC aided him greatly.

"Running with the Marines every morning is good — it leaves you no choice but to get your road work in, which helps me,"

Sullivan said. "[Hennig]'s in great shape. He was pushing the pace, and when he wasn't, I was pushing the pace."

150 lb.

Tommy "One Two Three" Forr def. Joseph "Thor's Hammer" Leary

Forr's superior height and reach were large factors in his victory by unanimous decision.

The first round of the fight displayed Forr's size advantage. His height and reach kept Leary from landing many of his strong left hooks. The second round started quickly and fiercely and gave Forr a chance to pepper Leary's body with his uppercuts. Forr's power also kept Leary at a distance.

The third round again started fast but slowed, and neither fighter was able to pressure the other significantly.

155 lb.

Dan "You're In the Lion's Den Now" Rodgers def. Bret "The Mail Never Stops" Shapot

Rodgers' size and hard right hook led the way in this win by unanimous decision. Rodgers put Shapot on the mat in the middle of the first round with a hard right, but Shapot bounced right back up, smiling, and the fight continued.

Rodgers had a slight height advantage over Shapot, meaning most of Shapot's best punches were body shots. It also meant Rodgers landed more shots to the head. Shapot overcame this to land some strong lefts to Rodgers' face in the second round.

Rodgers landed two successive hard rights to the side of Shapot's head early in the third round. Later in the round, he would take complete control, landing numerous hard rights over Shapot's lowered gloves. The referee stopped the fight and looked like he was going to call it, but at Shapot's insistence, he let it continue.

Despite his insistence on going the distance, Shapot was unable to make up any ground on the score sheets.

Parfait Mwez def. Ryan "Seoul Man" Smith

Mwez won the split-decision bout that saw many changes in momentum and no domination by either fighter.

Mwez's combinations were working well in the first round. Although Smith hit Mwez hard in the second round, Mwez's jab became a larger factor and helped his combinations become even more effective. Smith continued to be aggressive, taking advantage when Mwez lowered his hands.

Smith came out hard in the third round and threw his hooks hard and often, striking Mwez with a good number of them. Mwez was exhausted at the end of the round and had trouble throwing a punch, but had done enough in the earlier rounds to convince the judges.

"The deciding factor of the fight

was scoring a lot of points early and taking that first round," Mwez said. "I feel like I was able to throw many high impact punches when both of us were fresh and as result I found myself in a position of maintaining the lead as opposed to playing catch-up."

163 lb.

Chris Calderone def. Alex Duffy

Calderone, the more aggressive of the two fighters in this bout, threw enough jabs and power shots to Duffy's body to give him the split-decision victory.

Calderone alternated between a right-handed and left-handed stance and was able to dodge most of Duffy's power punches until the third round. Duffy mounted a charge late in the final round but Calderone had scored enough early to withstand the comeback.

"It was tough to win once and even tougher to win twice because everyone's going after you," said Calderone, a senior who was also a champion last year. "It's just a great way to go out, knowing that I'll probably never step into a ring like that again."

165 lb.

Preston Carter def. Michael Smith

After Carter landed an array of hooks and straight power punches to Smith's head, the referee was forced to stop the fight 1:15 into the third round.

Carter came out firing, landing several devastating combinations in the early rounds. Even after having his own nose bloodied in the second round, Carter did not relent, attacking his overmatched opponent's face and body.

"It felt really good," said Carter, who also garnered Best Boxer honors for the tournament.

"It was a good fight, so it was very satisfying to win."

170 lb.

Steven Hansen def. Conor McLaughlin

Hansen set the tone for this fight soon after the opening bell as he trapped McLaughlin against the ropes several times and repeatedly pieced together overpowering combinations. The referee stopped the fight 1:57 into the second round after Hansen cornered his opponent and launched a series of technical punches to the head and body.

"It felt amazing to have all that hard work and training pay off and not have to go to a third round," Hansen said.

175 lb.

Mike Lee def. Andrew Massari

Lee landed a monster one-two combination 1:48 into the final round, making it his third fight in a row that had to be stopped prematurely.

Massari had a reach advantage but was unable to keep his opponent away from his body throughout the bout. Lee used both hands effectively to land hooks and keep Massari off-bal-



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Kris Perez, left, and Christopher Hartstein trade punches during the 140-pound final Saturday. Perez won a unanimous decision.

ance. Lee appeared to tire in the third round but was still able to bloody his overmatched opponent before the fight was called.

180 lb.

Dan Ward def. Leo Rubinkowski

Dan Ward won a unanimous decision to take home his second title in three years.

In the first round, Ward, a senior captain, defended himself well against the taller Rubinkowski and countered most of the punches his opponent threw at him. As the fight went on, Ward remained in control and landed several long combinations on his way to victory.

Ward displayed good offensive technique in the decisive third round and was able to bloody Rubinkowski's face.

"That's a great way to cap off my Bengal Bouts career," said Ward, who was the default champion as a sophomore and a split-decision loser in the finals last year.

"It's an incredible feeling of personal fulfillment to win an actual championship bout."

Heavyweight

Stu Stypula def. Pat Burns

Both fighters came out of their corners aggressively, and the two traded punches for much of the first two rounds. But the quicker Stypula was able to land more punches early on before com-

pletely overmatching his opponent in the third round.

Midway through the second, Stypula landed a long combination, paused and stepped back, then landed a straight left that sent Burns sprawling to the canvas. Stypula tried to put his opponent away soon after but Burns responded with a powerful combination of his own just before the bell sounded.

Stypula regained his composure and dispatched his opponent early in the final round, forcing the referee to stop the fight 34 seconds in.

**Super Heavyweight
Tony Cunningham def. Pat McInerney**

Cunningham gained the upper hand early and held on to earn the split-decision victory. Cunningham landed several combinations to McInerney's body in the first round and used powerful right hooks to keep McInerney away from him as the fight wore on.

McInerney appeared to have more left in the tank during the third round, but Cunningham landed enough punches to bloody his opponent and get the win.

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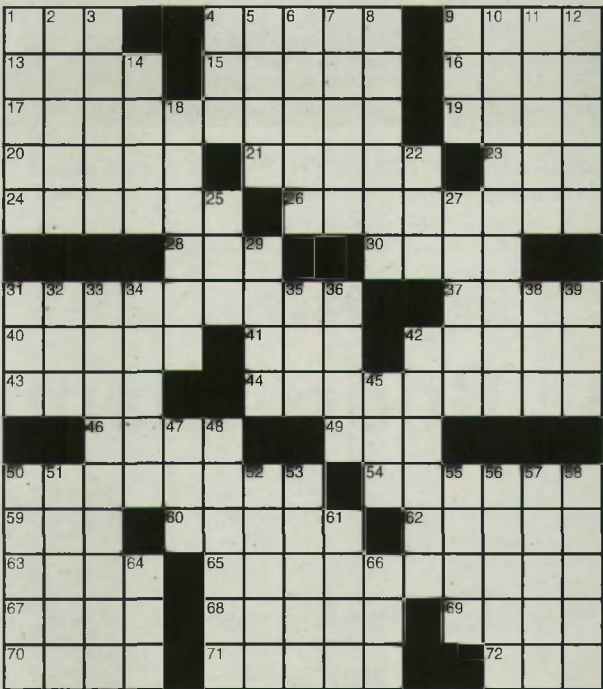
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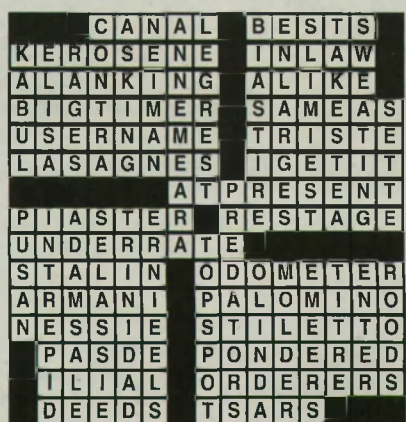
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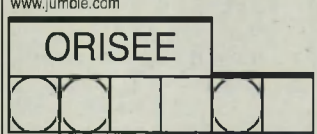
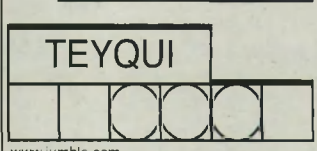
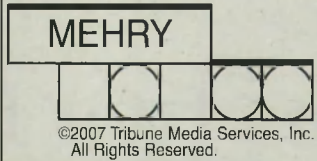


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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may have a bit of explaining to do if you didn't give your best effort. Travel the distance to turn any wrong into a right. Someone from your past will make a difference. 3 stars

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't waste the day thinking about the things you'd like to do — get moving. You will be able to share ideas with friends, network and come up with answers you've been searching for. Physical activities will be tiring but rewarding. 3 stars

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotional matters will cloud your day if you stick around home or get involved with relatives. Instead, do things with friends who like the same activities you do. Don't let someone from your past put a damper on your day. 2 stars

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Weis nabs two Indiana recruits over weekend

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame landed its second and third verbal commitments of the Class of 2012 at the team's junior day Sunday.

Both Fort Wayne wide receiver John Goodman and Mishawaka offensive lineman

Braxton Cave said they would play for the Irish on the day former Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn worked out for NFL scouts on

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campus.

Goodman is a 6-foot-4, 185-pound junior at Bishop Dwenger High School. He caught 44 passes for nine touchdowns and more than 800 yards last season.

His frame, agility and complexion remind some of former Irish receiver Jeff Samardzija.

"The comparisons already

start — its Jeff Samardzija all over again," said Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for IrishEyes.com. "He's got a very, very similar type of game that Jeff had. He's a guy who's faster than a lot of people think he should be. He's really quick. You also don't often see a guy his size move side to side the way he

does."

Cave, a 6-foot-4, 290-pound center at Penn High School, also had an offer from Michigan. Frank said Cave had scheduled a trip to Florida, where the Gators likely would have offered him a scholarship to play in Gainesville, but the

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Bedeviled

Irish make quiet exit in first round; NCAA bid no longer a given

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

HARTFORD, Conn. — With 5.5 seconds remaining and DePaul leading by three, Blue Demons guard Allie Quigley sank a pair of free throws to ice a 76-71 win Saturday over Notre Dame in the first round of the Big East tournament.

Down the stretch, Quigley hit several key shots for DePaul, scoring her team's last eight points. She finished with 28 points on 7-of-14 shooting and made all 12 free throws she attempted.

"Taking it to the basket, I felt confident knowing that my teammates were going to be there to get the rebound and move the ball around," Quigley said of her play at the



DePaul guard Jenna Rubino wards off Notre Dame's Melissa Lechlitner in the second half of the Blue Devils' 76-71 win Saturday in the first round of the Big East tournament in Hartford, Conn.

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BASEBALL

Irish beat Nebraska to save trip

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Notre Dame dropped its first two games in the Stetson Invitational Friday and Saturday but looked like a different team as it sailed past No. 7 Nebraska Sunday.

Junior Brett Lilley led the Irish from the lead off position going 4-for-5 from the plate en route to the 16-6 victory over the Cornhuskers.

The Irish scored five times in the first inning and seven in the sixth. Freshman A.J. Pollock, back in the lineup at the No. 2 spot, hit 3-for-4 with a walk, three runs scored and an RBI.

"[Lilley and Pollock] were on base all the time — running the bases well," Notre Dame coach Dave Schrage said. "They were

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Falls drops 22 in final regular season game

Notre Dame defeats Rutgers on the road to finish 23-6 overall

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

As far as Notre Dame's Big East tournament position was concerned, Saturday's game was meaningless.

Just a few minutes before tip-off, Villanova defeated Syracuse, giving No. 17/22 Notre Dame fourth place in the Big East and a bye in the conference tournament no matter what happened against Rutgers at the Louis Brown Athletic Center in Piscataway, N.J.

But the Irish found their own motivation and dispatched the overmatched Scarlet Knights 73-

66 anyway.

The win improved Notre Dame's record to 23-6 overall and 11-5 in the Big East. The 23 wins are the most in a regular season in coach Mike Brey's tenure and the 11 conference victories are tied for the most in Irish Big East history.

Senior captain Colin Falls, who led the Irish with 22 points Saturday, said Notre Dame dropped a few games it could have won, notably against St. John's and South Florida, but overall he was pleased with the team's season.

"There were a few that slipped away, but we're pretty happy with our record," Falls said after the win Saturday.

Falls also said he was happy to get a win at the Brown Center, where Notre Dame had lost its

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BENGAL BOUTS

Bouts champs are crowned

Navare avenges 2006 loss to Izaguirre with split decision victory

By BILL BRINK and FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writers

Sagar Navare took the first fight of the night Saturday in a split decision against Chris Izaguirre.

Both fighters fought the first round conservatively and although Navare was slightly more aggressive, neither landed many punches. The fighting opened up near the end of the round, when Izaguirre landed a few combinations. Izaguirre took over in the second round, three times landing a body-to-head combination that culminated in a left hook to Navare's head.

The third round became much



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Tommy Forr, left, winds up for a hook during his victory over sophomore Joseph Leary at the Joyce Center Saturday night.

more intense — Navare landed two successive shots to Izaguirre's head, and Izaguirre struck home with several solid hooks and crosses.

The two fighters fought last

year in the quarterfinals, so Navare felt he had a better idea of how Izaguirre would attack.

"Last year, he'd let me come

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Despite missing frosh Bouts, Stypula still captain

By ERIC RETTER
Associate Sports Editor

Senior captain Stu Stypula's friends didn't box his freshman year.

As a result, neither did he.

"I kinda wussed out and decided not to do it," Stypula said. "I didn't really want to do it alone because I didn't know anyone doing it."

By the time boxing season rolled around the next year, Stypula was ready to put on the gloves.

"I remembered I had thought about doing it freshman year," he

said. "I decided to go for it just for the heck of it, see what it was all about."

In that one-year interim, Stypula was also able to recruit some of his buddies, including Steve Hansen and Mike Hennig — both of whom are also now captains — to at least check out the program.

They all liked what they saw.

"[When] we started going over, it turned out to be pretty awesome, so I stuck with it," Stypula said.

That year, Stypula advanced to the quarterfinals before falling to graduate student Doug Bartels in

his second fight.

"He reminded me of Drago from Rocky, and he took it to me," Stypula said. "I prided myself on that fight on being pretty much the only opponent of [Bartels] that didn't get knocked out other than his finals fight against [champion Jim] Christoforetti."

Since his opening fights, Stypula has worked extensively on his technique and ring strategy. A self-described "brawler" in his novice year, Stypula has focused his efforts on improving his presence of mind in the ring.

"My focus is on my boxing technique and trying to become a better boxer," he said. "Not necessarily a stronger boxer or a faster boxer, but what you would call a smarter boxer, being able to pull off combinations and have a repertoire of punches."

Toward that end, Stypula feels that he has made serious strides.

"Sophomore year, I used to ... throw punches and kind of hope not to get hit as much as the other guy," Stypula said. "Now I feel like I can plan out my fights a little bit and go in with a few tricks up my sleeve of things I want to work on during the fight."

One of those tricks was for Stypula — a natural lefty — to teach himself how to fight right-handed. In his quarterfinal bout against Andrew Lorenz, Stypula briefly switched from his southpaw style and fought from a traditional stance.

"I actually feel I have a stronger jab right-handed," Stypula said. "If I can switch [stances] quickly

and get some punches off, they'll have to take some time to re-adjust their entire defense and offense and hopefully by that time, I can switch again."

However, Stypula feels that the major advantage from his ambidextrous efforts has come in practice. Being left-handed, he would get turned around while trying to demonstrate proper technique to righties.

"It turned out that the biggest advantage for me was when I was working with other guys," Stypula said. "I could hold targets in a right-handed stance, and it helped me not get quite so confused."

Among other things, holding mitts and working with younger boxers is one of Stypula's roles as a captain. He feels both of those things have helped him grow as a boxer.

"It poses a sort of challenge, but at the same time I'm exposed to a lot more, as opposed to being a little more isolated as an individual boxer," he said.

The work has helped him improve over last season, when he advanced to the semifinals before losing to eventual champion Jeff Golen. And this season, he is the most confident he has been.

"I sort of got stuck in the middle of losing the fights I was supposed to lose and winning the fights I was supposed to win, so I never really broke out," he said. "[Monday] night was my first fight where I felt good about it."

In addition to getting his daily workout in, which is often upward of three hours, Stypula spends

another hour doing administrative work. As a result, the captain said he doesn't do much else outside of school and boxing.

"I was going to do Swing Club, but I ended up not getting to as many meetings as I wanted to — a la zero," he said.

In a way, his singular focus has helped Stypula prepare for his ultimate objective — advancing to his first Bengal Bouts finals and winning the tournament.

"It's a pretty big deal for me," he said. "I'm excited about a chance to get to the finals, and I think this is probably my best chance, and obviously it's my last chance."

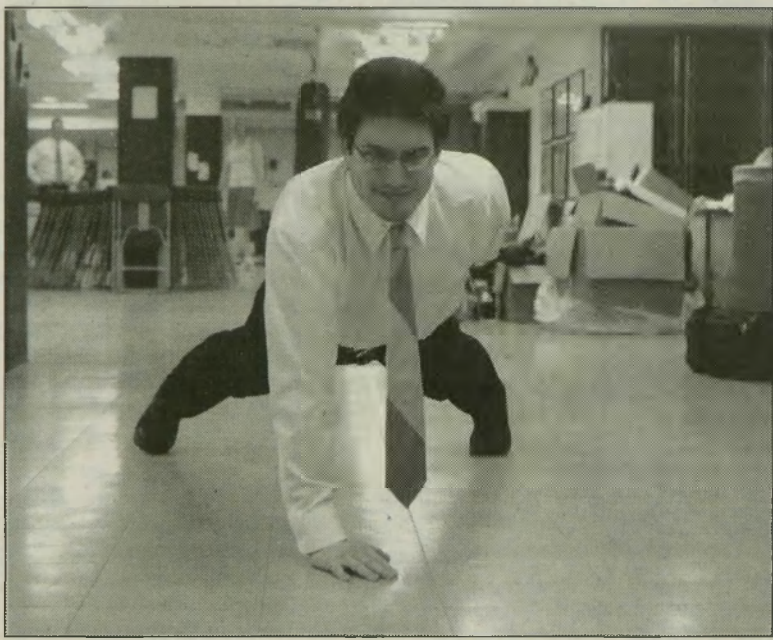
A contingent of his family plans to be on campus this weekend, and Stypula anticipates fighting in front of them Saturday evening in the finals.

"It's sort of a lot of pressure, but I like the challenge," he said.

In striving toward his goal, a part of Stypula wishes he had ventured to the Joyce Center alone as a freshman to begin his boxing career.

"It's not that I regret [not boxing], but I feel like if I had done it, it would have been a lot different," he said. "I feel like I definitely would have benefited from competing freshman year ... at least my progression would have gotten me to the point where if I was junior year where I am now, I feel like my senior year would have been a lot stronger."

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Senior Stu Stypula shows off part of his grueling workout, the one-handed pushup. Stypula faces junior Pat Burns in the finals Saturday.

Former hockey player Hennig vents aggression in the ring

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

His arm reared back, ready to strike, and the end result was a blow of such force that the victim needed stitches.

Two-year old Bobby Hennig had just been hit by a launched toy car, and the thrower, older brother Mike, was in a lot of trouble with his parents.

Nineteen years later, senior co-captain Mike Hennig is throwing punches instead of projectiles, but the tenacity and aggressiveness that caused Hennig to fight with his two younger brothers on a daily basis is still present more than ever.

Initially, Hennig found an outlet for his aggression in another sport with high levels of physical contact — hockey. A figure skater growing up, Hennig's mom enrolled her sons in figure skating at age two. From the moment he saw other kids playing hockey, Hennig realized he was only meant to be on the ice if he was holding a stick.

In high school, Hennig played for his school's team all four years, and he also was a member of a club AAA team from his sophomore through his senior year. Many members of AAA teams proceed to play one year in Juniors before obtaining a scholarship with a Division I school.

Hennig appeared ready to

follow a similar route as he searched for a Division III school that would allow him to continue his hockey career, but he ultimately decided to sacrifice hockey for the opportunity to attend Notre Dame.

"It came to down to hockey at a Division III school or going to Notre Dame, and it really wasn't a hard decision," Hennig said. "Notre Dame gives you so much more opportunity."

With hockey no longer in the picture, Hennig needed to find a new scratch for his aggressive itch. The answer came during his freshman year when Hennig attended Bengal Bouts and realized the emotion inherent to the competition.

"It was really intense and exciting, and you could tell the guys were competing with all their heart," Hennig said. "That's ultimately what sports are about."

With a new outlet for his aggressive side in hand, Hennig set out to learn a sport in which he had never participated save for the occasional punch thrown between siblings. Hennig joined Bengal Bouts his sophomore year, along with close friends and now fellow captains Stephen Hansen and Stu Stypula.

Although a rough and unfinished product the spring of his sophomore year, Hennig managed to make the finals in the 140-pound weight class before falling in a split decision to junior Mike McCann. Hennig

credited his success that year to his "natural tenacity."

"Watching the Bouts my freshman year helped me realize how much of it is natural tenacity," Hennig said. "Seeing the success people had just being aggressive made me realize that I could be successful even if I wasn't the best technical boxer."

That's not to say that Hennig was unconcerned with the finer points of boxing. His loss to McCann left him hungrier than ever to improve his technique with the goal of taking his success one fight further.

Over the next year, Hennig transformed himself into a smart boxer to complement his tenacity, competitiveness and aggressiveness. He learned to dictate the pace of the fight by conserving his energy rather than throwing as many punches as he could. This change left Hennig fresh rather than exhausted in the final round.

The end result was a smart, hungry and technically sound boxer, and the results were seen the following year. In his junior year, Hennig dominated the 140-pound weight class winning every fight by unanimous decision or knock-out on his way to the title. This season, Hennig has moved up to the 145-pound division, but the results have changed little as he has breezed his way into the semi-finals.

While Hennig admits to feeling more pressure to perform this year, the title(s) will not even be his fondest memory of his participation in Bengal Bouts. That honor instead goes to the close relationships that Hennig has formed with his fellow boxers.

"Bengal Bouts has been my

best experience at ND, and other than the money that goes to charity, the training is the best part of the Bouts," Hennig said. "I think pushing yourself and pushing others — working toward the common goal of improving yourselves — brings you all closer together, and I have met some of my best friends through boxing."

The solidarity that Hennig feels with the other boxers will keep him involved with Bengal Bouts after graduation. Living

in Chicago next year, Hennig said he hopes to return to Notre Dame during next year's Bouts to give advice to the new class of Irish boxers.

Hennig also talked of finding a gym in Chicago that would allow him to continue boxing in some fashion.

For someone with the attitude of Mike Hennig, that's just the outlet he needs.

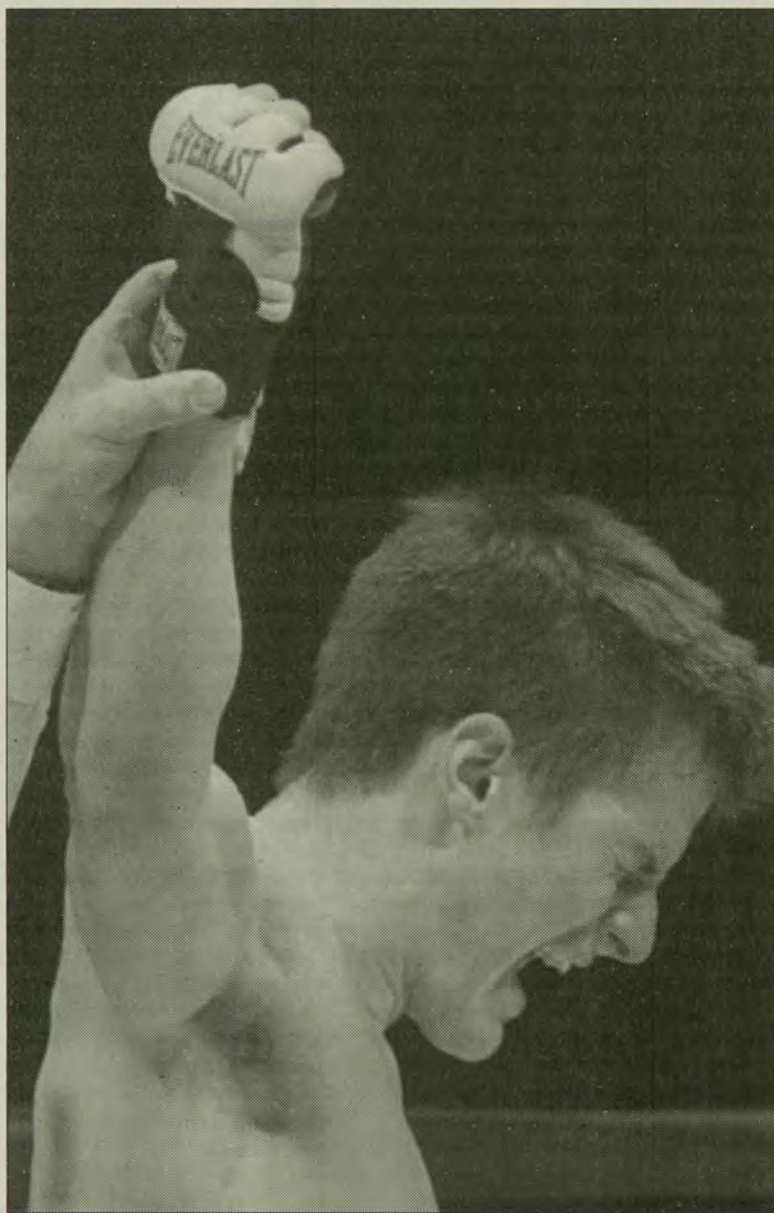
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Senior Bengal Bouts captain Mike Hennig celebrates his 140-pound championship last year.

An unlikely president



Bengal Bouts president Andrew McGill celebrates his 145-pound championship last year. McGill defeated Tommy Forr for the title.

McGill disobeyed his father to join the club he now heads

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

Driving away from Zahm's freshman orientation, Andrew McGill's father's last words were about the Bengal Bouts.

They were an admonition to his son not to compete in the boxing tournament.

"One of the last things he said to me when he was leaving campus was that he didn't want me to join Bengal Bouts," the senior president and captain recalled. "He thought I would join the club and break my nose, hurt myself all the time — that it wouldn't be good physically for me."

McGill had already expressed an interest in the Bouts thanks to a fellow Erie, Pa., native — Rob Joyce, who had boxed at Notre Dame before McGill enrolled in the University.

At the first activities night, despite his father's stern warning, McGill decided to join the boxing club.

"A couple of my friends and I decided we would sign up and join the club, but we never really planned on actually boxing in the tournament," he said. "I originally wanted to get in shape and learn how to box, but I thought I'd actually just get beaten up by all the people who were part of the program."

McGill now finds himself leading more than 200 amateur boxers through grueling workouts, fighting techniques and fundraising activities as well as organizing the event with other leaders.

He wouldn't have it any other

way.

"I realized these guys weren't that much better than I was"

McGill had played soccer and golf and skied prior to his Bengal Bouts experience. But nothing prepared him for the first punches and that inaugural trip into the ring.

His freshman year was an eye-opening experience, as he joined the squad to get in shape and learn to box as a workout, not as competition.

"Once we started throwing punches [in practice] and learning how to block them, I realized these guys weren't that much better than I was," he said, recalling his first boxing practices. "They had more skill, but I could compete with them — and if I committed myself to the program, I would be able to do well in the program."

McGill threw himself into training.

"That was the turning point when I decided that I was going to do it and would work to winning [the tournament] eventually," he said.

After months of work, McGill entered the tournament seeded third in the 140-pound weight class after a first-round bye.

His opponent was a veteran fighter who had already won his preliminary fight.

"Getting in the ring, stepping in there under the lights, hearing the crowd and knowing that every single pair of eyes is looking right at you ... it really changes all the dimensions of the fight," he said.

Adjusting from training in the basement with your teammates to fighting in front of arena crowds was difficult — a common experience for beginners.

"It's really exciting but it also makes you incredibly nervous to be in that environment and experience those people watching you," McGill said. "You have a tendency

to forget what you've learned — a lot of guys will step into that ring and get overwhelmed with their emotions."

McGill lost to his more experienced opponent in a split decision. His opponent went on to win the weight class, but that didn't console McGill. Looking back, he said he was frustrated that he forgot his style of boxing once he got into the ring and didn't fight as well as he could have.

"One of the big obstacles I learned [to adapt to] was not to let the whole environment take over you," he said. "You have to step into that ring and acclimate yourself to the environment but also remember everything you've learned. You have to take that rush and use it to build up the adrenaline."

Those months of training had gone for just a few minutes in the ring. For McGill, it was disheartening at first, but eventually, he used the fight as motivation to train even harder for the next year.

"I had worked so hard to achieve something, and I didn't get there," he said.

As a sophomore, McGill made it to the semifinals before losing, again to the eventual champion.

Finally, last year, he won his weight class. Going into senior year, however, his focus wasn't just on fighting and winning again. He was named president, and that brought a whole new set of duties into his ring.

"As president, your tasks increase enormously"

Devotion to the Bengal Bouts program has been key for McGill.

"Boxing — especially with Bengal Bouts, and especially as captain and president, it's really about commitment," McGill said. "You have to be really committed to the program and to the training. You may win a match, but you won't win the tournament."

The long-term goals of Bengal Bouts especially resonate with its fundraising aspect. This year's tournament, according to McGill, had raised over \$100,000 before expenses. McGill has been involved with various service organizations for years. In high school, he was in the Key Club and did other volunteer work. As president of the Bengal Bouts, he recognizes the importance of raising money for the Holy Cross mission in Bangladesh and has used his leadership role to educate others about this.

"You only realize this when you get to be a senior — all the money that's raised goes such a long way," McGill said. "We've done a huge amount of fundraising so far. Knowing that all this money is going toward such a great cause really inspires you to go out and encouraged me to keep putting in all this time to help these people."

In Bangladesh, the Holy Cross mission runs a university, hospital and shelter for women, among other projects.

"It's such an extensive mission and without the Bengal Bouts they wouldn't be able to accomplish half as much as it does right now," McGill said. "That's very rewarding."

The goal itself was also rewarding for McGill. He said that as a freshman, he set a goal of being president of the Bengal Bouts.

"My favorite memory of the Bouts was when I first found out I was going to be president," he said. "It was a goal I had committed myself to when I decided I was really going to do boxing. ... I always looked up to the guys, my freshman and sophomore year and junior years. I was amazed at

how they could juggle all the different tasks that went into Bengal Bouts as well as have a social life and do well in school. They've been such great boxers, such great people."

As president, McGill has invested a huge amount of time in the Bouts, describing his job as "making sure it works as smoothly as possible."

He said he trains for about three hours every day, and spends several more hours working with the managers, captains, coaches, RecSports and other boxers to coordinate the tournament.

For example, during the tournament it is imperative to have EMTs present and to ensure that both boxers in the ring have someone in their corner to offer water, advice and encouragement.

There's always something for McGill to be working on — but he manages to keep it going by being organized.

"[Bengal Bouts] really helps you with time management," he said. "I have to organize my entire life around being down in the boxing gym. I have to make sure I can do well in school but still spend a few hours every day in the gym working on technique or helping other guys, and also working on the logistics of the tournament."

Do all those hours of responsibility pay off? For McGill, it's an unconditional yes.

"It's a huge responsibility, but it's well worth it," he said. "You see how much money you've raised and you can help out so many people."

Moving on

After this year, McGill will join the thousands of Bengal Bouts alumni around the country.

"Each person who's been part of the Bengal Bouts is willing to go completely out of their way to help you out," he said. "Joining that community is such a great group

of people, it's neat to be a part of that."

Two alumni have been particularly influential to him: Tom Suddes, who travels to campus from his hometown of Dublin, Ohio, to help train boxers, and Terry Johnson, a lawyer from Chicago who helps finance and organize the tournament.

"They really support the captains and take a lot of the workload off us," McGill said. "Without these two guys, the Bengal Bouts would definitely not be as successful as it has been."

When McGill took a job with British Petroleum in Chicago, he knew he would be able to come back for the Bouts — something he said was a factor in the decision.

For McGill, the memories of Bengal Bouts are something he will take with him forever, and he looks forward to coming back and helping as an alumnus.

"I couldn't even really tell you what classes I took or who the professors were for each class [freshman year]," he said. "But I can tell you minute-by-minute the first time I stepped into the boxing ring and how that felt and the emotions that were involved with that. I look down the road ten years from now, and I know I had a great time at Notre Dame and that I challenged myself academically, but some of my fondest memories will be goofing out down in the gym and stepping into the ring and boxing."

And what about his dad, who will be in the stands with other family members this week?

"He's come to be very comfortable with me in the ring every day boxing other guys," McGill said. "He agrees that joining Bengal Bouts is the best thing I could have done at Notre Dame with the people I've met and the things I've been able to accomplish."

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Bengal Bouts president Andrew McGill demonstrates his pull-up technique. McGill fell to Dan Rodgers in a split decision Wednesday.

129-pounds



CHRIS IZAGUIRRE VS. SAGAR NAVARE

PICKS

PAT O'BRIEN
Izaguirre
LORENZO REYES
Izaguirre
BILL BRINK
Izaguirre

Izaguirre received a bye in the first round and defeated Nathan Serazin in the quarterfinals in a lopsided fight. Next up was defending champion Matt Gelchion. Izaguirre was not intimidated and pulled out a split-decision victory. Izaguirre's strength proved to be his ability to block counter-punches.

Navare also was able to rest during the first round and went on to best Danny Wemple in the quarterfinals. In the semifinals, Navare claimed a victory over Will Marra through the use of his powerful jab-hook combinations. Navare, however, will have to work on his defensive tactics against the accurate, pinpointing Izaguirre.

135-pounds



PAUL ODDY VS CHRIS CUGLIARI

PICKS

PAT O'BRIEN
Oddy
LORENZO REYES
Cugliari
BILL BRINK
Oddy

Oddy recorded two knockouts in his first two fights. Oddy's go-to punch is his forceful right hook, followed by his thunderous uppercut. Although he lacked superb blocking technique in his first fights, he vastly improved his defense and counterpunching in the semifinal match.

Cugliari recorded a split decision over Glen Gutierrez and advanced in the quarterfinals due to a walkover. Conor Cain fell next as Cugliari used his excellent technique and footwork to come out on top. Cugliari has a very tactical and precise style, accurately using his jab to target both the head and the body. Watch for Oddy's power against Cugliari's sound defense.

140-pounds



KRIS PEREZ VS CHRIS HARTSTEIN

PICKS

PAT O'BRIEN
Hartstein
LORENZO REYES
Perez
BILL BRINK
Hartstein

Perez sent Joey Brown to the mat in the quarterfinals and unanimously defeated Eric Feduska in the semifinals. Perez has been known to target both the head and the body, and effectively counterpunch. When his opponents dropped their hands, Perez made them pay.

Hartstein entered the finals with a unanimous victory over Michael Johnston in the semifinals. Although Hartstein did not defend well in his first fight, he improved his technique and became a stronger fighter. He also exhibits quick one-two combinations stemming from his jab. Hartstein will need to continue his defensive improvement when he faces the quick and powerful Perez.

145-pounds



LAWRENCE SULLIVAN VS MIKE HENNIG

PICKS

PAT O'BRIEN
Hennig
LORENZO REYES
Sullivan
BILL BRINK
Hennig

Hennig used his speed and agility to dominate his way through his first two fights. His punches land with such quickness that opponents are rarely able to defend themselves.

Sullivan knocked out Jim Duffy in the first round, but had more of a struggle in defeating Steven Sushinsky on Monday. The two fighters dealt punches back and forth that almost made it a draw. Sullivan bounced back to earn a unanimous decision over Phillip Hicks in the semis.

Sullivan will try to slow the tempo of this fight, but Hennig's speed may not allow him to do so. If Sullivan can slow the pace, Hennig may get frustrated.

150-pounds



TOMMY FORR VS JOSEPH LEARY

PICKS

PAT O'BRIEN
Forr
LORENZO REYES
Forr
BILL BRINK
Forr

Senior Tommy "One Two Three" Forr is one of the most feared fighters in the Bouts. He won in the preliminaries in a one-sided match stopped by the referee in the second round. His next fight featured more of the same as the official had to pause the match numerous times after the right-hander landed huge haymakers in the late rounds.

Sophomore Joseph "Thor's Hammer" Leary pounded his opponents so far, winning all of his early fights. His second fight was the most impressive as Leary took down senior Kevin Hederman in three rounds. Leary's combos were too much for Hederman's single punches. Forr will have to use his power to attempt to stop the multiple blows from Leary.

155-pounds



DAN RODGERS VS BRET SHAPOT

PICKS

PAT O'BRIEN
Rodgers
LORENZO REYES
Rodgers
BILL BRINK
Rodgers

This fight features two freight trains on a collision course.

Rodgers did not see the second round in the first two fights. His preliminary and second-round fights had to be stopped early due to Rodgers' speed and punching ability. The shocker came when Rodgers beat Bengal Bouts president Andrew McGill in a split decision Wednesday.

Junior southpaw Bret Shapot has done much of the same in the Bouts this year. He hammered his opponents in two unanimous decisions and a match stopped in the second round.

This could be the best fight of the finals.

160-pounds

PARFAIT MWEZ VS RYAN SMITH



PICKS

PAT O'BRIEN
Mwez
LORENZO REYES
Mwez
BILL BRINK
Mwez

Mwez and Smith come in to this fight with similar resumes. Both are seniors that have won three close bouts. In fact, both fighters have won two split decisions and each has one unanimous three-round victory to his credit.

Mwez will have to use his footspeed and quick punches effectively if he wants to beat Smith.

Smith needs to come in punching hard and not lose any of his energy going into the third round. If he gets a lead, he has to finish solidly.

163-pounds

CHRIS CALDERONE VS ALEX DUFFY



PICKS

PAT O'BRIEN
Calderone
LORENZO REYES
Duffy
BILL BRINK
Calderone

Calderone defeated James Creighton to advance to the semifinals, where he earned a split-decision victory over Bryan Marek. Calderone has been the aggressor in his fights, however his blocking tactics seem to come second to his offensive attack at times.

Duffy has displayed great patience and excellent tactical technique. He uses his jab masterfully to set up his right hook. He also displays incredible footwork. Duffy will try to use his precise jab to upset Calderone.

165-pounds

PRESTON CARTER VS MICHAEL SMITH



PICKS

PAT O'BRIEN
Carter
LORENZO REYES
Smith
BILL BRINK
Smith

Carter knocked off Jeff Skorup and Matt Decker on his way to the finals. Carter's strengths include his footwork and his agility as well as his quick combinations. His defensive tactics are also sound, creating opportunities for his counterpunches.

Smith unanimously defeated all three of his opponents. Smith has scored early, and then relied on his defense. He likes to corner his opponents against the ropes and finish them off. This fight should boil down to who wants the championship more.

170-pounds

STEVE HANSEN VS CONOR MCLAUGHLIN



PICKS

PAT O'BRIEN
McLaughlin
LORENZO REYES
Hansen
BILL BRINK
Hansen

Hansen depends on his power, specifically his hook, to throw off his opponents and take control of the fight. He can attack, then wait until his opponent throws a shot to capitalize.

McLaughlin also has a powerful right hook and a technically sound style. He put an opponent on the mat earlier in the bouts by taking advantage of his momentarily low defenses.

Both fighters hit hard; expect a third round full of solid head shots.

175-pounds

MIKE LEE VS ANDREW MASSARI



PICKS

PAT O'BRIEN
Lee
LORENZO REYES
Lee
BILL BRINK
Lee

Lee is a quick, powerful fighter who puts his opponent on the defense from the first bell. Lee can strike hard with both hands and his superior footwork prevents his opponent from getting within range. Massari's defense sets him apart from other fighters—getting a solid shot on him is difficult and done at his opponent's peril. He boxes smart and waits for his opportunities to attack. Lee, more of a free swinger, will face a tough defense, but Massari may have to abandon his conservative style to counter Lee's hooks.

180-pounds

DAN WARD VS LEO RUBINKOWSKI



PICKS

PAT O'BRIEN
Ward
LORENZO REYES
Rubinkowski
BILL BRINK
Rubinkowski

Ward has a long reach and good footwork, effectively keeping his opponents in the outside part of the ring. His punches are quick and accurate.

Rubinkowski has a strong left cross with superior reach, that wreaks havoc on opponents who try to get inside. Since Rubinkowski is left-handed, his jab comes from the opposite side, which prevents opponents from effectively using their own jabs.

Ward will control the ring, but if Rubinkowski can land his cross, Ward will be in trouble.

Heavyweight

STU STYPULA VS PAT BURNS



PICKS

PAT O'BRIEN
Burns
LORENZO REYES
Stypula
BILL BRINK
Burns

Stypula has a quick fighting style and employs lots of movement and change of direction. Because he is a lefty, his punches will come from a different angle than Burns is used to. Burns' punches are quick, powerful and relentless. He doesn't let up on his opponent, forcing him around the ring and into the ropes as he lands shot after shot to his head and body.

Burns has a size advantage over Stypula and if he can keep up with Stypula's ring antics, he should pressure him well.

Super Heavyweight

TONY CUNNINGHAM VS PAT MCINERNEY



PICKS

PAT O'BRIEN
Cunningham
LORENZO REYES
Cunningham
BILL BRINK
McInerney

Cunningham has a very deliberate fighting style, not moving much and often waiting until his opponent attacks to retaliate. When he does attack, however, his punches are accurate and some of the hardest in the tournament. McInerney's defense is strong, rarely allowing a solid shot to the head. He has a solid left hook that keeps opponents at a distance and punishes them when they try to come close. McInerney has a size advantage, but Cunningham's power may be too much for him if the contest becomes a dogfight.

Former wrestler learned his boxing from Golden Gloves

Calderone worked out in Hempstead, N.Y. after freshman Bouts

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Chris Calderone came to Notre Dame as a wrestler, but those days are long gone.

Calderone, one of five senior captains for this year's Boxing Club, is the man to beat in the 163-pound weight class.

He took the title at 155 as a

junior captain and moved up eight pounds for his senior season.

Now he's an administrator-boxer, working on a second consecutive crown — a far cry from his grappling days on Long Island.

As a senior captain, he spends an extra hour or two a day in the gym to take care of the business and charity aspects of Bengal Bouts. He even found himself in the depths of the Joyce Center late on a Saturday night squeezing in a workout whenever he could.

But back in high school, things were different.

Calderone finished second in New York in his wrestling weight class as a high school senior.

When he came to Notre Dame, a former wrestling teammate at Chaminade High School in Mineola, New York — Stephan Vorovina — prodded him to join the Bouts.

"I thought it was the closest thing to wrestling," Calderone said. "I actually fell in love with it more than I did wrestling."

Calderone said he likes being in the limelight of a spectator

sport. In high school, he would have a few friends watch his wrestling matches. In Bengal Bouts, the arena lights are dimmed on hundreds of fans as the spotlight shines on him and an opponent.

Before he joined the club, he was hardly a boxing fan. Now he watches "Friday Night Fights" every week and scours YouTube and ESPN

Classic for clips of Muhammad Ali's bouts.

But it's taken time to get to that point.

As a freshman, he took to the regimented workouts and the thrill of the competition.

"Any time I got in the ring, I expected to win," he said.

That year, Calderone won his first bout on a decision in three rounds but fell in the quarterfinals to Colin Kerrigan. Kerrigan went on to win the weight class.

"To lose really sets you back because you go from a senior in high school to the lowly freshman out there," Calderone said.

After a week of low spirits following the loss, Calderone picked himself up and decided he better start training for his sophomore Bouts. He worked out on campus for the two months following Bengal Bouts and then joined a gym half an hour from his home in Floral Park, N.Y.

Every weekday, he would train from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. — after his workday — with the two professionals and the slew of Golden Gloves fighters at the facility in Hempstead, N.Y.

"The first year was really motivating," Calderone said, elaborating on how the summer helped him. "I was the only white guy in the whole place,

but the [other] guys knew what they were talking about."

Calderone might not have been in a comfort zone at first, but the talent around him and his new mentors made it a perfect fit. He learned proper techniques and styles at the gym and came back to Notre Dame on par with the juniors and seniors, rather than his sophomore classmates.

"I got the feel for how they did in Golden Gloves fights," Calderone said. "I put in a hell of a lot of work."

During that second season of boxing, he lost to two-time champion and former Boxing Club president Galen Loughrey in the semifinals after earning a knockout in the first round and a decision in the quarters.

He honed his skills as a junior and took the title in the 155-pound weight class.

"Last year my technique kind of came together," he said. "I became less of a brawler and more of a boxer."

In essence, he studied the sweet science rather than boxing with abandon.

He remembers the two losses he's had and takes them as a lesson.

"In order to succeed, you need to lose a few times," he said.

That's why he's happy he joined early.

He took his lumps from the best and learned from the defeats. He has gotten rid of most of the wrestler and replaced it with a boxer.

His wrestling days are gone, but he's still got one more fight left in him.

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Senior Bengal Bouts captain Chris Calderone celebrates his 155-pound championship last year. Calderone trained at the Golden Gloves gym in Hempstead, N.Y. before his sophomore Bouts.

Ward experienced the sweet science early in life

Former Bouts fighter James Ward showed his brother, current senior Dan, the ropes in impromptu home battles

By ERIC RETTER
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When Dan Ward's older brother, James, was a student at Notre Dame, he would come home looking to practice the boxing he had learned.

More often than not, the elder Ward, who participated in the Bengal Bouts for three years and advanced to the semifinals his senior season, would turn his attention to his brother — who was three years his junior.

"He would want someone to practice on, and so he would beat up on me," Dan Ward said.

As a result, Dan Ward was exposed to boxing in high school, and he felt drawn to the sport.

"I really liked the physical aspect of the sport," he said. "And I needed a means to defend myself from my brother, so a combination of the two [drew me to boxing]."

Since that initial exposure, Ward has made quite a name for himself in the Bengal Bouts. After not boxing freshman year because of a scheduling conflict, Ward won the tournament as a sophomore, and advanced to the finals as a junior. He will

compete in his third championship bout Saturday night.

Since those brotherly rumbles years ago, Ward has come a long way.

"When you put gloves on the first time, you lose awareness of boxing as a sport and you look at it as a fight," he said. "I think that was the learning lesson for me. I would just be trying to physically hurt [my brother], and boxing is a sport with a scoring system."

Now, Ward is known for his studied approach to the sport.

"I'm much more a student of the sport than I used to be," he said. "I watch my opponents pretty carefully, find their weaknesses, then find ways to exploit those weaknesses."

Ward compares the mental approach to boxing to that of wrestling, his best sport in high school.

"Mentally, wrestling is a great preparation," he said. "It's just you and the other guy out there on the mat, very similar to being in the ring."

In fact, Ward would likely have tried to follow wrestling if Notre Dame fielded a team, and as a result may never have set foot in a ring. Still, Ward finds that the comparison between

the sports has its limits.

"Boxing is different than any other sport," he said. "You could be in great shape, you could be in marathon shape and come to a boxing workout and be dead in a half an hour just because the workout's different."

In his first year as captain, Ward has found satisfaction in leading those workouts for the younger boxers.

"I like helping guys develop and seeing the progress they've made and watch them build a stronger sense of confidence," he said.

Still, Ward found the role to be initially daunting.

"When you have a bright-eyed bushy-tailed freshman ask you how to throw a punch or what type of diet you should be getting ... you can't say 'I don't know,' even though you may not know," he said. "You're expected to give an answer. I still feel very amateur to the sport. It's a little bit of an eye opening experience."

But that shock wore off quickly.

"I feel very comfortable with the program and with the boxers [now]," he said. "You see the program from the inside out

and why things are done the way they are and how much work is actually involved getting something like this organized."

If anyone, Ward would know something about being organized. In addition to the daily hours in the boxing room working out and training other fighters, Ward, who was president St. Edward's Hall last year, is an Aerospace Engineering major, a member of the Air Force ROTC, and has participated in interhall soccer and football for four years.

"I've also got a girlfriend, which is pretty much like another three credit class in terms of time commitment," he joked.

As a result, Ward has had to wisely spend his hours, but at the same time, he couldn't live by a schedule that wasn't busy.

"I've kind of been of the mindset that if you're sitting around at your house watching TV at four in the afternoon, you're doing something wrong," he said. "This is the only time of your life where you have the opportunity of an adult but the freedom of a kid, and I'm of the mindset that you should take full advantage of that."

Next year, Ward will head off

to Vandenberg Air Force Base in Santa Maria, Calif. He compared the base experience to that of a college campus.

"All your necessities are right there," he said.

For at least the next four years, Ward will live and work at the base in southern California — which is the West Coast equivalent to Cape Canaveral and specializes in launching satellites.

"I'll be an Astronautical Developmental Engineer," he said. "That's my duty title but I really don't know what that means."

Right now, Ward plans on fulfilling his four-year commitment and then entering civilian life, but he has not ruled out a military career.

"I've been to a lot of retirement ceremonies where guys have been in for 30 years and they'll start out their speech by going, 'you know, this was only supposed to be a four year run,'" he said. "Right now I'm just leaving it open ended. I'm gonna do my four years and if I like what I'm doing I'll stay, if I don't, I'll do something else."

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Hansen bounces back from sophomore illness

Captain sat out 2005 with mononucleosis

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After months of training for his first Bengal Bouts tournament in 2005, only one thing could keep Steve Hansen out of the ring — mononucleosis.

"Two or three weeks before the tournament they told me I couldn't fight, so that was a huge letdown," he said.

Hansen joined the Bengal Bouts squad as a sophomore after playing football and club rugby in high school.

"I was looking for an activity and a good workout, and a few of my friends were doing it too, and then from there it just kind of escalated," Hansen said.

After recovering from mono, the senior captain was 1-1 last year, losing in the semifinals of the 165-pound weight class, and won his preliminary match this year at 170.

"I'd definitely say it's motivation, having lost last year," he said. "You definitely want to come back and definitely want to win the tournament this year for my weight class."

But for Hansen, it's not just about winning — it's about the entire Bengal Bouts experience. He was particularly moved by a speech one coach gave at the beginning of the season, when he pointed out

that half of the people in the club would train for months and fight only a few minutes in the tournament.

"You should realize that the journey that you're going on ... is one of the rewarding aspects too," Hansen said.

The Milwaukee native said he enjoyed the training for Bengal Bouts.

"I love being in practice and getting in the ring with my teammates," he said. "Sometimes I feel like I could spar all day long. The physical aspect of it and the sporting competition aspect is my favorite part of it."

The relationship with his teammates in Bengal Bouts is also a draw for Hansen. Some of his friends got involved when he did sophomore year, and he found that competition and working with teammates was part of what kept him coming back into the ring.

"I've made some of my best friends through boxing," he said.

Hansen also has taken on a leadership role as a senior captain — which means more than being featured on posters around campus. As captain, he works with younger boxers.

"The first time someone goes into the ring they don't do very well — they kind of get beat up," he said. "That's why we like to encourage people to get in for the first time with the captains, so the captains can help them improve."

Taking on a leadership role has also meant more of a time commitment for Hansen. The mechanical engineering major has learned both leadership and time management through his role at the Bouts — something he said has come up at job interviews.

"People are pretty impressed," Hansen said. "It's kind of like having a sport on your résumé and you're still able to hold good grades — they know you're able to manage your time well."

Hansen has already accepted a job with General Electric and will be working with MRI scanners near Milwaukee. The comfort of having post-graduation employment means that he can relax and devote more time to training for the Bouts.

"I still do my coursework but I've decided that I really want to put a lot of time and energy into boxing," he said.

For his senior season, he will have a cheering section of both family and friends at the Joyce Center.

"My mom and dad are coming down for most of [the fights]," he said. "All my housemates come and watch, I've got some family flying from D.C. on Wednesday and coming in from Pittsburgh."

That's quite an entourage, but this is Hansen's final year of fighting, and he said his family has been very supportive.

"I would say more people are coming out this year since it's



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Bengal Bouts co-captain Steve Hansen, left, exchanges punches with Billy Herdman in last year's 165-pound semifinal.

my senior year and I'm a captain — my family fan-base is a little bigger," he said.

Looking back, Hansen said some of his best memories are of his work with the Bengal Bouts.

"I really enjoyed the work-

outs and it was for a good cause," he said. "It caught on as a great way to release energy and an exciting way to compete with other people."

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