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Guinier advocates affirmative action, merit system

Professor believes SATs, LSATs are gender-biased against female students

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
News Writer

Affirmative action is beneficial to all Americans, and standardized tests such as the SAT and LSAT are not accurate predictors of a student's potential, according to Lani Guinier, professor of law at Harvard University.

"I believe that democracy is what is at the heart, the stake, of affirmative action," Guinier stated in the opening remarks of last night's lecture.

She went on to compare the current struggle regarding affirmative action to the goals of the civil rights movement in the 1960s, saying that the goal of the both movements is to force America to live up to the morals of democracy.

Guinier cited the fact that the civil rights movement aimed not only to make America a better place for people of color but also for people of other races and women. This, she indicated, is also what affirmative action should attempt to do.

"We need to use affirmative action to benefit not just those who have been excluded, but to benefit all Americans," Guinier said.

Guinier also questioned how the country could achieve more democratic citizenship, as well as what defines such citizenship. Some suggested answers included being self-sustaining, participating in issues affecting one's life and the opportunity for everyone to realize their potential.

"These are ways of thinking boldly about the goals of a multiracial society," Guinier said.

On the issue of policies involving admittance to institutions of higher education, Guinier questioned the goals of admissions.

"We are admitting and selecting people to do what?" she asked.

She elaborated by addressing the importance of admitting people who are going to go on to be productive citizens of a democracy. Guinier also stated that socioeconomic status has an impact on admission to institutions as a perceived measure of merit.

"My objection is that we are using wealth as a proxy for merit but we aren't saying it. It is the hypocrisy that I object to," she said.

She challenged the importance that is placed on stan-



The Observer/Jo Mikals-Adachi
Professor of law Lani Guinier addressed students yesterday, stating her views on both the admissions to and educational settings of institutions of higher learning.

dardized tests, such as the LSAT and SAT in the process of admission institutions of higher education. Guinier described these standardized tests as "quick strategic guessing with less than perfect information."

Because in many cases admissions committees do not read essays or recommendations of applicants in choosing admittees to law schools, a larger focus is placed on scores. She added that the LSAT cannot be used as an indicator of who will make a contribution to society or graduate from law school, but the creators of the LSAT do say that it will predict the first year grades of a law student.

Guinier went on to cite a study that showed that the LSAT only predicts nine percent of first year grades of law students nationwide.

"This is what it [the LSAT] predicts for everyone. This is what we are calling merit," she said.

Guinier believes that the SAT is gender biased, particularly on the mathematical portion of the test. Because it is

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Guinier confronts educational disparities in law

By CHRISTOPHER SHIPLEY
News Writer

Lani Guinier, professor of law, led a seminar in the Civil Rights Reading Room of the law school last night in which she discussed the issues facing women in law.

Much of the discussion centered around the idea that men and women enter into law school with different attitudes. Guinier told the small group that studies that have shown that men enter law school under the pretense that they are playing a sport, whereas women want to foster a sense of understanding and respect in the classroom.

"Men treat law school like a game," Guinier said.

As a result, men "want to win" this game, and end up setting the classroom agenda while learning how to hold an audience [the professor], regardless of the relevance of their statements, Guinier said.

Women, on the other hand, struggle in their law classes because they want to say something which is relevant to the discussion which is taking place, she said. By the time they have composed their arguments, the class or professor have already moved on to different topics, and the women remain silent, she added.

"The bottom line is that we have to listen to the women, we have to listen to the voices in class who have a new view on lawyering," Guinier told the group.

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Out with the old, in with the new ...



The Notre Dame baseball team played its first contest on home turf after a 2-6 road trip; the team won 7-5 over Central Michigan. Meanwhile, fans waved signs for Pat Garrity and Derek Manner (pictured above, bottom right) at the basketball team's final home game of the season. The Irish beat Georgetown 79-69, finishing 10-5 at home for the season.

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■ STUDENT SENATE

Committee attempts to revise, reform du Lac

By TIM LOGAN
News Writer

Efforts to make du Lac more student-friendly and less discipline-oriented dominated of last night's Student Senate meeting.

Brendan Kelly and Jen Dovidio, co-chairs of the ad hoc committee for student rights and responsibilities, presented their plans for a restructuring of the student handbook to the senate.

The committee hopes to convert du Lac into a tool that helps students participate more fully in the Notre Dame community and decrease tensions in the relationship between students and the administration.

"DuLac is a bureaucratic

obstacle [to that relationship]," said Kelly. "It's what gets thrown at students when they screw up."

While the proposed changes will not affect the actual policies set forth by the hand-

book, they will shift the presentation of the book to put more emphasis on students' roles in the University and on resources available to them.

The planned changes include more detailed information on student activities, leadership opportunities and academic resources.

The committee also hopes to add Notre Dame's mission statement, flow charts detail-

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Me and the Leap Year Kid

When I get in "the mode," there is almost no stopping me.

Sometimes I press the accelerator to the floor so hard that I experience leg cramps for days afterward. It's when I catch that first glimpse of the downtown skyline, when I'm still on U.S. 31, that the speed reaches 85 or 90 mph.

Indianapolis. Home.

I know the streets, the houses, the cracks in the sidewalk by heart.

Upon departing for Saint Mary's almost four years ago, I comforted myself about the separation with my beloved city with the thought that it would be only a few short semesters before I returned for good. To stay. To work in the downtown area. To meet friends in the Broad Ripple bistros and pubs. To someday get married in my home parish and raise my children in the same, wonderfully diverse and beautiful neighborhood in which I grew up.

I met one person, five weeks into freshman year, who challenged almost all of my previous lifelong expectations.

Sometime between Saturday night and Sunday morning, where February 29 would exist if this were a leap year, that person, my best friend, will turn 22. Ryan McLean, the leap year kid. An extraordinary birthday for an exceptional man.

Ryan has taught me and guided me through several lessons during these tumultuous college years. Amongst the most important: EXPLORE. DREAM. EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS.

So, I did. I am. I plan to continue.

Ryan, who traversed 13 states from southern California to attend college in this god-forsaken climate, knows a lot about risk, and even more about trying new things.

Thanks to Ryan, I have found myself in places I had only vague knowledge of, doing things I never assumed I would. Eating fish tacos in LaJolla. Walking on the Balboa Island pier. Listening to Garth Brooks, and liking it. Watching the Electric Parade at Disneyland. Eating Cuban deli sandwiches in Miami. Drinking away my 21st birthday in Newport Beach saloons.

Of course, I doubt Ryan ever anticipated being an avid Sushi eater, a fan of the Grateful Dead, or sailing on a lake in the middle of Indiana. These are the things that I was able to introduce to him.

In collaboration with our friends who come from all over the country, there have been a plethora of other experiences and trips as well. Skiing and snowmobiling in Wisconsin. Partying on Chicago's Navy Pier. Hiking the Appalachian Trail in Virginia. Doing slip 'n slide across a living room floor at the Little 500. Bar hopping in Old Town Alexandria, Va. And the latest of our adventures, catching beads at New Orleans' Mardi Gras parades.

My wish for Ryan's birthday is many more trips, many more new exciting experiences. And selfishly, I'm wishing that he continues to include me as his primary travel companion.

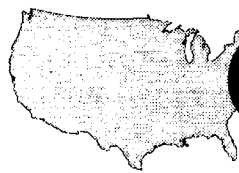
Upon graduation, I hope it goes beyond exploring, expanding, and dreaming. I hope it goes beyond the 200-mile radius in which I have always lived. I hope I can work to EMBRACE the countless possibilities.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Report accuses prestigious schools of inflating grades

PROVIDENCE, R.I.

The stock market is not the only thing posting record highs these days. Many major universities are feeling the effects of grade inflation, including Brown, where the percentage of A's given has climbed from 30.2 percent in 1986-87 to 40.3 in the last academic year.

An article appearing on the front page of The New York Times on February 18, detailed the rise of grade inflation at other prestigious schools.

Although Brown escaped the publicity, schools like Harvard, Stanford, Columbia, Dartmouth, the University of Pennsylvania and especially Princeton were targeted as havens of grade inflation.

According to the article, "As and Bs still account for about 80 percent of the grades at Stanford," while at Princeton University "83 percent of



the grades given between 1992 and 1997 fell between A+ and B-, compared with 69 percent between 1973 and 1977."

This tendency toward higher marks is limited mostly to elite and select universities, which "have always been liberal with As and Bs," said the article. The article goes on to offer several explanations for the rise in grades.

First, "students these days are far more concerned about their marks, and more willing to complain about them, because the competition for

graduate school admission has intensified."

Students also might be more apt to contest the grades given to them because "most people come in with a 4.0 GPA from high school so even a B is tough on some kids," Princeton freshman Kevin Christal told The Times.

Associate Dean Joyce Reed agreed that grades are mattering more to students now than they used to, and she conceded that "students are more aggressively seeking to do well or turn a grade around."

Reed suggested that the heightened concern reflects social pressures, that it is "a symptom of stress and economic issues, especially the problem of getting jobs." To a student, the difference between an A and a B is crucial because it is a matter of surviving in the most competitive of societies, she said.

■ UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES

Henna, not hemp, use increases

LOS ANGELES, Calif.

When Erin Widgettes, a conservative woman in her 50s, greeted her husband at the door, she held out her arm to show him her new red heart-shaped tattoo with his name written across it. Seymour Widgettes thought his wife had gone mad. Midlife crisis? No, mehandi. Mehndi, the Haitian word for henna tattoo, is the latest trend in body decoration. Painless, sanitary and inexpensive, mehndi provides an alternative to those who are having trouble deciding if that fire-breathing dragon tattoo will look as cool at 80 as it does at 20. Though henna has long been used in Western culture as natural hair dye, it has only recently become prevalent in hair salons and tattoo and piercing parlors as coloring in used to create temporary tattoos on the skin. The henna plant (lawsonia inermis) is a small shrub grown in the dry, hot climates of Northern Africa and Southeast Asia. Henna is not to be confused with the hemp plant, which some people enjoy smoking.

■ UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

University investments plummet

PHILADELPHIA, Penn.

The month of December spread a bit of "black" holiday cheer to a University budget plagued by red ink, as a \$90 million return on investments made up for a \$40 million loss in the first five months of fiscal year 1998. The overall \$50 million gain constitutes a 5 percent return on investments for the first six months of the 1998 fiscal year, which covers the period from July 1, 1997, until June 30, 1998. By contrast, the University was up by 23 percent at the close of December in 1997, according to Vice President of Finance Bizzo Barrios. During a final Board of Trustees meeting last Friday, Executive Vice President Matt Mirro announced that "unfavorable market conditions" produced a \$40 million loss in investments during the first six months of fiscal year 1998, compared to a \$142 million gain in investments for the same period in 1997. But Barrios explained that the University's December return on investments was not available when Mirro compiled his report.

■ UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY

University cracks down on cheating

BERKELEY, Calif.

Along the way to the Evil House of Cheat, students often lose their money and occasionally any chance of a passing grade. This Web site and several hundreds like it are a part of the ever-growing industry of plagiarism on the web. A technological step up from fraternity house essay files, the Internet is a developing resource for high school and college students who wish to download other people's work ranging from completed term papers on photosynthesis to essays on Shakespeare. At UC Berkeley, consequences for plagiarism include an F on the assignment, an F in the class and a record of the offense on transcripts available to other schools and employers. But even with these harsh punishments, students are still seduced by purveyors of plagiarized works. In one recent case, two brilliant students in an introductory religious studies class last year knowingly turned in identical papers peddled online. Suffice it to say, they are in big trouble.

■ UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Newspaper files complaint

MADISON, Wis.

The Badger Herald filed a criminal complaint against a state official Monday in response to allegations that she ordered Assembly pages to seize all copies of the student newspaper from the state Capitol. A Capitol staffer and several pages are accusing Sergeant-at-Arms Denise Solie of ordering the confiscation of between 30 and 50 copies of Feb. 18's edition of The Herald. The staff member and pages say Solie was upset by an "inappropriate" comment made by former page Jenni Cole-Opitz about Assembly Speaker Scott Jensen, R-Brookfield. Solie has denied the allegations. She did, however, fire the page for her comments. Capitol Police Det. Ed Barden took the complaint and is in the process of investigating whether The Herald, a free newspaper, can be stolen. "My main concern is: can you steal a free newspaper?" Barden said. Mike Hiestand, a lawyer with the Student Press Law center in Arlington, Va., said there is recent legal precedent for such a complaint.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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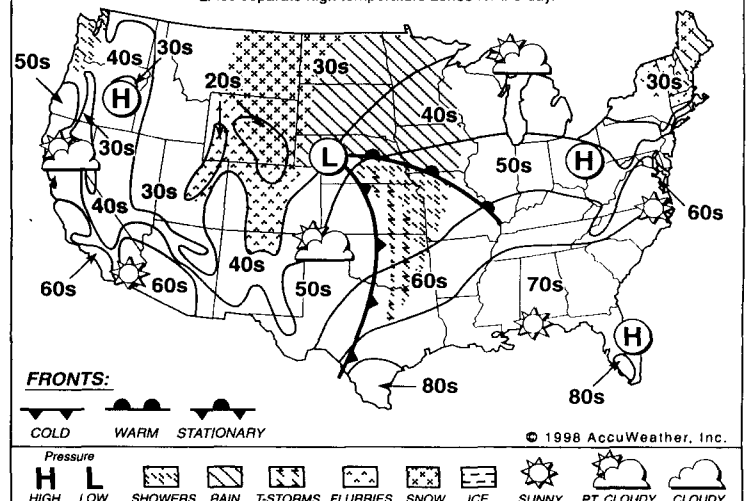
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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Feb. 26.

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Buffalo	45	33	Houston	68	46	Salem	48	30
Chicago	54	42	Jackson	61	41	Youngstown	54	42

'Spirit' series concludes with film discussion

By ARIANN BUTLER
News Writer

The movie "Higher Learning" provided a context for discussions about race and diversity at Saint Mary's College last night.

The evening was the last event in the month-long series "Spirit of Blackness."

The movie dealt with important social issues in the context of a college campus, implying that social aspects of college are just as, if not more, important the classroom experience.

"Singleton [the producer of the film] took a slice of America and set it on a college campus," said Martha Moylan, a member of the Sisters of Nefertiti and a senior at Saint Mary's.

Discussion topics sparked by the film included the lack of diversity at Saint Mary's and the effect homogeneity has upon the students.

"The problem at Saint Mary's is that we expect everyone to be the same," said junior Tysus Jackson.

Junior Alia Hawkins concurred with Jackson's statement.

"Students at Saint Mary's

want to fit the stereotype of a career father and a stay at home mother. We don't want to diverge into who we really are," she said.

Those present also addressed differences between students.

"We are all distinct but it should not cause separation between us. We need to learn about other people and embrace our differences," Moylan said.

Junior Marshawna Moore came to a similar conclusion.

"We need to step to the edge and try to meet different people," she said.

Jackson expressed student's reluctance to venture from their comfort zone.

"You try to place yourself where you feel you belong," she said. She commented that people with common interests or common backgrounds tend to congregate together. She concluded by expressing her belief that everyone is trying to find their place in society and that people cannot let differences hinder their development.

The Sisters of Nefertiti and Student Activities Board co-sponsored the event.

Archbishop wins ND award

Special to The Observer

The 1998 Notre Dame Award for international humanitarian service will be given to Cardinal Vinko Puljic, the Catholic archbishop of Sarajevo.

Cardinal Puljic will receive the award and address the Notre Dame community in a ceremony to be announced at a later date.

"Cardinal Puljic's tireless quest for peace without victory is a timely reminder that fear, hatred, and violence cannot be ingredients in a truly Christian witness," said Notre Dame president Father Edward Malloy in reference to the award. "It is a heartening sign to all nations in a tragic and bloody season."

The archdiocese over which Cardinal Puljic has presided since 1991 is the largest in Bosnia-Herzegovina, where Catholics made up 18 percent of the population before the Balkan war.

One measure of the war's ongoing devastation is the decimation of the archdiocese, which included 520,000 Catholics when Cardinal Puljic was named archbishop. Only some 125,000 remain. Similarly, of the 830,000 Catholics who lived throughout

Bosnia before the "ethnic cleansings," only some 400,000 remain.

Born in 1945 to a large farming family in Banja Luka, Cardinal Puljic was ordained a priest in 1970. Since then, he has served as a parish priest in his hometown, as a spiritual director in a seminary in Zadar and as vice rector of the seminary in Sarajevo.

As Sarajevo's archbishop, he has become widely known as a vigorous ecumenist who collaborates in peacemaking with a small group of fellow religious leaders in the Muslim, Serbian Orthodox, and Jewish communities.

Last summer, the group, which includes leaders of the four principal religious communities of the country, formally established itself as the Inter-Religious Council in Bosnia-Herzegovina to develop "practical programs of cooperation in peacemaking and redevelopment."

Internationally recognized as a firm opponent of the ethnic and religious partitioning of his native country, Cardinal Puljic has pleaded with the U.S. government and the United Nations for "decisive and credible action" to prevent further fragmentation and violence. Last year, speaking on behalf of

the Catholic bishops of Bosnia-Herzegovina, he warned that the warring factions' selective interpretations of the Dayton Accords "now serve as the basis for further partition along ethnic and religious lines," and that "unless more is done soon, the partition of Bosnia will be cemented, and the extremists who brought us war will become further entrenched."

The Notre Dame Award was established in 1992, in celebration of the University's sesquicentennial, to honor persons "within and without the Catholic Church, citizens of every nation, whose religious faith has quickened engendering, whose learning has engendered deeds, and whose deeds give witness to God's kingdom among us."

The award has been given previously to Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter; Mother Theresa of Calcutta; Jean Vanier, founder of the international Arche communities for the mentally handicapped; Helen Suzman, South African anti-apartheid politician; John Hume, peace advocate and leader of Northern Ireland's Social Democratic and Labour Party, and Brother Roger, the founder and prior of the ecumenical Taizé Community in France.

CSC sponsors welfare lectures

Special to The Observer

Six scholars and policymakers will examine the past, present and future of welfare laws in a series of lectures that will be held from March 2 through April 22 at the University of Notre Dame.

Entitled "Welfare to What? Poverty and Policy Reform in America," the lecture series is sponsored by Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns and the South Bend Heritage Foundation. All lectures will be held in Room 124 of the CSC

beginning at 4:05 p.m., with the exception of the April 1, lecture, which will begin at 7 p.m.

The series, funded in part by the Jessie Ball duPont Foundation, will begin Monday with a talk titled "Women, Work & Welfare: Consequences for Children" by Kathleen Mullan Harris, associate professor of sociology and a fellow in the Carolina Population Center at the University of North Carolina. Harris is the author of "Teen Mothers and the Revolving Welfare Door."

The remaining lectures, all scheduled on Wednesdays, are as follows:

- March 18: "Wisconsin Works: A Blueprint for Welfare Reform?"
- April 1: "Welfare Reform as We Should Have Known It."
- April 8: "Welfare Reform in Indiana: A View from the Capitol."
- April 15: "Welfare Reform and the Prospects for America's Poor."
- April 22: "The Economic Uncertainties of Welfare Reform."

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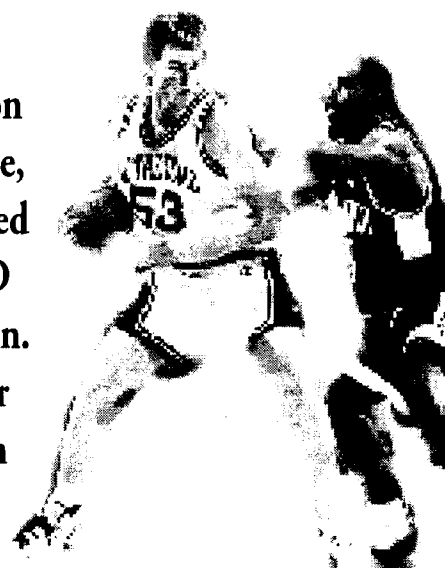
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a timed test, students are forced to guess. This is a detriment to women because they try to reason through the problems and generally score 40 to 50 points lower on the test than men who are more prone to pure guessing, Guinier explained.

Guinier referred to the scene from "Apollo 13," in which the astronauts say "Houston, we have a problem," to support her belief that the SAT and LSAT do not provide accurate judgements of merit.

"When that astronaut said that, the person at NASA didn't say, 'Get me the person with the highest SAT score,' but said, 'Get me the people with various expertises to solve this problem,'" Guinier said.

"If we are going to be talking

about merit and excellence and who will be a productive citizen in this democracy and who should be admitted to these institutions, then diversity is important," she commented, again stressing her belief in the value of merit.

In closing, Guinier spoke of the importance of helping people to succeed.

"If you give people the opportunity to succeed, they will succeed," she said. "The opportunity to succeed is the strongest predictor of success."

Guinier, who did her undergraduate work at Radcliffe College, went on to graduate from Yale law school. She has served as a professor at New York University, a visiting professor at Harvard and is currently a professor of law at the University of Pennsylvania.

Guinier will return to Harvard law school in the fall as the first African American Woman as a tenured professor in the law school.

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Guinier also talked about the way in which the profession of law has been and will be changing over the years to come.

Law, according to the former nominee for U.S. Attorney General, is a profession in which litigation is slowly giving way to negotiation techniques.

The game, traditionally played by men in the courtroom, is becoming a last resort in today's world. Listening and problem solving techniques are the skills which will be useful in law in the years to come, she said.

"This traditional model [of litigation] may be dysfunctional to a collaborative effort model," she said.

Guinier, who will become a full member of the Harvard Law School faculty this fall, cited several differences and similarities that she had found between first

and third year female law students at the University of Pennsylvania.

Upon entering law school, 33 percent of female students stated their desire to work in public service; by their third year, only 10 percent expressed that same desire, she said. At the same time, Guinier found no difference between the percentage of first and third year female students who participated in class discussion.

Guinier offered several suggestions to female law students who face difficult situations in the classroom.

The law professor suggested that female students form pacts and alliances to help with problems of confidence and self-esteem.

As an example, Guinier told a story about a group of female law students who pledged to raise their hands in the classroom when one of the group would offer statements relevant to discourse.

According to Guinier, women

often face a vacuum in the classroom and this type of action supports women's confidence.

"Don't trust the challenge as one only you can overcome," Guinier stated. "It helps to find people and work through it."

In the case that students must work with a professor who offers insensitive comments in class, Guinier encouraged students to approach the professor and state their grievance in a non-threatening manner.

This may help the professor let down his or her defenses, Guinier said, and allows discussion of the comments. If comments persist, Guinier suggested writing a journal.

Guinier implored students not to give up the passion that led them to law school in the first place and told the faculty to foster analytic and rigorous thinking in their students.

"The passion is the most important thing nurtured in students, and it's with your passion that you'll be great," Guinier said.

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ing university administration and Student Union offices and lists of publications available to students.

There was some debate on whether or not to include a student bill of rights in the revised du Lac, which will not contain one.

Several previous attempts to pass such a bill have been rejected by the Office of Student Affairs.

"Psychologically, [a bill of rights] is what students are looking for," said Carroll senator Dan Nisbet.

He suggested a brief section explicitly outlining students' rights, instead of the present system, which details them arbitrarily throughout the book.

"It would go a long way if students knew what they're rights are. The way it is now, you'd have to be a lawyer to read this stuff."

"The whole book is about our

rights," said Breen-Philips senator Andrea Kavousi, a member of the committee. "We shouldn't put together a bill of rights just because we want a bill of rights. We should do it because we want the rights explained, and that's what this document does."

"A student bill of rights doesn't really get to the heart of the matter. It doesn't create a deeper understanding of the student's role in the university or ease the tensions between the students and the administration," said Kelly.

Another suggestion was made by O'Neill senator Rajit Basu, who proposed changing the name.

"Du Lac has a pretty negative image. Maybe if the name was changed, students would look at it differently."

"This is a great plan for what DuLac should look like. In time, it will change the way students look at it. The changes are a step in the right direction," said Keenan senator Matt Mamak, a member of the committee.

The revision process will last another

18 months, with any changes being adopted prior to the 1999-2000 academic year. In that time, a committee of students, faculty and administrators will develop any accepted revisions and integrate them into the current document.

In other Senate news:

- A resolution calling for better signs in the D2, D6 and C1 parking lots was passed unanimously. The proposed signs will aid students in locating their cars by assigning identifying letters and/or numbers to each row in the lots.

Discussion with the office of University Security had led to an agreement which simply hinged upon support of the whole senate.

"It had come to a point where they said, 'Give us a show of support and we'll do it,'" said Matt Szabo, chair of the Residence Life committee.

- For much of the meeting, attendance hovered around the amount needed for a voting quorum to be established. In order to vote on any

resolution, 21 of the 28 senators must be present.

At some times, there were fewer than that number at the meeting. This is not a new problem, and several meetings this year have not achieved a quorum.

"We owe it to our constituents and we owe it to the senate to be here for the whole meeting," said Dillon senator Pat Coyle. "This undermines the whole point of the senate."

- The senate unanimously approved two new assistant treasurers for the student government. The two new treasurers will be Brian Sweet and James Jesse, both sophomores.

Several amendments to the Student Union constitution were passed in a unanimous vote.

These additions deal with slight changes in the responsibilities of the senate, the office of the president and the Student Union Board. These amendments were first proposed last week, but were held for minor revisions.

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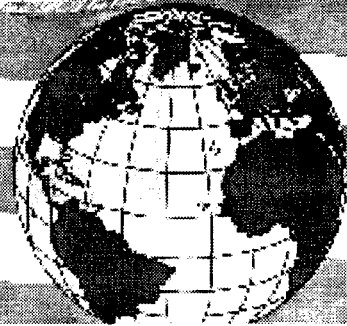
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■ WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Cuban parliament re-elects Castro to fifth term

MEXICO CITY, Mexico
Elected to a fifth term as president, Fidel Castro vowed socialism in Cuba will outlive him and denounced a U.S. aid proposal for the island. Castro's seven-hour speech to the opening of a new session of parliament ended shortly after midnight Wednesday. Its marathon length was reminiscent of his speeches in the early years after his 1959 revolution. The 601-member parliament, elected in January, opened its five-year term Tuesday by re-electing Castro and other top members of the Council of State, or Cabinet. Castro was the only presidential candidate, and all the deputies were elected unchallenged. In his wide-ranging speech, Castro, 71, declared Cuba's single-party communist system untouchable and said those who predict a post-Castro transformation are wrong. "To suppose that the death of one individual could liquidate the work of a people ... is really ridiculous," Castro said. His remarks were reported by the Cuban government's Prensa Latina news agency, monitored in Mexico City. Castro also denounced a proposal before the U.S. Congress to distribute limited aid through U.S. charitable organization as humiliating. "We accept with dignity that any country wants to help us," he said. "But we are not disposed to play the role of beggars." He ridiculed those who believe that easing the U.S. embargo of Cuba would help topple socialism by bringing greater contact with Americans.

Food shortages deepen in North Korea

BEIJING, China
North Korea expects to run out of domestic food stocks by April, leaving it again dependent on foreign aid that is becoming increasingly difficult to deliver, an aid official said Wednesday. There could also be water shortages because of a mild, snow-free winter that came after a severe summer drought, said Kathi Zellweger of the charity Caritas, who returned Tuesday from a trip to North Korea. The lean period is still ahead of us, said Zellweger, the charity's Hong Kong director. From speaking to the local officials, there was a fear that it may be even earlier than April. Delivery of food aid has been hampered by the country's collapsing transport system, she said. "Transport is becoming a problem due to lack of fuel, lack of vehicles and lack of electricity for the trains," Zellweger said. "It takes a lot to move relief supplies from A to B." Last year, North Korea also depleted its grain stocks in the spring, leaving it dependent on donations and purchases from abroad and forcing its people to scavenge for seaweed, grass and anything else that could be eaten.

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BIGGEST PERCENTAGE GAINERS

COMPANY	TICKER	% CHANGE	\$ GAIN	PRICE
POWERGEN CORP	PCRV	56.25	1.250	3.125
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COMPANY	TICKER	% CHANGE	\$ LOSS	PRICE
ETRO GLOBAL MED	MGMA	49.38	2.469	2.531
DATA SYS NETWORK	DSYS	47.50	5.938	6.562
DURA PHARM	DURA	37.21	14.188	23.938
NEW FRONTIER-UTS	NOOFU	33.33	1.250	2.500
PHARM INDOS/TEEN	MLR	30.19	3.000	6.938

Clinton visits tornado victims

ASSOCIATED PRESS

KISSIMMEE, Fla.

Cory Kelly should be among the scores of construction workers descending on tornado-ravaged neighborhoods in central Florida.

Instead, as President Clinton set out on a helicopter tour of the damaged area Wednesday, Kelly was at an emergency shelter, a blue brace on his broken right shoulder. A tornado that devastated the Ponderosa Park Campground early Monday blew Kelly out of his tent, slamming him into his car.

Times are tough for Kelly, 46, and his 22-year-old son, Cory Jr., who eke out a living working construction.

"We don't make enough money to do much different from what we were doing. And now we don't even have that," he said. "I haven't the foggiest idea what I'm going to do. You can't work construction with one arm."

While many of those in the campground were winter residents who can help themselves, Kelly and dozens of neighbors need help to restart their lives.

Clinton was expected to walk through Ponderosa Park. And he plans to announce a \$3 million Labor Department grant for people who temporarily lost their jobs, White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said.

Two of the four hardest-hit counties — Osceola and Seminole — estimated damage at \$43.5 million.

Kissimmee Mayor Frank Attkisson said the city's residents need low-interest federal loans. Clinton had already set the groundwork by declaring the region a disaster area.

"I've got four words for the president: Show me the money," Attkisson said.

Thunderstorms pumped up by El Nino spawned six to 10 tornadoes with wind up to 210 mph that killed at least 38 people, the state's dead-



AFP Photo

President Bill Clinton spoke Wednesday to victims of a tornado that devastated their trailer park in Kissimmee, Fla. With him are Florida Sen. Bob Graham, Governor Lawton Chiles, and U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno.

liest swarm of twisters on record. The state said two people were still missing today, although Osceola County said it had three unaccounted for. State authorities say 1,700 buildings in four counties were damaged, if not destroyed.

The twisters killed more people than 1992's Hurricane Andrew, which

left 32 dead in Florida, Louisiana and the Bahamas. The hurricane also destroyed or damaged 35,000 homes and caused \$25 billion in losses.

Searchers with dogs spent Tuesday combing through debris flung more than a quarter mile from the campground, with fading hope of finding survivors.

U.S., Mexico unite against drug cartels

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEXICO CITY, Mexico

With Mexico's most violent drug lords under indictment and law enforcers working more closely together, U.S. and Mexican authorities are cooperating rather than criticizing each other on the eve of this year's drug certification process.

The two countries are especially pleased with their success in the Tijuana-San Diego area, where they have turned up the heat on the Arellano Felix brothers, leaders of Mexico's most violent drug gang.

Attorney General Janet Reno praised Mexican law enforcement officials Tuesday for sending more fugitives back to the United States for prosecution.

There is now a good working relationship between the two nations,

Reno told a Senate hearing in Washington on the Justice Department's \$20.9 billion budget request for the 1999 fiscal year.

Not so last year, when U.S. lawmakers waged a noisy debate over whether Mexico should be certified as a U.S. ally in the war against drugs. To be decertified means not only a public slap in the face, but cuts in U.S.-sponsored economic benefits and other sanctions.

Successes include the February 1997 arrest of Mexican drug czar Gen. Jesus Gutierrez Rebollo, who was charged with being on the payroll of Amado Carrillo Fuentes, the head of the Juarez cocaine cartel.

Carrillo Fuentes, nicknamed lord of the skies because he pioneered the use of jets to smuggle South American cocaine into the United States, died last year

from complications after undergoing plastic surgery to change his appearance.

Now, the Arellano Felix brothers of Tijuana are under indictment in U.S. Federal Court in San Diego, thanks to help from Mexican authorities, who provided key information for prosecutors.

Also under indictment are leaders of the Logan Barrio gang in San Diego, Mexican-Americans accused of killing rivals and transporting drug shipments for the Arellano Felix gang.

The government of Mexico has substantially increased extradition over these past two years, Reno said. In 1997 alone, Mexico extradited 30 fugitives to the United States and deported 10 more in lieu of extradition.

Reno would not say what her recommendation was to the State Department as the

March 1 deadline on certification nears.

Mexican drug czar Mariano Herran Salvatti told The Associated Press that authorities hope to duplicate the improved cooperation in the San Diego-Tijuana region in the El Paso, Texas-Ciudad Juarez area.

Herran Salvatti said the drug fight became both easier and harder with the July 1997 death of Carrillo Fuentes, Mexico's No. 1 cocaine trafficker.

It is no longer a fight against one or two large cartels, as it may have been in the past, but against several smaller organizations, Herran Salvatti said.

While Mexican law enforcement agencies are busy with drug-gang shootouts after Carrillo's death, they have also benefited from the scramble for control of his Juarez cartel.

U.S. students fall short of foreign peers in math, science

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

American high school seniors scored below students from most other countries in an international test of math and science, according to results released Tuesday.

Even those Americans who took tough physics and advanced math courses performed worse than most students taking equally rigorous courses elsewhere, according to the Third International Mathematics and Science Study.

Although students from 21 countries took the test of general math and science knowledge toward the end of the 1994-95 school year, Americans scored below the international average.

They outperformed only students from Cyprus and South Africa. Asian countries did not participate in the 12th-grade study.

A comparison of the high-school elite — those who took physics and advanced mathematics — showed Americans close to the bottom of the 16 nations where those comparisons were made.

"For some time now, Americans have comforted themselves when confronted with bad news about their educational system by believing that our better students can compare with similar students in any country in the

world," said William H. Schmidt, a Michigan State University professor and national research coordinator for the study. This test, he said, "has burst another myth."

"There is no excuse for this," President Clinton told the National Council of Jewish Women in a speech pushing his proposals to recruit more teachers, cut classroom size and target aid to poor city schools. He said adults have failed in their duty to educate the next generation.

Education Secretary Richard Riley blamed easy graduation requirements and a lack of teachers with college majors or minors in math and science.

About half of college-bound seniors have not taken four years of science, and many stop taking math and science after the 10th or 11th grade, he said.

"How can we expect our students to test well in math and science internationally when we do not even ask them to take challenging courses and rigorous tests throughout their middle and high school careers?" he said, repeating the administration's call for national math and reading tests.

Schmidt said students in other countries begin learning elements of algebra, geometry, physics and chemistry in middle school while science and math teaching in this country often is

repetitive and unchallenging.

Previous versions of the international tests for fourth- and eighth-graders found the relative U.S. performance was stronger in those grades.

Teaching here usually is done layer-cake fashion, devoted to one subject per year, while the curriculum elsewhere blends disciplines, Schmidt says.

Some American high schoolers agreed that their preparation could be better.

"It could have been better if in middle school or in elementary school I got the training I was supposed to be getting," said Kamille Brown, 17, a senior in Miami.

Brown, visiting Washington, says she'll focus on what she does well, which is writing and analysis. So she's taking American government, economics, honors English, television production and other subjects, but no physics.

Kristin Schulte, a visiting 16-year-old junior from Wichita, Kan., said she had switched from a Catholic school to a public school in the ninth grade, and repeated much of what she had learned in the eighth.

"Biology is like a basic review of seventh- or eighth-grade stuff," she said. "I should have gone to something harder."

She plans to take physics as a senior after her PSAT scores

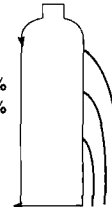
Test your knowledge

American high-schoolers' math and science scores are well below those of their counterparts in Western countries. Some blame teaching methods. A few sample questions:

Mechanical

2. The figure shows a common plastic bottle filled with water (1L) with three holes in it, so that the water runs out of the holes. Explain what is wrong with the figure:

U.S. average: 41%
International average: 70%



Answers:

1. d 2. The pressure will increase with depth due to water above, so the water jets will have other paths. 3. e

Source: Third International Mathematics and Science Study, 1994-95

AP

Heat

1. A jar of oxygen and a jar of hydrogen gas are at the same temperature. Which of the following has the same value for the molecules of both gases:

- a. The average velocity
- b. The average momentum
- c. The average force
- d. The average kinetic energy

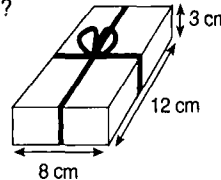
U.S. average: 49%
International average: 41%

Math

3. Stu wants to wrap some ribbon around a box as shown below and have 25 centimeters left to tie a bow. How long a piece does he need?

- a. 46 cm
- b. 52 cm
- c. 65 cm
- d. 71 cm
- e. 77 cm

U.S. average: 32%
International average: 45%



■ ISRAEL

Youth flees to Israel, avoids extradition

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

An Israeli judge proposed today that a Maryland murder suspect who fled to Israel return voluntarily to the United States to stand trial, but be allowed to serve his sentence in Israel if convicted.

The suspect, Samuel Sheinbein, faces murder charges in Montgomery County, Maryland, for the September dismemberment killing of 19-year-old Alfred Tello, Jr. Sheinbein has been fighting extradition.

His lawyer, David Libai, said the judge's proposal was reasonable and "worthy of favorable consideration."

The Israeli Justice Ministry and the Montgomery County state attorney, Robert Dean, said they would study the proposal.

If the compromise is accepted by all sides, it could cut short what were expected to be lengthy legal proceedings in Israel.

Jerusalem District Court Judge Moshe Ravid raised the proposal at the start of a hearing today, the second on the extradition dispute.

The hearings have been closed to the public because Sheinbein is a minor. His lawyer said he has asked to stay in Tel Mond Prison, which has separate cells for minors, rather than be moved to Jerusalem for the hearings.

Sheinbein has been fighting extradition by invoking an Israeli law that says Israeli citizens cannot be extradited to stand trial abroad. He claims he is a citizen because his father has an Israeli passport.

The Justice Ministry has ruled that Sheinbein can be extradited, arguing there was doubt about Sheinbein's citizenship.

Libai said today that a compromise was the best way to proceed.

"It is clear to me that if we are faithful to the law and the facts, the youth cannot be extradited," Libai told reporters.

"On the other hand, we would not like the impression to be given that under any conditions and at any price, Israel is becoming a haven for criminals. I think an understanding has to be reached between the prosecution and the defense, between the state of Maryland and the state of Israel."

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El Niño storms damage coast

Associated Press

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif. Mud oozed down the canyons of this seaside enclave like lumpy chocolate pudding, smashing through homes and sweeping away residents as they scrambled to stay above the hip-high torrent.

"It was a washing machine as far as I knew. I was just rocking and rolling, and just desperately crawling my way to the top of wherever I was," Ann Quilter said.

Quilter and others escaped with their lives as the wall of mud came thundering toward their Laguna Canyon Road homes early Tuesday. But as the sun rose, rescuers found the body of Glenn Flook, 25, in the mud. A search for more victims was to resume today.

At least nine people were killed as the season's most powerful El Niño storm struck the waterlogged West Coast, killing people from Tijuana, Mexico, to northeastern California. It moved east Tuesday after leaving hundreds homeless, severing roads and rail lines and closing 35 miles of pristine Los Angeles County shoreline.

The storm was apparently the last in a series of rigorous weather systems that have repeatedly punished the state since late January, causing more than \$475 million in damage and prompting 36 of 58 counties to declare states of emergency.

As Los Angeles recorded 13.7 inches of rain for the month — breaking a 114-year record — a flooded Los Angeles County sewer system sent millions of gallons of untreated sewage spilling into Santa Monica Bay. Beaches from Palos Verdes to Malibu were closed.

Meanwhile, a rescue effort ended sadly early Tuesday when the bodies of two California Highway Patrol officers were



found lodged inside their patrol car, turned upside down in a rain-swollen river in Santa Maria, about 200 miles north of Los Angeles.

Officers Rick Stovall and Britt Irvine were on their way to help a disabled motorist on fog-shrouded Highway 166 when they were swept away by a torrent that had gouged 100 yards out of the two-lane rural highway.

"They were out doing what they are supposed to do. They were out helping the public," said patrol Lt. Paul Matthies.

Three other vehicles, including a jackknifed big rig, were stuck in the mud. Two drivers were rescued by helicopter; crews did not immediately find a third

motorist in a submerged pickup.

Other damage from the storm included an underground drain that burst and carved a sinkhole 65 feet deep, 25 feet wide and 700 feet long at an interstate on-ramp in San Diego. Parts of six beachfront homes in Del Mar were slowly toppling into the sea.

In Northern California, waves chewed into a cliff beneath eight precariously perched homes in Pacifica, south of San Francisco, and residents remained barred from 500 homes around the rising Clear Lake north of Santa Rosa.

Two tornadoes — almost unheard-of in Southern California — touched down early Tuesday, ripping up storage

INDIA

Desperate farmers resort to suicide

Associated Press

BHIMNAGAR TANDA, India Laksmya Jaggu bought pesticide to destroy black caterpillars that were ravaging his cotton crop. When that failed three months ago, he drank the poison himself.

Burdened by debt and harassed by money lenders, more than 150 cotton farmers have committed suicide in the dry fields of Andhra Pradesh, a state in southern India.

"My father told me, 'Son, my loan is 50,000 rupees [\$1,285]. After my death, look after the family,'" said Ravi Jaggu, who is 18. "But how can I survive without government help?"

The elections preoccupying the rest of India evoke little more than a shrug in this village 100 miles north of Hyderabad, the state capital. Most of this region went to the polls Sunday, while other districts voted Feb. 16, the first of six non-consecutive polling days.

Vote-counting begins March 2 and a new federal government is expected to be seated by mid-March.

In Andhra Pradesh, farmers' anger about their economic woes has turned against all politicians, but especially the ruling Telugu Desam Party. The crisis has fueled sympathy for one of India's most murderous rebel groups, the Maoist People's War Group, which claims to support poor tenant farmers against wealthy landlords.

Guerrillas hide from police in the mud and grass huts of villages like Bhimnagar Tanda.

Anti-election slogans are sprayed on the nearest paved road, a 20-minute walk from the village: "Democracy is false. Politicians are all looters." Threatening the worst insult in Hinduism, another painted slogan says: "If politicians come here, hit them with slippers."

Caught between police who order them to vote and outlaws who warn them not to, many villagers deliberately stamp their ballot paper more than once to invalidate it.

Three years ago, farmers

attracted by cotton profits of nearly \$600 per acre abandoned their traditional crops of chili, corn and wheat. Most worked five acres or less, and borrowed heavily to finance the change.

The illiterate farmers couldn't cope with the paper work to take a bank loan, and turned to money lenders charging an average 38 percent annual interest, while banks took 15 percent.

When the caterpillar scourge came, unscrupulous salesmen peddled spurious pesticides, driving the farmers even deeper in debt.

Laksmya Jaggu was only the first to die. As the suicide rate mounted and public anger grew, the state government announced a compensation package of \$2,570 and free hostel accommodation for the victims' children.

But that declaration sparked a macabre epidemic. The number of suicides tripled from 58 by January, as indebted farmers killed themselves so their families could repay the loan with the compensation.

This month the government inaugurated a cotton research institute with a laboratory to test pesticides, soil and to guide farmers. The central bank instructed state-owned banks to defer loans repayments for seven years, reduce interest rates and provide fresh loans.

But the government's handling of the crisis has become a hot election issue in the state, which sends 42 representatives to the 543-member parliament in New Delhi. Critics accuse Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu of ignoring the farmers in his pursuit of high-tech investment.

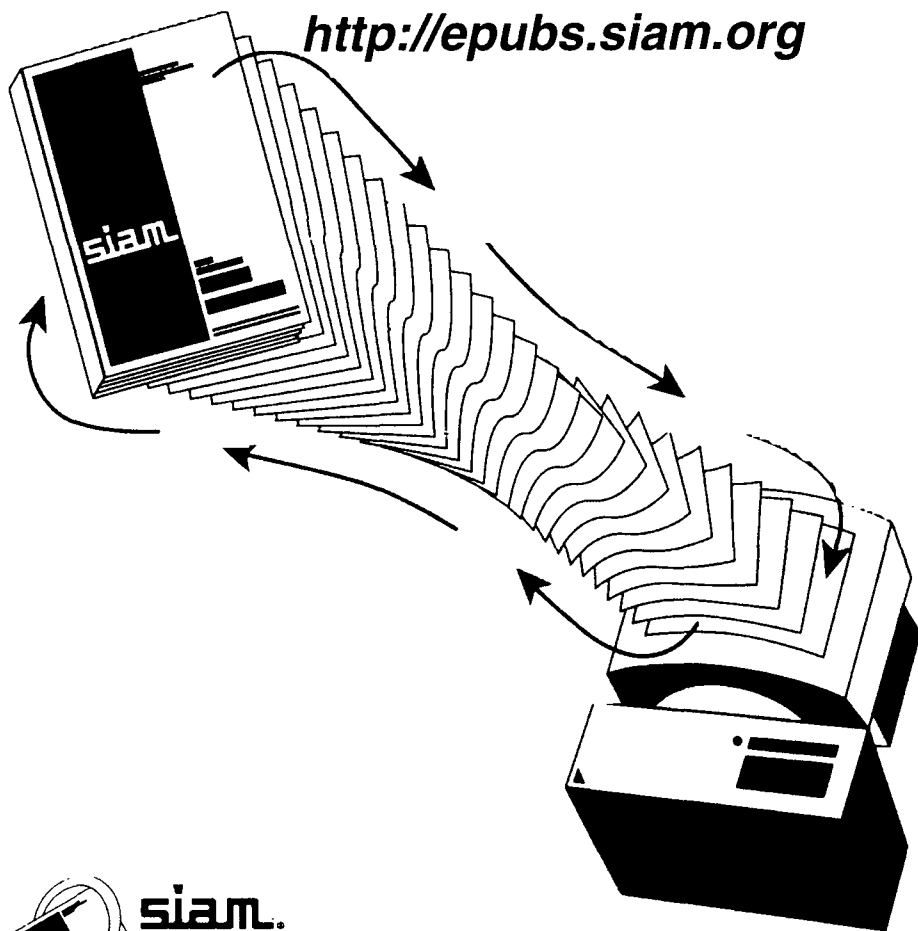
"Money lenders are encouraging farmers to commit suicide so they can recover their loans," said newspaper editor A.B.K. Prasad, who is seeking legal redress for the farmers and demanding criminal charges against money lenders.

With farmers making up more than 75 percent of the Indian work force, all political parties have promised subsidies to alleviate their suffering.

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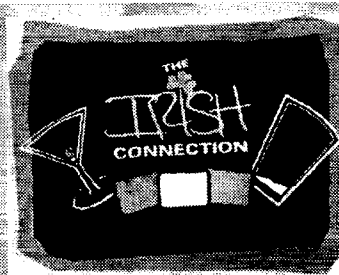


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■ NORTHERN IRELAND

Bombs injure postal workers

Associated Press

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — A letter bomb marked "returned to sender" wounded four workers yesterday inside Northern Ireland's postal headquarters.

One postman took the full force of the blast in his stomach and arm when he opened the package in hopes of finding the sender's address, Royal Mail spokesman Paul Corrigan said.

The employee was in fair condition at a local hospital. A second man and two women suffered superficial cuts or shock and were able to walk to ambulances.

No group claimed responsibility.

Catholics who apparently were chosen at random received also two letter bombs last Thursday.

Both bombs consisted of explosives hidden inside videotape shells, but caused no injuries. One blew up when a man in north Belfast, suspicious of the videotape's heavy weight, tossed it into his back yard.

Yesterday's small explosion on the fifth floor of the post office on Tomb Street, in downtown Belfast, prompted the evacuation of all 1,800 employees. The building is the central sorting point for all mail within Northern Ireland.

"We feel extremely vulnerable," said John Morgan, a representative for the employees' union. "In this last three weeks we've had something

like 30 death threats against postmen in certain areas. That's the fifth bomb scare in that building in a week."

The bombing added to the troubled atmosphere of Northern Ireland's peace negotiations, which continued yesterday.

Northern Ireland's major Catholic party, the Social Democratic and Labor Party, sent a delegation south to the capital city, Dublin, to meet with Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern. Afterward, party leader John Hume said the Sinn Fein party, an ally of the Irish Republican Army, should get back into the negotiations as soon as possible.

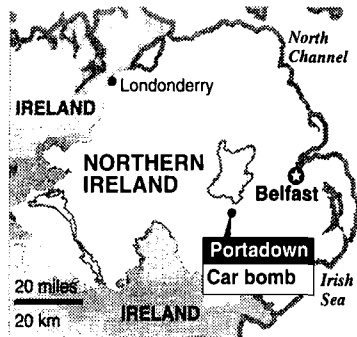
The British and Irish governments, which cosponsor the talks, have suspended Sinn Fein until March 9 as punishment for two recent killings blamed on the IRA. The IRA's seven-month-old cease-fire is the key condition for the Sinn Fein party's participation.

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams has insisted that he won't return to the talks unless British Prime Minister Tony Blair meets with him first.

Meanwhile, it remained unclear who was behind recent bombings of mainly Protestant towns.

Unclaimed car bombs devastated the town of Moira last Friday, and more of the weapons struck Portadown this past Monday.

Irish police seized a 250-pound drum of explosives late



AP/Wm. J. Castello

Tuesday near the Irish Republic's border with Northern Ireland. They believed it was about to be picked up and fitted with a detonator to make another car bomb.

Police suspect the bombings are the work of Continuity IRA, an anti-British gang opposed to the IRA truce.

But Ken Maginnis, a negotiator for Northern Ireland's largest party and a former British army major, insisted that Continuity was simply "a convenience title for a tight little group within the IRA itself."

The Ulster Unionist lawmaker said Sinn Fein and the IRA opposed the likely outcome of the negotiations: A new reformed government for Northern Ireland in which Protestants and Catholics would share power, not the IRA's goal of a united Ireland.

"They just can't hack it, and these bombings of Protestant towns show that they're determined to blow us all off the path to agreement," he said.

■ SAUDI ARABIA

Parents leave newborn septuplets in hospital

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Three of the seven babies born to a Saudi woman six weeks ago are ready to go home, but their parents are refusing to take them, their doctor said today.

"They keep promising but they don't show up," said Hind Moussa, the pediatrician who signed the babies' discharge slips Saturday.

The babies — only the third set of septuplets known to have been born alive — were born eight weeks premature to Hasna Mohammed Humair, a 40-year-old housewife, on Jan. 14.

Humair says the unplanned pregnancy occurred while she was taking a fertility drug to regulate her menstrual cycle, and that she is not yet prepared to care for the babies. "I haven't bought their cribs, or clothes, or blankets, or even a heater for them," she said in a telephone interview from her home.

Humair, who shares a two-bedroom home with her husband and six other children, said she'd try to bring home the newborns later this week.

Moussa said two girls and one boy were in good health and growing well since they'd come out of incubators last week. The remain-

ing girl and three other boys were still under supervision.

He spoke from the hospital in the southern Saudi Arabian city of Abha, where the septuplets were born.

Humair said her husband, Abdullah Mohammed Ali, traveled to the Saudi capital of Riyadh last week to seek help from Saudi Prince al-Waleed bin Talal, after whom he'd named one of his sons. But he was unable to meet the prince.

Ali, 55, is a retired civil defense employee who supplements his \$1,066 monthly pension by driving a cab. Saudi newspapers have reported he has two other wives and nine other children.

Islam allows men up to four wives at a time if they can support them.

Ali named his other newborn sons after Saudi King Fahd, Defense Minister Prince Sultan, and the governor of Riyadh, Prince Salman. He has sent them telegrams twice telling them of the septuplets and asking for help, but has not received a reply, Humair said.

Another set of septuplets was born in Saudi Arabia in September, but only one child lived. In November, American Bobbi McCaughey also gave birth to seven children, all of whom survived.

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E. coli surfaces at day care

Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. An E. coli outbreak at a day care center appeared to be contained Tuesday after seven children became ill.

Health officials said there were no similar outbreaks anywhere else in Washington.

A survey of day care centers throughout the state on Tuesday found no other clusters of cases, said Dr. Paul Stepak of the Spokane Regional Health District.

"We are the only place we know of where E. coli cases occurred in more than usual numbers," Stepak said. "We don't think we're looking at a widespread outbreak."

The number of cases of E. coli illness remained at seven Tuesday, health officials said.

But 15 people who have ties to the downtown YMCA day care are still being evaluated to see if they have the disease, said Dr. Kim Thorburn of the health district.

Officials still must contact 20 to 30 more parents, she added.

Health care workers descended on the day care center Tuesday, interviewing parents and employees, and monitoring the handling of food, diapers and other routine matters to try and find a source for the outbreak.

No source has been found, Stepak said.

Thorburn said sanitary conditions at the center appeared adequate.

The most severely stricken child — a toddler just short of 2 years old who spent a week in the intensive-care unit at a Spokane hospital — was upgraded Tuesday from critical to serious condition.

The other six children — ranging in age from 18 months to 6 years — did not require hospitalization.

The day care center remained open Tuesday. Five of the seven victims regularly attend the center, which serves 154 children.

The other two infected youngsters have relatives at the center, though only one's illness has been definitively linked to the day care out-

break.

Symptoms of infection include abdominal cramps, diarrhea and fever, though some people can carry the disease without showing any symptoms, Thorburn said.

In extreme cases, the bacteria can cause hemolytic uremic syndrome, which can lead to kidney failure and death.

The E. coli bacteria strain involved appears to be the same one that sickened 600 people and killed four — three in Washington state and one in California — in a 1993 outbreak linked to undercooked fast-food hamburgers.

That case prompted new federal safeguards intended to protect consumers from tainted meat, the most common source of E. coli bacteria. The bacteria can also be spread through contact with the feces of an infected person.

An October 1996 outbreak of E. coli bacteria-related illness, traced to unpasteurized apple juice, killed a 16-month-old Colorado girl and sickened dozens of people in the western United States and Canada.

Missouri executes convicted murderer

Associated Press

POTOSI, Mo.

A man convicted of killing two brothers in a drunken brawl was executed by injection early today after arguing that he didn't receive an adequate defense from an attorney who became his lover.

Reginald Powell, 29, was pronounced dead at 12:04 a.m. at the Potosi Correctional Center in south-east Missouri. His final words were "I love my family."

The case drew national attention because of the affair between Powell and his original trial lawyer, Marianne Marxkors, a relationship that she said clouded her judgment. She blamed herself for putting him on death row.

"Had he had a fair trial, and the jury decided to kill him, that would be one thing," Marxkors said. "But I took that away from him. This verdict is colored by my

lack of objectivity and my mistakes."

It was an unlikely love affair. Powell was a borderline mentally retarded black teen-ager from a rough St. Louis neighborhood. Marxkors was an educated white public defender nearly twice his age.

Marxkors admitted she began falling in love with Powell soon after she was appointed as a public defender to handle his case. After his conviction, they had their first sexual encounter in a holding cell near a St. Louis courtroom. The relationship lasted for years.

During the trial, prosecutors offered a plea bargain of life in prison in exchange for a guilty plea. Marxkors turned it down and never put Powell on the stand during the penalty phase. She said later she thought she could somehow get Powell off on a manslaughter conviction.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Iraqi Student Pleads For Peace, End to Suffering

Will I see my parents again?
After a long and eventful journey from Iraq I reached this country to study for a degree at Notre Dame. As an Iraqi now living in the U.S. I want to share a few thoughts with you, the reader, on the threatened bombing or "showdown with Iraq."

I have tried for the last few months to define what peace is, to explore how it could be made attainable and to work towards that end. I now feel helpless — helpless because the fate of my family and friends rests with the allied governments over whose actions I have no control, and anxious because I do not know if, when, or where there will be a strike. I almost wish that it would happen, not because I want it to, but at least then it would be over.

Defining peace is difficult because it has been fleeting and scarce in my lifetime. It remains elusive even here where there is no war, but from where many wars are directed. For I now live in the country, whose government has the power to decide whether or not a war should start with Iraq and exactly how many Iraqi people should die before it stops. I now live in America.

Working for peace and wanting peace

is also disheartening because I have no control over the actions of other governments or over the actions of my own. I have only one small voice and am one person. I am powerless. And to be powerless in the pursuit of peace, in these days, is the worst feeling of all.

During the Gulf War the glamour of the

family, friends and I. We wanted death to take us all or none at all. It now seems absurd that I could have once hidden under the stairs with the rest of the family and prayed, out of fear, for death.

The horror I lived through has sequels, like all horror movies have. While I am here my family and friends are there.

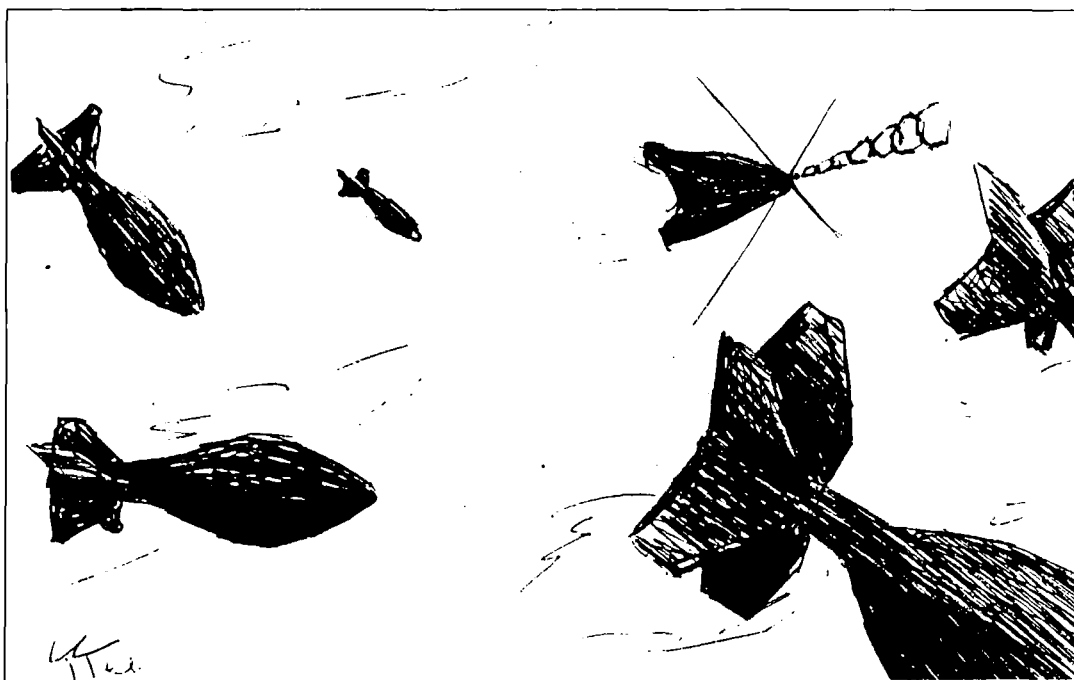
Glamorous planes and "accurate," "smart" bombs are still fashionable here on this side of the world. What can I do?

I have started praying. Almost the same prayer as before — almost; Please don't let my parents and friends suffer. Either leave them alone or

finish them all, but don't let them suffer like that. Please all of you who read this pray for me and for my family and friends and pray that more bombs don't fall on the Iraqi people.

Anonymous
February 21, 1998

Editor's Note: Because of the nature of tensions between the U.S. and Iraq, The Observer chose to allow the author to remain anonymous.



planes and bombs was seen differently and interpreted differently on the other side of the world. While people here were enjoying the show and applauding fast, accurate strikes, myself and my family were suffering, in hiding. Fear of dying or being crippled or paralyzed at any moment is indescribable. We reached a stage of despair praying that a bomb would fall on our heads and rescue us from the fear.

Even in our prayers we were one, my

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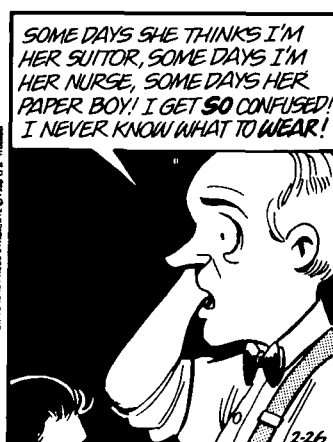
A note to the editor on the impending slaughter of innocents ... I have a very simple point to make. Here in the U.S. we have the pre-eminent representative democracy in the world. We have the opportunity to vote, to let our opinions be heard to the officers of our government, to organize with people of similar motivations ourselves and potentially to have a legitimate impact on the way our country is run. Yet even with all of these privileges — privileges that are the envy of every developing nation on earth — I know that most of us would not be willing to put ourselves on the line as accountable for many of the actions of our government. So ask yourself if it is just to hold the people of Iraq accountable for the behavior of their brutal totalitarian leader. Ask yourself if it is just to punish them with death, with destruction and horror and loss beyond description ... with the shock of two-ton explosives plunging mercilessly through inadequate bomb shelters into the soft bodies of the hundreds huddled terrified inside.

Every one of us will be accountable by association for the ugly conceits of our powerful nation, just as we so readily thrust some twisted accountability upon the children of Iraq. The difference, I suppose, is that while the reflective among us will feel only sadness and outrage, the Iraqi people will feel the unending agony of lives utterly destroyed.

Tony Blanchet-Ruth
Senior, Off Campus
February 25, 1998

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We've become the people our parents warned us about."

—Jimmy Buffett

■ THE BELLE OF SAINT MARY'S

Is Mooning a Male Art?

I tackle only the big questions in this column, and today what I want to know is:

- 1) Why do men occasionally find it necessary to partially disrobe and display their rear ends to each other?
- 2) And why don't women feel a need to do this?
- 3) And how is it possible that "Step By Step" is STILL on the air?
- 4) And is there a connection between Questions one and three?

We are all familiar with the concept of a drive-by mooning, in which one exposes one's posterior in a 40 mph blurred rush, followed by non-muffled acceleration and screaming self-congratulations, as if one has

just singlehandedly secured perpetual world peace. But growing up without a brother or a boyfriend, I was 18 years old before I discovered that men often employ the moon in order to express disagreement or contempt. They use it to end arguments, as the touche to end all touches. To men, a moon, loosely translated, means: "I find

your rationalizations weak and your general philosophy of life completely void of logic. Your very existence, sir, is a blot upon the human race."

Whereas a woman will translate a moon as: "Oh, yeah? Well, HERE'S MY BUTT!"

Women don't understand mooning at all. When women become upset with each other, we will turn to the more mature solution of mocking the size of one's thighs behind one's back. Our butts, however, are our own business.

Mooning tends to stay within the realm of dorm rooms and speeding

pickup trucks, which certainly helps to keep America beautiful, but tends to render adult life rather boring. The use of the moon would make, for example, presidential debates a LOT more interesting:

BOB DOLE: We should cut federal spending.

BILL CLINTON: No, we should increase it.

BOB DOLE: (Moons him)

SAM DONALDSON: President Clinton, do you have a rebuttal?

BILL CLINTON: (Moons Sam Donaldson)

Mooning might also be helpful in man-on-man job interviews:

BMW-DRIVING CORPORATE SUIT PERSON: I'm sorry (your name here), but we just don't think our firm would make the best of your abilities. We will, however, keep your application on file, and —

YOU: File THIS! (Moon him)

BMW-DRIVING CORPORATE SUIT PERSON: (Runs away)

See? You might not have any income, health insurance, or retirement plan, but you WILL have the timeless satisfaction of the last word. Down with The Man! The buttocks have spoken!

The only word more final than a male mooning is the purposeful unveiling of an even more private area, a practice that is even more puzzling to me. Don't you people give each other one-urinal buffer zones to prevent each other from seeing ... that?

Again, the corresponding practice is one that women generally avoid. There is no bra removal in the company of others unless you're squished into an L.S. Ayers dressing room with your best friend and a Zum Zum formal dress for which you'll pay \$110 to wear twice. The only reason a woman would disrobe in anger is ... Okay, I can't think of ANY reason why a woman would disrobe in anger, because it's stupid.

I want to get to the bottom of this. (Sorry.) I hereby propose a full Student Government Exposure of Body Parts In Anger Task Force Committee Discussion Board Council Panel (SGBPATFCDBCP), complete with its own logo, LaFortune office, and Awareness Week. And if you don't like it, well ... (insert moon here).

Mary Beth Ellis is a junior English writing and political science major at Saint Mary's College who realizes that it would not be a tremendously smart career move to include the preceding column in her résumé portfolio. Her column may be seen in *The Observer* every other Thursday; her bare behind may not be seen anywhere, at any time.

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

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Celebrate Women Swimmers

We're No. 1! We took the Big East tournament! We did better than expected in almost all events! But how many students and faculty know about it? "It" was the Big East swimming championships. The women won their second straight championship last weekend — an incredible achievement. On top of that, Linda Gallo was the MVP swimmer, and Bailey Weathers won "Coach of the Year" honors (again, for the second straight year)! The men were very pleased to come away as the fourth best team in a very competitive conference (not as "disappointed" as the paper erroneously printed).

Coach Tim Welsh, who called the meet "a dream for us," and the teams are to be commended for their dedication and hard work. As unofficial team chaplain, I am privileged to be with them at Mass before their meets, and I know how hard they train and how much they put their hearts into being the best they can be. Unfortunately, not many people on campus get to see that. They didn't receive a lot of press in *The Observer*, and when they did, it was tucked away in the middle of the sports section. Come on, Irish! Celebrate your champions! God bless our athletes.

Fr. Bill Wack, C.S.C.
February 25, 1998

Even Our Newspaper is 'Phallocentric'

It is a rare occasion when an article in *The Observer* elicits any emotional response from us, as our senses have been dulled by the ceaseless drivel over the "two types of men at Notre Dame" and the sad state of relations between our "sisters" at SMC and the female population of ND. However, upon opening the paper today, we were directly confronted with a veritable onslaught of overt sexism. Is it really necessary to have a separate "Women's News" page? Or does such a page signify that the rest of the publication is devoted exclusively to news which would interest only men?

We realize that the page is meant to promote womens' accomplishments which are often ignored, but the notion that women need a separate page in the first place validates the con-

tinued sexual segregation which permeates our phallocentric campus. What comes next? Perhaps next week we can look forward to an "African-American News" page, a "Caucasian News" page, or an "Hispanic News" page.

We applaud the effort of *The Observer* in its increased attention to womens' activities on our campus and in society at large; however, sexual segregation is not the answer.

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February 20, 1998

In Iraq We Must Practice Restraint

Do you litter anywhere you like just because you know somebody is appointed to clean it up anyway? Or are you just trying to create more jobs? Do you take advantage of another person just because you can, and can get away with it? Or are you just adhering to the inevitable law of survival of the fittest?

Do you bomb another country just because it is economically viable or to increase your self-image? Or is it because the other guy started it?

It saddens me that in most television commentaries that I have watched recently, people, especially those political analysts, are only concerned with the practicality of bombing Iraq and not the moral justification of it. People seem to accept bombing Iraq and getting rid of Saddam Hussein (and perhaps installing a democratic government) as a justified action and never question whether we should do it in the first place. Even if you can, the end doesn't justify the mean. As I see it, people are more concerned with who is going to pay the bill; is it going to help us achieve our goals; what are we prepared to do next?

Perhaps I should not be surprised. People here appear to take their president's infidelity in great stride. The greatest tragedy of this nation is not that her president has loose pants, but because her people don't care. Some people argue that we should not judge the president with a higher standard than we are willing to hold ourselves to. But in case I am mistaken, you only have to elect one president from this nation of 200 million strong. And what happens to leading by example? I doubt that it is impossible to find another person in this country that is less salacious and no less capable. The moment we condone immoral acts is the moment morality starts to decay. Maybe this is just another sign of changing times.

I didn't attend the Teach-in, but it doesn't take an expert to help me realize that this is a fiasco created, amplified and blinded by testosterone (no offense to Madam Albright). America has a bone to pick with Saddam Hussein, not Iraq, let's not blur the line. Iraq has not committed any aggression and there is no moral justification to add salt to the wound that the American-led economic sanctions have inflicted on the helpless Iraqi people, period. People should not even think of whether bombing is feasible. If America does go against the will of the rest of the world, she will be the one that is committing aggression. And shame on you for picking on someone that is just a fraction of your size (in every respect).

I am not defending Saddam Hussein, but he is not Hitler either. He is more like a crippled tiger with his tail between his legs. America should have more class than to stoop to his level and play his game. Will an apple fall upwards if you curse it or dare it? Even if he is harboring deadly weapons, do you seriously think that the rest of the world will give him the chance of creating another mess like Hitler did? Since President Hussein is constantly under a spotlight and microscope, the world will not hesitate to retaliate.

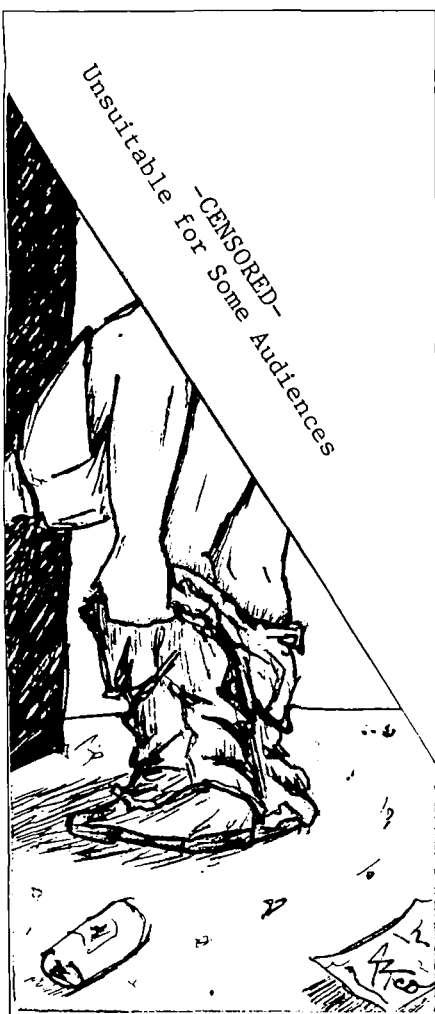
What puzzles me is that the nations that are most directly threatened by Saddam Hussein actually oppose the bombing of Iraq. They are not supporting it, not even ambivalent about it. Yet, America is persistently poking her nose into other people's affair. There is a Chinese saying that aptly describes this situation, albeit slightly vulgar: The king doesn't care, the eunuch cares.

America has always proclaimed herself to be the greatest arbiter of peace and champion of freedom. Yet, she cannot accept other people who adopt other ways of life and are bent on converting everybody else to their own camp. America, by and large is still a Christian country, have you ever heard of God insisting on us following Him? Or else He'll bomb us? Or maybe He is only using different tactics? Furthermore, Saddam Hussein is not the only dictator who has committed great injustices to his and other people. Many other countries have done that too, I don't need to name them here. But instead of isolating them and threatening them with bombings, America "engages" them in dialogues with unsurpassed tolerance or she simply turns a blind eye. Why not accord the same courtesy to Iraq? Is it because it is not economically feasible? Ohh ... it is cheaper to bomb than to sit down and talk, what a great 20th century logic! I guess in the future, if you look in a dictionary, you will find this example under double standard, hypocrisy and insanity.

In actual fact, the chance of America firing the next missile is much greater than coming from the rest of the world. It is America that should practice self-restraint lest she become a worldwide, trigger-happy, abominable bully.

Finally, I would like to express my apology to anyone that has been offended by my article and/or the language therein. Thank you.

Seng Kai Wong
Physics graduate student
February 21, 1998



James Iha

Let It Come Down

★★★★ stars
out of five

Courtesy of Virgin Records

What do Bob Davie and James Iha have in common? They have both lived in the shadow of some legend. While Davie got his calling to the spotlight last year with the retiring of head football coach Lou Holtz, Iha is just now taking the attention away from Smashing Pumpkins' bandmate and lead singer/guitarist Billy Corgan. Although Iha had two of his own songs appear on the Pumpkins' last album, many people will fail to recognize the songwriter's name, let alone his own work. The first solo album from Iha called *Let It Come Down* just might be enough to establish some credit to the forgotten Pumpkin.

The majority of the songs, such as "Sound of Love" and "Lover, Lover," deal primarily with love. Throughout the album, Iha speaks of the love he has been searching for, and the jubilation he feels when he finally attains it. Other songs, such as "Be Strong Now," serve as motivational anthems to those who are weak and afraid. The lyrical content on this album is a far cry from the depressive themes used on many Smashing Pumpkins' songs. Iha seems much less tortured than his friend Corgan. I guess it's the whole stardom thing that makes Billy feel blue.

Iha's music also offers a refreshing, softer alternative to the harder edge brought by the Pumpkins' music. The sweet sounds of acoustic guitars predominate on this album, and Iha is backed up by a great

group of musicians that includes two keyboardists, some backup vocalists, and a string section. On "Jealousy," Iha employs the talents of a horn section to add some fresh funk. The thrashing guitar solos found on any Pumpkins' albums will not be found here.

The one aspect of the record that might hurt Iha is the accusation that he might be too happy. Iha's various tales of beautiful girls do get tiresome, and one might find the need to slap him after the pointless "Country Girl," in which Iha speaks of his empty infatuation with the new girl in town. Those people out there experiencing recent breakups might want to steer clear of this one.

Living up to someone else's standard is a tough mountain to climb, especially when you are an unknown to begin with. James Iha conquers Mt. Everest with *Let It Come Down*, hopefully offering a glimpse of future treasures to come from his delightful musicianship. Maybe James could even rub some of his charm off on Billy the next time they get together.

by Geoff Rahie

Saturnzreturn

goldie

★★★★ stars
out of five

Courtesy of FFRR Records Ltd.

After his highly successful first album, Goldie returns with another assortment of electronic offerings which showcase his versatility. There is real value in the cost of the purchase because it is a double album lasting well over two hours and consisting of two distinct movements. The principal track on the first CD, *Mother*, is a long, slow orchestral arrangement with sparse vocals, a combination which is both surprising and eloquent. "Truth" is similar and contains vocals by David Bowie, one of many stars to jump onto the Goldie bandwagon.

More variety is found on the second disc, a varied selection of tracks ranging from hip hop to ambient to deep dub vibe. KRS-One guests on "Digital," a frenetic and slightly awkward track that is perhaps the lowlight of the album. Things improve later on with the fluid grace of "Chico," a fast jungle beat stretched over an ominous bassline in the best Aphex Twin fashion. The ubiquitous Noel Gallagher makes an appearance on "Temper Temper," another ragged tablet of noise containing distorted vocals and fragments of verse. "Fury" is appropriately titled in that it

complements earlier tracks by offering a mixture of fast and slow rhythms, echoing its predecessors while contributing something new to the general theme of the album.

Overall Goldie has done well here; it is a difficult task to follow up a big-selling debut, but as the Chemical Brothers have shown, it is not impossible. For those not into this type of electronica, *Saturnzreturn* may not be the best introduction as it suffers mildly in comparison to the aforementioned Aphex Twin, but for the initiated this second release is a welcome addition to the collection. Sometimes Goldie's lyrics are not the most original, and occasionally his beats have been heard somewhere before, but the way in which the parts come together makes the album definitely worth a listen.

by Julian Elliott

The Lowdown

Last week's appearance by Cure frontman Robert Smith on Comedy Central's "South Park" brought the cartoon series its highest rating to date.

According to Nielsen Media Research, approximately 3,208,000 U.S. households tuned into the "Mecha-Streisand" episode, which features Smith fighting singer Barbara Streisand, who tries to take over the world by using magic powers granted by an ancient amulet discovered in South Park. Furthermore, the show attracted 40,000 more viewers than ABC's "Prime Time Live." This surprise ratings' victory, marking the first time a cable station has beaten a Big Three broadcast network during prime time.

For the first time since 1994, Phish will be playing a series of shows in the month of April, traditionally a

time of rest or recording for the band.

Two shows (April 2-3) will take place at Long Island's Nassau Coliseum, while on April 4-5, the band will be playing at the Providence Civic Center in Providence, R.I. Following the four-show stint, Phish will return to the studio to continue working on its ninth album.

Ska/pop band Save Ferris is getting ready for the prom, literally. React magazine (www.react.com) is taking entries from fans to win a 45-minute performance of Save Ferris at their high school prom. The band is currently on tour with Sugar Ray and Goldfinger supporting its major label debut, *It Means Everything*.

Celine Dion may have accomplished a lot as a singer, but she has never had one of her hit songs remixed ... until now. Thanks to the British duo Soul Solution, a dance remix of her song "My Heart Will Go On" from the "Titanic" soundtrack will be arriving in stores in the next few weeks.

More than 100,000 America Online users helped determine the winners of the 1997 Online Music Awards. The Spice Girls won for "Album of the Year," while Baby Spice was adorned as the "Favorite Spice Girl." Marilyn Manson won for "Best Album for Torturing Your Parents" and "Artist Most Likely to be Damned to Hell."

Chumbawamba was considered

"Favorite One-Hit Wonder" while Fresh Prince Will Smith took home "Favorite Guilty Pleasure" and "Best Male Singer."

Jewel beat Mariah Carey for "Best Female Singer," while Carey instead was honored as "Artist Most in Need of a Good Spanking." Bush's Gavin Rossdale was tapped as "Pin-Up Artist of 1997," and his group was named "The Band Who Most Rocked Your World."

Lead singer Perry Farrell has officially pulled the plug on Porno for Pyros. The former Jane's Addiction frontman is already working on a new project named Gobbelec. The new group will feature a rotating group of musicians that will likely include Porno mates Stephen Perkins and Peter Dinklage.

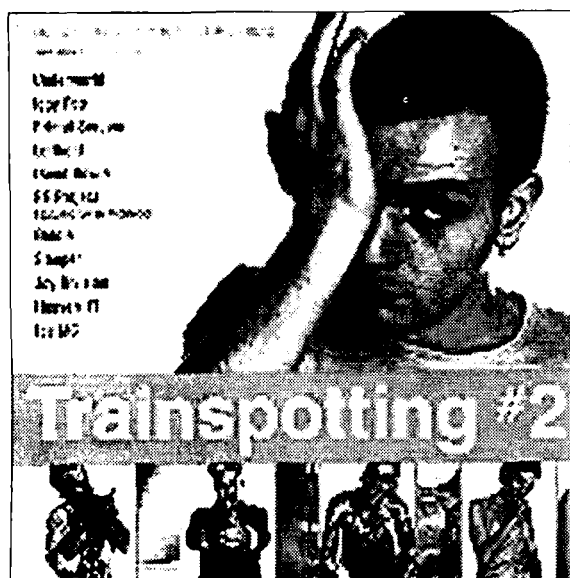
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- 3.) Pearl Jam — Yield
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- 7.) G. Love & The Special Sauce — Yeah, It's That Easy
- 8.) Lisa Loeb — Firecracker
- 9.) Pee Shy — Don't Get Too Comfortable
- 10.) Big Daddy Voodoo Daddy (EP)

various artists

Trainspotting #2

★★ stars
out of five



Courtesy of Capitol Records

Irvine Welsh's 1995 novel "Trainspotting" about the abject dismalness of life in modern Edinburgh spawned a movie by that same name in 1995. Featured on the soundtrack to that film titled, surprisingly enough, Trainspotting, was some of the best euro club music of last year. Unfortunately, this review is not about that particular album, but rather the sequel to it, Trainspotting #2.

Trainspotting #2 is a release designed to coincide with a limited edition directors cut of Trainspotting the film, referred to as the "Green Edition" for an ad campaign that reverses the usual obnoxious orange styling for an equally obnoxious green. However, it is not available for purchase yet in the United States due to a conflict between Great Britain's video cassette formatting and America's tried and true VHS.

The CD soundtrack with nifty green styling, though, is ready and waiting at your local purveyor of finer music (i.e. the bookstore). Trainspotting #2 includes a few songs not found on the original soundtrack. The remaining tracks are songs "that inspired the film makers or has been inspired by the film" according to the liner notes. The notes also detail why certain tracks were included on this album, but not in the movie, which is certainly important, since this reviewer has no clue what Fun Boy Three's "Our Lips are Sealed" was doing on this album.

However, this does not account for several tracks. These seemingly inexplicable tracks are mainly remixes of the exceptionally popular songs from the first album, designed to lure in fans of the first album with the seeming promise of music in a similar vein. These particular remixes, however, do little. The DJs who decide to change what worked about the song need to brush up on a few basic principles of logic here. But, for the most part, Trainspotting #2 suc-

ceeds in capturing the euro-club feel of the movie and the first album. Incessant beats that invoke a primal urge to dance in the listener combined with the refinement of a techno edge to appeal to the higher senses run rampant through this album. However, it cannot escape the fact that it is mainly comprised of music not considered good enough to make the original motion picture or the original soundtrack.

The album fails to appeal to mass audiences as the first soundtrack did. It lacks the smoothed out feel that stems from a comprehensive soundtrack. While individual songs, such as Underworld's "Dark and Long" and PF Project's "Choose Life" (featuring Ewan McGregor's now infamous "choose life" sound byte) are grand club shaking, bass boosting, dance tracks; they feel disconnected from the rest of the album (to say nothing of the "Haberna" from Carmen (Georges Bizet must be rolling over in his grave.) David Bowie's "Golden Years" didn't make the movie — for a good reason. It ought to go the way of the dinosaur and leisure suits. Heaven 17's "Temptation" — although included in the movie — perhaps would have been better off remaining anonymous.

While certain tracks are very danceable and listenable for anyone into the euro club music scene, or looking for something more worldly than "Mo' Money, Mo' Problems" for their next party, the rest of this album seems to appeal only to die hard British post-punk generation, or those with precious little taste in music.

by Dominic Caruso

various artists

Hellcat Records Presents... Give 'Em The Boot

★★★ 1/2 stars
out of five



Courtesy of Hellcat Records

As ska continues its inevitable ascent as the champion of all music, its presence in the recording industry has strengthened. Many small labels devoted to ska and her minions have come into existence, as bands like the Toasters, Bim Skala Bim, Skankin' Pickle, and Less than Jake have all expanded the face of ska with their respective labels.

Tim Armstrong, of Rancid (and formerly Operation Ivy) fame, has combined his efforts with the successful punk and oi label Epitaph to assemble perhaps the most formidable stable of bands in existence. Hellcat records released its inaugural compilation Give 'Em the Boot this past summer, and the listing of bands on the disc reads like an all-star list of the ska and punk community. Hepcat, the Slackers, Skinnerbox, the Skatalites, Stubborn Allstars, Rancid, Voodoo Glowskulls, the Pietasters, and the Dave Hillyard Rocksteady 7 — this is a definitive listing of the music you will be hearing over the next few years.

As with any new enterprise, it takes time to perfect the product, and Hellcat seems to suffer from this same quandary. Despite the quality of bands, producer Armstrong has difficulty with an age old problem

— capturing the intensity of live ska in the studio. While this is the case with certain tracks, there is definitely potential. Hepcat's "Can't Wait" is the gem of the disc, ensnaring the vocal stylings of Greg Lee, Alex Desert, and Deston Berry as well as the irresistible groove created by bassist David Fuentes and percussionist Chris Castanan. These gentlemen have been at the forefront of the West Coast ska scene since the early '90s, yet their first two releases never quite conveyed their genius. With their initial release "Right on Time" hitting the shelves recently, look for big things from Hepcat.

While Give 'Em the Boot didn't quite live up to expectations, it is still a solid compilation of many talented bands. Best of all, it retails for under five bucks; so do yourself a favor and pick up a copy. Hellcat Records can be contacted at www.hellcat.com. Hellcat artists Hepcat, the Slackers, and the Gadjits will be performing this Saturday night at Metro in Chicago.

by Matt Buttel

upcoming concerts in the region

Primus/Blink 182	Feb. 27	Riviera Theatre (Chicago)
The Crystal Method	Feb. 28	House Of Blues (Chicago)
The Chieftains	March 1	Clowes Memorial Hall (Indianapolis)
Matchbox 20	March 8	Aragon Ballroom (Chicago)
Reel Big Fish	March 13	Riviera Theatre (Chicago)
Third Eye Blind/Smashmouth	March 16	Murat Theatre (Indianapolis)
Puff Daddy & The Family	March 20	Rosemont Horizon (Rosemont, IL)
Alibaba's Tahini/Umphrey's McGee	March 28	State Theatre (South Bend)
Roni Size Reprazent	March 21	Metro (Chicago)
Ben Harper	March 23	Vogue Theatre (Indianapolis)
Leftover Salmon	March 27	The Vic (Chicago)
Mary J. Blige	March 27	Arie Crown Theatre (Chicago)
The Skatalites/Let's Go Bowling/Skapone	March 27	Metro (Chicago)
Violent Femmes	April 6	World Mardi Gras (Indianapolis)
Eric Clapton	April 9-10	United Center (Chicago)
Radiohead	April 10	Rosemont Theatre (Rosemont, IL)

NHL

Lightning flashes a streak of fine play over Capitals

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

U.S. Olympic coach Ron Wilson's miserable month got worse Wednesday night as his Washington Capitals lost 4-3 to the cellar-dwelling Tampa Bay Lightning on Alexander Selivanov's goal with 7.4 seconds to play.

In the teams' first game since the Olympics, Selivanov put the puck in after Sylvain Cote failed to clear after a face-off at the Capitals' end.

The Capitals did rally from a 3-1 deficit after two periods on goals by Richard Zednik with 15:51 to play and Craig Berube with 7:44 remaining, but Washington's inability to clear the puck cost three goals — including the game-winner.

Selivanov got the first on a wraparound goal at 12:54 for his first goal in 10 games. It became 2-0 at 14:16 when the Capitals couldn't clear and Tucker poked in the shot for his fourth goal.

Four more penalties brought a power play goal for each team in the second period, as the Capitals once again paid the price for poor puck-handling. After Peter Bondra couldn't get it out of the zone, David Wilkie took a shot and Paul Ysebaert flicked in the rebound from a tight angle to the right of the net at the 11:14 mark.

Toronto 2, Buffalo 2

Mathieu Schneider's goal with 4.1 seconds remaining in regulation lifted the Toronto Maple Leafs to a 2-2 tie Wednesday night with the Buffalo Sabres in a game played brilliantly by Olympic star Dominik Hasek.

Donald Audette had given Buffalo a 2-1 lead with 4:04 left in regulation when he stuffed in his 16th after the Sabres had a two-man advantage following Toronto penalties 26 seconds apart.

If it weren't for Hasek, the Sabres could have been beaten by at least four goals. Instead,

they extended their unbeaten streak to 10 games (5-0-5). Not surprisingly, he was named the game's first star.

Geoff Sanderson opened the scoring on his first shift for with the Sabres since being traded to Buffalo from Vancouver in a deal that sent forward Brad May to the Canucks.

Hasek stopped at least six good scoring opportunities over the first two periods before Todd Warriner beat him with 1:28 left in the second when he flipped a backhand over the fallen goaltender. Hasek then stopped two breakaways and no fewer than four other good chances in the third.

Dallas 4, New York Islanders 1

Ed Belfour stopped 21 shots as the Dallas Stars beat the New York Islanders 4-1 Wednesday night in the first game for the two teams since the Olympic break.

Pat Verbeek, Jere Lehtinen, Juha Lind and Mike Modano scored for the Stars, who own the league's best road record (20-8-3) and best overall record (37-13-8).

Olympic gold medalist Robert Reichel had New York's goal, as the Islanders started a crucial stretch of seven of their next eight games at home. Tommy Salo started his 10th straight game in goal for New York and turned aside 21 shots.

The Stars took a 1-0 lead in the first minute on a power-play goal by Verbeek, who beat Salo with a shot from the slot. Lehtinen put the Stars up 2-0 at 9:08 on a one-timer from the lower right circle that bounced in off the left post.

Lind gave Dallas a 3-0 lead at 11:48 of the second period when his wrist shot from the low slot beat Salo high to the stick side.

Reichel broke Belfour's bid for an eighth shutout this season when he took Trevor Linden's



KRT Photo
U.S. Olympic and Washington head coach Ron Wilson continues his woes. After the poor Olympic showing in Nagano, his Capitals lost to last-place Tampa Bay.

pass and wristed a 20-footer inside the left post just 19 seconds into the final period.

New Jersey 3, Florida 2

Denis Pederson's power-play goal keyed a three-goal second period as the New Jersey Devils beat the Florida Panthers 3-2 Wednesday night.

The Devils, top team in the Eastern Conference with a 35-16-6 record, stretched their winning streak to four games and unbeaten streak to five (4-0-1). The Panthers are 0-3-1 in their last four games.

With the teams tied at 2-2 in the second period, a turnover in the Panthers' zone during a Devils power play set up Pederson. His slap shot from the faceoff circle went through John Vanbiesbrouck's legs for the go-ahead goal at 12:51.

Backup Mike Dunham (3-4-2) started in place of New Jersey's

regular goalie Martin Brodeur (32-11-4), and recorded 23 saves. He made a big leg save on Ray Whitney's slap shot with 5:30 left in the scoreless third period to preserve the victory, his first since Dec. 10.

The Panthers took a 2-1 lead at 2:41 on Gord Murphy's soft shot from the blue line that eluded a screened-out Dunham.

At 9:50 of the second, defenseman Lyle Odelein's slap shot from the blue line was deflected in by Bob Carpenter to make it 2-2. It was Odelein's second assist of the game.

The Panthers took a 1-0 lead at 16:16 of the first period on Tom Fitzgerald's 10th goal. The Devils tied it on Petr Sykora's shorthanded goal at 1:05 of the second period.

Vanbiesbrouck, who has started the past 16 games, but played just one minute while backing up Mike Richter for team USA in Nagano, had 26 saves.

Islanders sold for \$195 million

Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y.

It's official: The New York Islanders have finally been sold.

After a series of snags that stretched over the past seven years, the Islanders have been officially bought by New York Sports Ventures, headed by Steven Gluckstern and Howard Milstein.

Seven months of negotiations were completed Wednesday, it was announced by Gary Lewi, a spokesman for New York Sports Ventures.

An official announcement will be held Thursday morning at Nassau Coliseum.

New York Sports Ventures purchased the team from John Pickett for \$195 million. The deal includes the team, the cable television contract (worth a total of about \$500 million) and the 70-acre tract of land

that surrounds the Coliseum.

Gluckstern, who is the head of an insurance firm and Milstein, who deals in real estate, will each own 45 percent of the team. Gluckstern was formerly a half-owner of the Phoenix Coyotes.

Pickett bought the team outright in 1978, after serving as an original minority owner under Roy Boe. And after rescuing the team from near bankruptcy and serving as owner during New York's four consecutive Stanley Cup championships from 1980-1983, Pickett started to lose interest in the team. He moved to Virginia and distanced himself from the Islanders, and the team started to collapse.

Pickett thought he had the team sold last year to Dallas businessman John Spano, but Spano was deemed fraudulent in his financial holdings, and the deal collapsed.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Cone shakes off sore shoulder in spring training

Associated Press

David Cone showed no real sign of a sore shoulder, but David Wells is still a bit saddled by sore ribs.

The New York Yankees hurlers are having opposite experiences at spring training as they try to shake off their injuries and the team tries to shake out its rotation.

Cone mixed it up and was problem free during an intrasquad contest in Tampa, Fla., on Wednesday, his first game since last year.

Wells tried to throw but was bothered by strained muscles between his right ribs, an injury that may keep him from his first scheduled spring training start Saturday.

"He tried to throw and he had a little problem," said Yankees manager Joe Torre. "It's been nagging him the past four, five, six days and it has prevented him from doing a lot of throwing."

Cone threw 37 pitches — 20 of them strikes — in two innings, using all four pitches in his repertoire. He allowed one run, one walk, and three hits. While his control was

occasionally off, his performance went rather smoothly.

"I've been waiting for a game to come along all winter and today was the day," Cone said. "I had no problems with my shoulder and that's really the key for me. I was a little nervous and a little anxious to get out there. I wasn't as sharp as I'm going to be or would like to be."

Cone remains optimistic he will be ready by the regular season's initial week. He makes his exhibition debut Tuesday against Houston at Kissimmee.

New York trainer Gene Monahan said Wells' ailment is "not a major injury" but added Wells will not throw the next few days.

A decision on whether the Yankees will make offers for free agent pitchers Ricardo Aramboles and Orlando Hernandez could be made Thursday when team officials meet with owner George Steinbrenner.

In other news:

• First baseman Darin Erstad, the first overall selection in the 1995 free-agent

draft, agreed to terms of a four-year deal with the Anaheim Angels.

• Tests show Red Sox second baseman Jeff Frye has torn the anterior cruciate ligament and lateral cartilage in his left knee during a rundown drill. He is expected to have surgery as soon as possible and miss the entire season.

• Two days of treatment has improved Curt Schilling's sore left hamstring so much that the Philadelphia Phillies'



KRT Photo
Yankee ace David Cone started throwing the heat at camp yesterday as New York repairs the injury-ridden pitching staff of last season.

McDowell signs, gets his wings

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif.

Former Cy Young Award winner Jack McDowell, who sat out most of last season with an elbow injury, has agreed to terms on a one-year contract with the Anaheim Angels.

McDowell, who underwent minor surgery on his right elbow May 20, was expected to miss about a month but sat out all of 1997. The Cleveland Indians later declined to exercise his \$4.8 million option for this season.

McDowell, who was 3-3 with a 5.09 ERA in eight games with the Indians last year, said he was eager to get back on the mound.

"They've got a great young

team, a great group of guys, it's just a good situation for me," McDowell said Wednesday. "You look around at people who have a need for something and where you can fit in, where you have a chance to win and the Angels fit as well as anybody."

McDowell and Angels general manager Bill Bavasi dismissed concerns about his health.

"I really don't think my value as far as being a workhorse has dropped and my health isn't an issue at all," McDowell said.

The right-hander worked out for Angels scouts several weeks ago to allay concerns about his arm.

"We're excited about his health," Bavasi said.

McDowell won the AL Cy Young Award with Chicago, going 22-10 with a 3.37 ERA in 1993 — his third consecutive 250-inning season. But McDowell had the worst season of his career in 1996 with a 13-9 record and 5.11 ERA, then struggled early in 1997 and was demoted to the bullpen.

McDowell said he planned to be in at the Angels' spring training camp in Mesa, Ariz., by Friday.

"He's one of those guys in baseball you would call a warrior," Bavasi said. "Getting one of those guys on our club is important to us. It's a big lift in our clubhouse. We're just that much better."

Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

All-Star right-hander won't be forced to miss his first spring start of the season.

• Alex Fernandez, who has been rehabilitating his injured right shoulder in Miami, visited the Florida Marlins' clubhouse and looked fitter than ever after losing at least 25 pounds in the offseason. His next pitch, however, remains months away.

• Orel Hershiser, a free agent acquisition by San Francisco, said he believes his reunion with Giants pitching coach Ron Perranoski holds the key to rediscovering his old delivery and perhaps even adding velocity and sharpness to his sinker and curve ball. He said he strayed from his original style while in Cleveland the past three years.

• Four Hall of Famers with ties to the Tampa Bay area — Ted Williams, Stan Musial, Monte Irvin and Al Lopez — will simultaneously throw out ceremonial pitches for the Devil Rays' inaugural game on March 31.

• In the Florida Marlins' first game since winning the World Series last October, Julio Ramirez had three hits and Nelson Lara closed out a combined six-hitter to help the Marlins beat the University of

Miami 9-2.

• Kevin Tapani and Steve Trachsel each gave up three hits in three innings for the Chicago Cubs in the team's first intrasquad game. Scott Servais threw out all three runners who tried to steal against him.

• Tony Gwynn, Mark Sweeney and Carlos Hernandez each went 2-for-2 in the San Diego Padres' intrasquad game, their final tune-up before Thursday's exhibition season opener.

• Chris Peters pitched two scoreless innings and Aramis Ramirez hit a two-run double as the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Hyundai Unicorns 4-0 to split a doubleheader. In the first game, three Korean pitchers threw a five-hitter in a 2-0 win in the seven-inning game.

• The New York Mets, adhering to manager Bobby Valentine's schedule, used six pitchers in a 6-3 exhibition win over the Korean National Team in the first of two exhibitions between the teams.

• In Tucson, Ariz., Hensley Meulens had a solo home run and three singles in the Arizona Diamondbacks first intrasquad game. "We christened the ballpark in a nice way," Meulens said after his homer at Tucson Electric Park.

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■ U.S. SOCCER

U.S. shut out by Belgium, 2-0

Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium
The United States soccer team lost Wednesday for the third straight time since posting one of the biggest wins in U.S. soccer history.

Nico Vankerckhoven scored two goals to give Belgium a 2-0 win in a pre-World Cup exhibition match.

Since beating Brazil 1-0 in the Gold Cup on Feb. 10, the U.S. team has lost to Mexico, the Netherlands and Belgium, not scoring a goal in any of the three games.

The losses to Belgium and the Netherlands, by identical 2-0 scores, are particularly troubling for the U.S. team, which will play European powers Germany and Yugoslavia in the World Cup in June.

Watched by 16,000 in the King Baudouin Stadium here, the game came alive in the 23rd minute when Vankerckhoven broke loose on Belgium's left flank, chased the ball hard into the goal mouth and tipped it through the legs of U.S. goalkeeper Kasey Keller.

The U.S. responded later in the half, but Alexi Lalas and Eric Wynalda could not finish off scoring opportunities.

The Belgians took control in the second half when Vankerckhoven scored his second goal in the 54th minute. Vankerckhoven scored off the inside of the post on a rebound after Luc Nilis' free kick left Keller out of position.

The Belgians kept up the pressure. In the 64th minute Manu Karagianni — seeing Keller way out of his goal — attempted a high and fast lob that just sailed over the goal.

The Americans best chance at scoring in the second half came in the 79th minute when Brian McBride caught a high



After upsetting Brazil two weeks ago, the U.S. team, led by defender Alexi Lalas (right), was unable to come through against Belgium.

pass on the chest in the goal mouth yet could not get it past goalie Filip de Wilde.

It was the United States' third game against Belgium. It won in 1930 to advance to the World Cup semifinals and lost an exhibition game 1-0 on April 22, 1995.

The loss to Belgium leaves the Americans with a 4-3 record at the end of a seven-game stretch over the past 33

days.

The United States had beaten Sweden, Cuba, Costa Rica and Brazil before the losses to Mexico, the Netherlands and Belgium.

Two more games are scheduled in the next three months (Paraguay at San Diego on March 14 and Austria at Vienna on April 22) before final World Cup preparations start in May.

Big East

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memory for Manner, too, who ended a three-game 0-for-17 shooting slump by hitting three of his four shots for 6 points.

"I was looking at my parents before we were introduced, and to see them there smiling it was very special," he said, unable to shake his own smile that he wore from the court to the locker room. "The fan support was nice, too, to hear them clapping and cheering. I felt it was my duty to make a layup for them. (The first) felt real good, and I thought I should make a couple after that."

Irish coach John MacLeod also recognized the positive performances Manner and Garrity put out in what may be their final game in the white jerseys.

"You couldn't ask for a better night," MacLeod said. "It was a hard-fought game, it was a close game. Nobody left, everybody stayed to watch it at the end. This was a game where both Derek and Pat were able to show their character and their ability to persevere. It was not an easy game, you could see that it wasn't easy for either team. Both teams went after each other and it was great to see Pat and Derek finish on a positive note at home."

But MacLeod suggested that the impact of the two senior co-captains will carry on beyond last night's close victory.

"As we mentioned the other day, they have been stalwarts in this rebuilding process," MacLeod continued. "They have made major-league con-

tributions that will be recognized for years to come."

Some of those contributions may have appeared last night. Garrity answered a lot of his post-game questions with praise for his teammates, who helped the Irish to what was probably their best team-effort victory.

"I couldn't hit baskets in the first half, but Martin (Inglesby) and Phil (Hickey) helped me out and stepped up," Garrity said. "Guys like Antoni Wyche, Jimmy Dillon and Phil getting the rebounds and putting them back really picked up the slack."

It was Inglesby who took a pass from Dillon and hit a three-pointer with 5:21 left in the game to give the Irish a 63-62 lead they would hold for a minute.

And then it was Dillon who took a pass from Inglesby and turned it into another three-point basket that gave Notre Dame the lead for good with 2:46 remaining.

Inglesby finished with 15 points, Wyche and Hickey each scored 13, and Dillon sank 8, five of them coming on that three-pointer and two free throws with less than a minute to go in the game.

So what last night's game may turn out to be is a smooth transition, the passing of the torch from the exiting veterans to the young nucleus that will benefit from next year's arrival of MacLeod's best recruiting class at Notre Dame.

But if the Irish play the rest of their games the way they did last night, we may have the chance to see a few more.

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Friday- Sunday, Feb. 27-March 1
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Sunday, March 1, 11:45 am
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
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Sunday, March 1

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March 1

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2nd Reading	Romans	10: 8-13
Gospel	Luke	4:1-13

LENT ME YOUR EAR

Jim Lies, C.S.C.

Earlier this month would have been my parents forty-seventh wedding anniversary. In fact, they only had fifteen years together before my father died at the age of forty-two. My mother was expecting her tenth child when he died, and the oldest was fourteen. I was near the tail end of the brood, the eighth child, (my twin was ninth, a detail of which I often remind him) and four years old when my Dad died. I have long said that I did not lose a father in the same way that several of my older siblings did. They knew him; I didn't. I never felt as though I lost my father because I don't ever remember having one. (I realize psychologists would have a field day with that line!) What I did have, were those through whom God made up all the difference, my mother and my siblings.

We live our lives sometimes convinced that we must certainly have it worse than everyone else in the world, but there are other times when we know ourselves to be so very much blessed, perhaps feeling in that moment of revelation, more blessed than anyone else in the world. What's the constant? What's the one thing that allows us to ride the waves which are, for us, sometimes the best of times and, at times, the worst. Dare I presume to be the one to say? I am no mystic, I can't even claim to be a theologian, but I am a Christian; and I do believe that that which undergirds all that I am and all that I do is God. Even in my most unhappy moments, I am sustained by a deep undercurrent of surety and even joy at the knowledge and experience of a God so great and so loving. Admittedly, there are times when that presence seems more evident than others, but on the whole, it is what sustains me.

We have entered into a liturgical season when all of us can take time to consider, more deeply the ways in which God is active and present in our lives, in the joy and in the sorrow, in the delight and in the pain. Lent affords us an opportunity to consider the ways in which that undercurrent has weaved its way through the meanderings of our lives and refreshed and sustained us along the way. In the Catholic tradition we are particularly blessed with a multitude of ways to enter into this holy season, many of which will be publicized on this page throughout Lent. Our tradition is rich with symbols and with self-sacrifice, beginning yesterday with Ash Wednesday. Throughout Lent we have ample opportunity to renew our journey of faith, through daily Eucharist, the Stations of the Cross, daily prayer with the Rosary or simply in the quiet, and many other forms of prayer and piety. Only to the degree that we enter into the richness and self-sacrifice of this season, will Easter be for us all that it remembers and celebrates even now, the resurrection of Jesus.

When my Dad died, some suggested that perhaps my Mom should consider splitting up the children among relatives because of the great financial and emotional burden that she would undoubtedly bear. She would hear none of it. She was trained and had worked as a nurse before she was married, and six months after my little sister, Susie, was born, she went back to nursing. She worked, appropriately enough, in obstetrics, an area about which she had come to know a great deal over time! For fourteen years, she chose to work the 11pm to 7am shift so that she could be home to wake us, feed us, and see us off to school, and so that she could be home upon our return. Mom's life wasn't then, and isn't now, some thirty years later, only about her. It's about us. It's about her children, her grandchildren, and her many friends. It's about family and church. It's about faith and hope even in the face of death and despair. It's about the very thing which we absurdly propose to commemorate during this Lenten season, that in God, life is found in death.

It's not always easy to trust in God, especially when life sometimes seems to offer us only pain and fear. But, as Christians, we believe that there is redemption in the suffering, that in some way we have entered into the sufferings of Jesus, so as to enter into His glory. Let this Lenten season be a time for us to enter into the mystery which is life and death and life again.

CONSIDERATIONS...



■ BASEBALL

Irish open home season with win over Chippewas

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
Editor-in-Chief

Forget the warm climate of sunny Florida. The Irish baseball team will take February baseball in South Bend instead.

Coming off a three-game sweep at the hands of the seventh-ranked Miami Hurricanes last weekend, the Irish opened the home half of their schedule with a 7-5 victory over the Central Michigan Chippewas yesterday.

Freshman relief pitcher Danny Tamayo retired 10 of the first 11 batters he faced, effectively shutting down Central Michigan's offense and allowing Notre Dame to overcome a 4-3 deficit when fellow freshman Alec Porzel hit a two-run homer in the sixth inning.

Tamayo's performance was a complete reversal from his only outing against Miami, when in Saturday's 27-2 loss he gave up two grand slams in one inning. Tamayo, a native of Miami, was part of a pitching staff that surrendered 62 runs on 58 hits and 22 walks in the three-game series.

But yesterday, Tamayo (1-1) provided almost impeccable pitching control, striking out seven and walking none.

"Here's a kid who went back home to Miami and got shelled. But he came back today and pitched a great game," head coach Paul Mainieri said. "He was able to throw three pitches — fastball, curveball, and changeup — for strikes. When

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you throw three pitches for strikes, you're going to win."

Tamayo sought to redeem himself after his performance in Miami.

"[Against the Hurricanes,] I didn't pitch as well as I wanted to, so I made it a point to pitch well the next time I went out," he said. "Today I was hitting the spots well. My changeup had a lot of movement."

In the seventh inning, with the Irish holding on to a 5-4 lead, Tamayo faced the second, third and fourth hitters in the Chippewa line-up — and retired them in order, ending the inning with a strikeout.

"After facing the heart of the Hurricanes' batting order, it's not so intimidating to face the two-, three-, and four-hitters in any other lineup," Mainieri

home run by center-fielder Allen Greene in the second inning. But the Chippewas scraped back, taking the lead in the fifth inning on two RBI singles and knocking out Irish starter Aaron Heilman.

The damage would have been worse if not for Irish catcher Jeff Wagner, who caught pinch runner Chris Suggit stealing just before Rick Hollern doubled to left field.

The Irish overcame the deficit quickly in the sixth inning. Designated hitter Larry Zimont began the inning by handcuffing Chippewa shortstop Greg Jones with a hard-hit ground ball for a base hit. Porzel followed with a two-run homer to left field on a 1-0 fastball that was belt-high.

Porzel was at the heart of the Irish offense yesterday, scoring two other runs and driving in Brant Ust on a double in the eighth inning. Like Tamayo's outing, Porzel's productivity was a far cry from his performance in Florida, where he went 1-for-8 with three strikeouts.

"I took a different approach to hitting during Tuesday's practice and today's game," Porzel said. "In Miami, I found myself just looking to make contact. Today, I went up and visualized myself hitting the ball hard."

"[Tuesday,] all we worked on in practice was driving the ball," he added.

The focus on hitting the ball with authority was one of two areas in which Mainieri wanted to see his team play more

aggressively. The pitching staff also needed to go after hitters when the count was favorable, rather than tentatively aiming for the corners of the plate, he said.

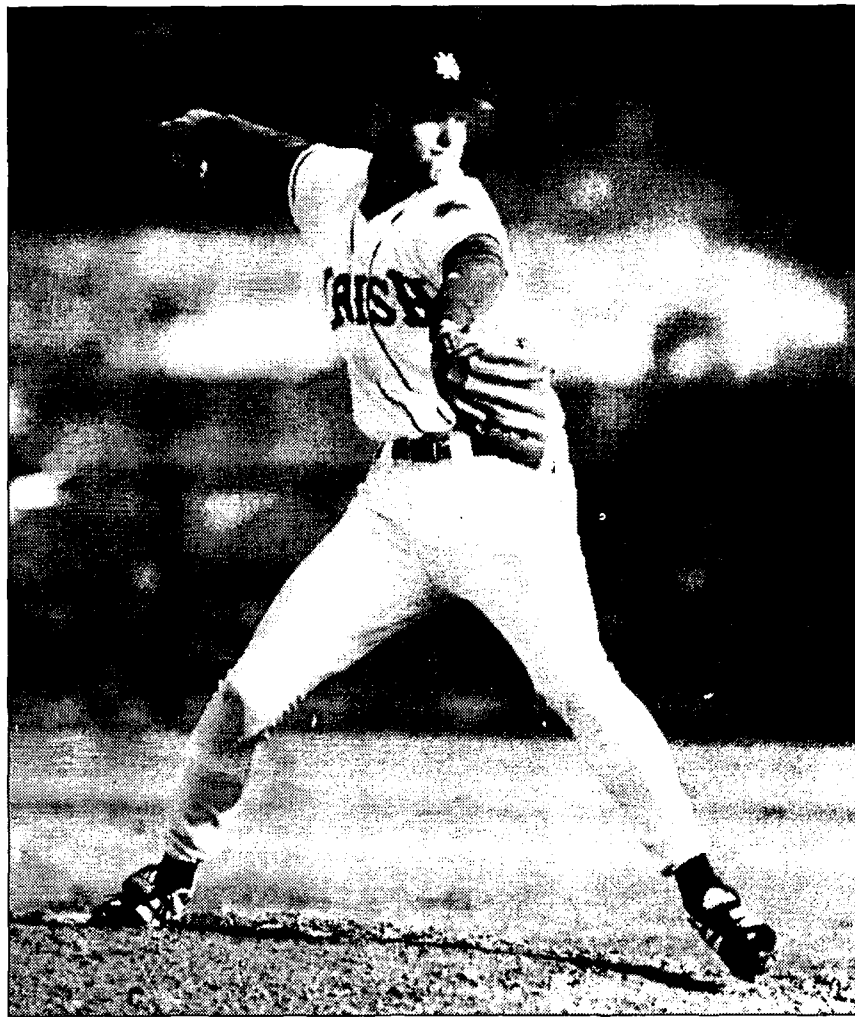
Heilman gave up several hits in clutch situations on 0-2 counts, but Mainieri said he was pleased to see the freshman pitcher going after the hitters.

"People were hitting him only because he didn't throw those pitches where he wanted them," the coach said. "He was

aggressive. What I don't want to see is pitchers nibbling and going from 0-2 counts to 2-2 or 3-2, where the count is in the hitter's favor."

"Heilman got some strikes up, but he's going to be a great pitcher," Mainieri added.

Yesterday's game, added to the schedule on Monday in order to take advantage of the dry weather and to make up for a previous rainout, was the Irish's earliest home opener since Feb. 5, 1990, when Notre Dame faced Illinois.



The freshman duo of Aaron Heilman (pictured) and Danny Tamayo gave the Irish the firepower on the mound to seal the victory.

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Central Michigan					Notre Dame				
	AB	R	H	BI		AB	R	H	BI
Brian Tyo lf	2	0	0	0	Allen Greene cf	5	1	2	2
Jeremy Wilson lf	0	0	0	0	J.J. Brock ss	4	0	0	0
Chris Suggit pr/lf	2	0	0	0	Jeff Felker rf	3	0	0	0
Rick Hollern rf	5	2	3	1	Ben Cooke rf	0	0	0	0
Greg Jones ss	5	1	1	1	Jeff Wagner c	2	0	1	0
Shaun Gragg c	5	0	1	0	Brant Ust 3b	4	1	1	0
Jake Sanborn dh	4	0	2	2	Larry Zimont dh	4	2	2	0
Nick Phillips 2b	4	1	2	0	Alec Porzel lf	4	3	2	3
Rob Rambow cf	4	0	1	0	Todd Frye 2b	4	0	1	1
Matt Keim 3b	4	0	1	1	D. Leatherman 1b	2	0	0	1
Joe Acker 1b	3	0	0	0					
Scott Pieratt ph	1	1	1	0					

Totals 39 5 12 5 Totals 32 7 9 7

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Central Michigan						
Lee Gardner	3.0	2	3	0	2	4
S. Jackson (0-1)	4.0	5	3	3	1	0
Phil Roberts	1.0	2	1	1	0	1

Jackson faced one batter in 8th.

Notre Dame						
Aaron Heilman	4.2	10	4	4	0	4
D. Tamayo (1-1)	4.1	2	1	0	0	7

WP-Heilman (2). HBP-by Gardner (Felker), by Heilman (Wilson). Umpires-Home: Joe Yanto. 1st: Lou Grumbacker, 3rd: John Thompson. Time-4:22. Attendance-120.

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Biolchini brothers leave mark Rans

By TOM STUDEBAKER
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Sports Writers

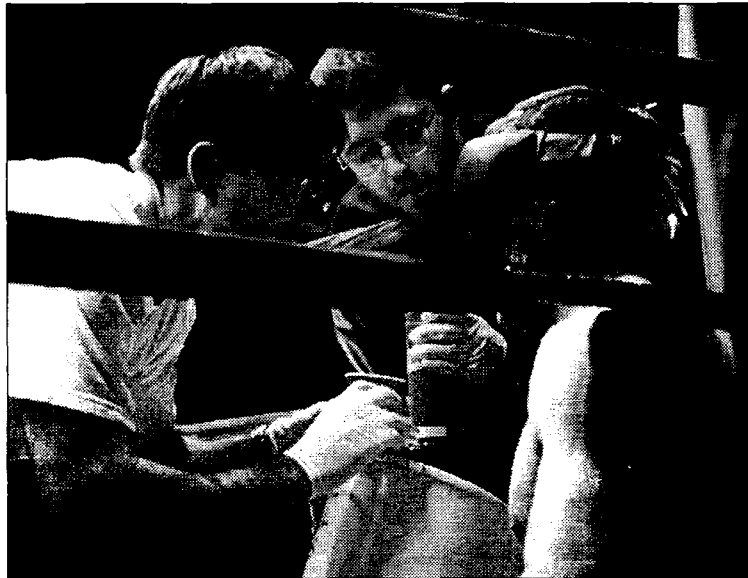
The Bengal Bouts tournament carries with it a deep tradition of excellence, and who better to understand this history than sophomore Tom Biolchini. His family has been involved in the Bouts for 40 years.

Biolchini's father was a member of the Bengal Bouts during his four years at Notre Dame. He graduated in 1962 as a two-time champion. Biolchini's brother Doug was the next to participate in the tournament; during his four years, he won three titles.

Toby Biolchini followed suit, but unfortunately did not see as much success as the prior members of the family. However, he was the club president and left many of his fellow boxers inspired by his work ethic.

Biolchini looks to this illustrious family history in the tournament as he approaches his first finals appearance on Friday.

"My family has had quite an impact on my personal boxing career," Biolchini commented. "But I don't really feel any pressure from them. They are supportive no matter how I perform. My brothers are always in my corner when I fight."



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Tom Biolchini receives advice from his older brothers in his semifinal win over John DeSplinter.

Previous experiences are important in Biolchini's development as a boxer. He studies past bouts and sparring matches, and learns from the mistakes he has made. He uses this knowledge to better prepare himself for future fights.

"Last year, I lost to Rich Malloy in the semifinals," Biolchini said. "Once you lose, you really learn how to train more effectively. You know what to expect from the tournament."

Biolchini faces defending Chip Farrell in the finals of the 160-

pound division. It promises to be a great fight. This will be Farrell's fourth trip to the finals, and is looking to repeat last year's performance.

"I expect a lot of combinations from Chip," Biolchini stated. "He'll be moving a lot, and attacking while trying to get points from the outside. I also expect him to counter my attacks strongly."

Whatever the outcome of Friday night's fight, the Biolchini tradition will continue to be a trademark of Notre Dame's Bengal Bouts.

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"What worked were my jabs because he was a little bit shorter than I was," Biolchini commented about his unanimous decision. "I just stayed with my jabs because I was connecting with them and basically I stayed away from him because I did not want to risk anything."

Endurance is the key to success in this year's Bouts and Biolchini looked strong throughout the fight. While DeSplinter seemed to tire at the end of the second, Biolchini had enough energy to go the distance.

"It [endurance] is good. I was actually testing it in the third round," Biolchini said. "If I fight Chip [Farrell] in the finals, I'm really going to have to go three times the speed so I was really trying to test it."

The 165-weight class has yet to provide a challenge for Rich Molloy. Molloy's semi-final opponent, sophomore David Remick, almost made it three rounds before falling victim to a stunning punch. In the third round, Molloy landed a vicious barrage of punches against Remick. The ref called the fight in the 38 seconds remaining in the third.

Molloy will face senior Jim Sur in the finals. Sur advanced by default, due to a Robert Miyakawa injury to his arm in

his quarterfinal match.

After last year's loss to captain John Christoforetti, Rans appeared ready to inherit the title. Thus far into the bracket, Rans appears somewhat surprised in the ring by the amount of talent which he has faced. His semi-final opponent Alter posed quite a challenge for Rans. Alter relied heavily on his jab and landed a few straight rights. Initially, he appeared to be somewhat of a brawler which caught Rans off-guard.

Rans came out aggressive looking to erase the memory of his slow start in the first round. He dominated the ring in the first round but Alter rallied. Rans used his trademark jab to secure himself his second-straight appearance in the finals.

Senior Norm Beznoska has dominated the bottom half of the bracket. His quick starts and aggressive style once again earned him a win. His opponent Travis Alexander couldn't get any offense started.

"I just tried to throw a lot of different stuff," Beznoska said. "I went both right and left-handed and it worked well. It confused him a little."

Beznoska's little left Alter stunned. Beznoska advanced by TKO with 43 seconds remaining in the third.

With the three weight classes boasting No. 1 versus No.2 finals, those craving an upset might just get what they are looking for.

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Brian Gaffney delivers a lethal blow, sending Keith Parendo to the wires, in the 175-pound semifinal.

Big blows from the big guys

By ALLISON KRILLA
Sports Writer

The stars came out last night for the 68th annual Bengal Bouts semifinal round.

A handful of boxers in the 175-pound through heavyweight divisions saw stars as the heavy-hitters pulled out all the stops with a trip to Friday's finals on the line.

Brian Gaffney's second fight of the week ended in much the same way as the first — a TKO just one minute and 29 seconds into the fight. Keith Parendo managed to throw several punches, but Gaffney's barrage of body blows kept Parendo on the defensive before a few well-placed uppercuts finished him off.

"Every fight I'm able to see things that I've never seen before — little openings, sweet spots," said Gaffney. "The fight goes as fast as it did before, but my mind's starting to catch up and I'm able to read things

faster."

In the final, Gaffney faces Chris Dobranski, who posted a unanimous decision victory over freshman Brian Hobbs. The slow-tempo first round gave way to an all-out brawl won by the experienced Dobranski. The senior had fire in his eyes in the third round, landing an abundance of hooks and adding a body slam after the two fighters got tangled near the ropes. A late third round jab sent Hobbs staggering and nearly ended the bout.

Mike Romanchek's win over Kyle Smith in the 180-pound division may not have been the biggest brawl, but it epitomized the spirit of Bengals.

"(Fighting Smith) was so much fun," said Romanchek. "We were out there smiling at each other and laughing. We were talking the whole time on deck just about how much fun we were going to have. We really had a good time."

Romanchek worked the taller Smith inside, landing solid body-

head combinations to wear Smith down.

Friday's 180-pound final may turn out to be the best of the night, pitting Romanchek against Dan Prince, a unanimous decision victor over Joey Leniski. Prince and Leniski slugged it out in one of the evening's bloodiest battles.

"Monday night and tonight were both a couple of brawls out there," said Prince. "I just knew I had to go out there throwing and fighting."

Prince and Romanchek both have a similar fighting style, being short and stocky, but Prince hopes his new-found high leg kick on the jab will provide an edge. Romanchek will focus on more upper body movement and the mental toughness to throw straighter punches.

Junior Dave Butz and senior Andy Hebert made the most of their first fights of the year, earning TKOs in the second rounds of their respective bouts.

With a mix of hooks, crosses and jabs, Butz pummeled Matt

68th Annual Bengal Bouts Semifinals

125 Pounds: Matt Peacock def. Patrick O'Shaughnessy
David Frick def. Brian Rigney

160 Pounds: Chip Farrell def. Timothy DeFors
Thomas Biolchini def. John DeSplinter

130 Pounds: David Seerveld def. Matthew Altman
Jeremy Leatherby def. Martin Garry

165 Pounds: Richard Molloy def. Dave Remick
James Sur def. Robert Miyakawa

135 Pounds: Tom Will def. Camilo Rueda
Lucas Molina def. Matthew McBurney

170 Pounds: Ryan Rans def. Robert Alter
Norm Beznoska def. Travis Alexander

140 Pounds: Sean Sharpe def. Michael Valle
Michael Maguire def. Thomas Cronley

175 Pounds: Brian Gaffney def. Keith Parendo
Chris Dobranski def. Brian Hobbs

145 Pounds: J.R. Mellin def. David Bann
David Murphy def. Dennis Joyce

180 Pounds: Mike Romanchek def. Kyle Smith
Daniel Prince def. Joey Leniski

150 Pounds: Fred Kelly def. Jeevan Subbiah
Stefan Molina def. Tom Owens

185 Pounds: Dave Butz def. Matthew Lubbers
Andrew Hebert def. Timothy Neagle

155 Pounds: Michael LaDuke def. Jeffery Dobosh
Adrian Cardona def. David Wiltse

Heavyweights: Dave Monahan def. Andrew Riederer
Peter Ryan def. Michael Romero

Lubbers, who lasted 23 seconds into the second after two standing eight counts in the first.

But it was Tim Neagle who saw stars after the hard-hitting Hebert landed a round of combinations.

"I was just going after him with the combinations and following it up when he was moving back," said Hebert.

The Hebert vs. Butz bout promises to be a greater test for both fighters.

"Butz is a heavy puncher," said Hebert. "He's got the knock-out punch, so I'll have to look out for that one. And hopefully it'll last three rounds."

Defending champion Dave Monahan earned a split decision victory over Andy Riederer in the

heavyweight division, setting up a final bout with freshman phenom Pete Ryan.

Ryan's quickness and pure strength enabled the freshman to keep Mike Romero on the defensive. The flustered Romero landed few jabs, while absorbing a flurry of body shots from Ryan.

"I was a little bit nervous when I started," said Ryan. "I didn't expect to have to throw any body punches, so it took me a whole round to adjust."

"I think my biggest advantage is that I got lucky enough to be heavy, to get in with these guys who are a little bit slower."

Ryan and the other finalists hope Friday night will be another star-studded event for the opposition.

Cardona, Wiltse test the ties of friendship

By MIKE DAY
Sports Editor

The boxing ring is no place for friendship. That's what Adrian Cardona and David Wiltse found out on Wednesday night.

A cruel twist of fate pitted the two friends and training partners in the ring together in the semifinals of the 68th annual Bengal Bouts. Despite the unusual circumstances, Cardona and Wiltse engaged in perhaps the night's most entertaining fight.

"It was really hard because we had trained so hard together, and we are good friends outside of the ring," said Cardona. "Once you get into a ring, you tend to forget about being friends. You're thinking more about giving him a busted lip or a broken nose."

After the pair brawled like streetfighters for three action-packed rounds, the outcome came down to a split decision. Cardona, the No. 2 seed in the 155-pound division, ended up on the winning end by the slimmest

of margins.

"That's the best fight I've ever seen him put on. I've got a busted lip to prove it," said Cardona.

Cardona will now meet top seed Mike LaDuke, who advanced with a split decision victory over No. 5 Jeffrey Dobose.

The competition wasn't nearly as fierce in the 150-pound division. The top two seeds, Fred Kelly and Stefan Molina, rolled to unanimous decision victories over Jeevan Subbiah and Tom Owens, respectively.

After struggling somewhat in his quarterfinal match against freshman Dennis Abdelnour, Kelly bounced back in convincing fashion, dominating Subbiah for the entire three rounds.

"I just tried to keep my cool in there tonight," said Kelly. "The other night going in there against a southpaw I really wasn't sure how to handle it and I kind of exploded. I wanted to keep my nerves in there this fight, and I think I did."

In the other semifinal match, Molina, the brother of 135-

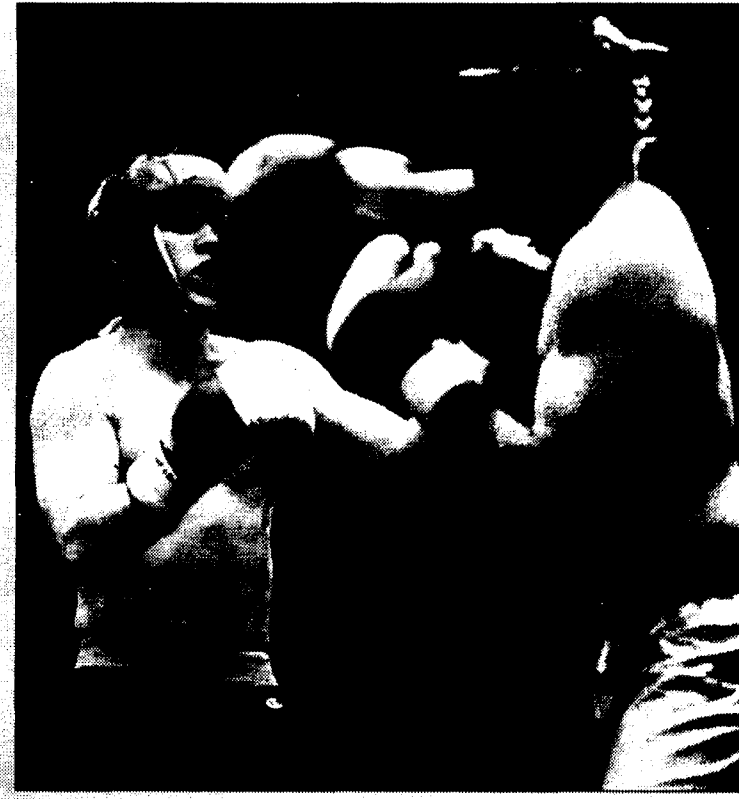
pound finalist Lucas, used his aggressive, charging style to upend Owens. Molina and Kelly will square off on Friday in what promises to be one of the night's top matchups.

Following the theme of the night, the top-two seeds in the 145-pound division advanced to Friday's finals. Second-seed Dave Murphy tangled with No. 3 Dennis Joyce, and after three hard-fought rounds, emerged with a split decision victory.

In the other half of the bracket, J.R. Mellin managed to avoid being rusty after sitting out Monday's quarterfinals with a bye. The top seed won by unanimous decision despite a strong effort from No. 5 David Bann.

"He (Bann) was a lot stronger than I thought he would be, and he was coming on top of me the whole fight," said Mellin.

"I would have been smarter to step back and punch, but I decided to stick in there and punch which is probably not a wise thing to do. But in the end, I guess it comes down to who hit who the most."



Stefan Molina (right) rolled over Tom Owen (left) on his way to a unanimous decision last night.

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Rematch 'ready to rumble'

By BETSY BAKER
Associate Sports Editor

The anticipation has been building since the controversial decision was announced nearly a year ago. Regardless of the time that has passed, or the talk about not looking past their first fights, Tom Will and Lucas Molina know that their rematch in the 135-pound class will be the premiere event of the 68th annual Bengal Bouts.

Last year, Will defeated Molina in a split decision in which both fighters had thought they won. Last night, both Will and Molina looked in top shape in their victories over Camilo Rueda and Matt McBurney. After both fighters received first-round byes, Will and Molina were able to evade the rustiness often felt from not fighting in the quarterfinals.

Will used his experienced and patient approach to wear down the freshman Rueda. Rueda put up a good defensive against Will and was quick in his movement around the ring, but unfortunately for him, he was left moving around the ring, away from the charging Will.

Molina, on the other hand, came out of the blocks swinging, using his speed and power to overcome McBurney. Despite a few quick jabs McBurney was able to land in the first round, Molina went straight to his body, eventually stunning him, forcing the referee to stop the fight.

Still, neither pugilist is counting on being able to outsmart or overpower his opponent.

"I wanted to work on my jab a lot more because I'm definitely going to have to use that a whole lot more against Tommy on Friday," Molina commented on his fight against McBurney. "Unfortunately, I didn't even have to use my jab tonight, I was able to walk right in and do a power punch. I didn't get to work on what I wanted to, but I'll take the win any day."

Will knows that there will be pressure on both fighters in the rematch, but also acknowledges that there is added pressure on him to hold onto his crown. Still, he expects the fight to be down to wire again, and is looking forward to it.

"Lucas is so strong and well-trained," Will said of his opponent. "I think there is going to be pressure on both of us, but I think it is going to be a great fight."

In the 125-pound class, senior Matt Peacock saw four years of hard work pay off, as he came up with his first win in four years and is heading to the finals.

Peacock beat sophomore Pat O'Shaughnessy on a split decision after three rounds off eluding his long reach and going up and under to the body. Peacock was the more athletic of the two fighters, and although O'Shaughnessy came back in the second round with a series of sharp jabs to his face, by round three, Peacock had tired him out.

As the top seed last year, Peacock was upset by this year's 130-pound finalist David Seerveld, leaving his goal unaccomplished. And while he is excited to be in the finals, nothing would make his four years more worth it than the title.

"This is great. This is what I've wanted for the last four years," Peacock said. "I really couldn't tell [if I had won]. I knew he threw a lot and he landed a lot, but I also know that I defended a lot."

In the other 125-pound bout, Dave Frick defeated Brian Rigney in a unanimous decision. It was an offensive battle as both fighters came out swinging, with Rigney going to the body and Frick relying more on his left jab.

After a strong first-round performance, Rigney was able to duck a lot of Frick's punches, but at the same time, wore himself out for the end of the second and throughout the third round.

Although Frick has sparred with Peacock in training, he will have to adjust



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Tommy Will gets advice from a Coach Pat Farrell en route to his unanimous decision win.

to a left-handed opponent and maintain the same stamina he did against Rigney.

The 130-pound final will match up David Seerveld against Jeremy Leatherby. Seerveld, the "Prancing Pixie," did exactly what he said he was going to do — prance around the ring and defeat Matt Altman.

There existed no height advantage between the two fighters, a factor that usually plays into the lower-weight classes' bouts, so the two were left battling each other with jab after jab.

The fight was stopped twice due to a bleeding Altman, before Seerveld finally finished the freshman in a unanimous decision.

In the 140-pound semifinal, senior captain Sean Sharpe beat freshman Mike Valle in one of the closer bouts of the evening. After being forced up against the ropes early the bout by Valle's left jab, Sharpe was able to come out in round two with a left jab of his own and basically even the battle from there.

"I was a little disappointed that I left it a little too much to the judges," Sharpe

explained. "I knew he was going to be aggressive, but I guess I came out a little to slow in the first round, and that's not my style."

The second semifinal matched up sophomore Mike Maguire and the guy who got him involved in Bengal Bouts, junior Tom Cronley. Although Maguire professes much respect for Cronley outside of the ring, there was no room for respect inside the ring, as Maguire battled Cronley to a split decision which fell in his favor.

"It was hard to get motivated against Tom because he is the one who got me started last year," Maguire. "He's a great fighter so I just tried to get inside and score as many points as possible."

Maguire started to get tired late in the bout, but the thought of advancing helped him maintain his endurance.

"I just wanted to make it to Friday really bad, and I had a minute and a half left," he said. "I don't know where it came from, but I was able to keep going."

Freshmen fight for finals

By SHANNON RYAN
Sports Writer

They're few. They're impressive. They're mean. They're young.

Of 18 freshmen, only three advanced through in last night's semi-finals of the Bengal Bouts.

The highlight of the surprise final round bids came in what the emcee dubbed the "battle of the freshmen."

Adrian Cardona and David Wiltse probably knew what to expect from the other in the 155-pound weight class considering they're best friends, O'Neill residents, and training partners.

Although the two seemed equally matched, height-wise and skill-wise it was Cardona who came out on top after three

rounds.

After a Monday night destruction of senior Brendan Reilly, Cardona carried his powerful punch with him to defeat Wiltse by a split decision.

In the feisty fight where punches were thrown equally as wild, it was the Cardona combination that took care of business.

"I wanted to go in punching," said the Texas native who kept his feet dancing the entire match. "I try to go in there pumped up and not let up."

Cardona poured it on in the third round, attacking Wiltse and wowing the audience with his right hook.

The elated Cardona was more shocked than anyone of his surprising success.

"I'm amazed that I got this

far," he said. "I went in it just for the training. I didn't imagine I'd win the first fight, and I'm really happy I just won."

The smiles may continue Friday if "El Machingon" can continue the upsets with a win over junior captain Mike LaDuke.

LaDuke has the experience, the height advantage and the skill. However, Cardona claims to have the desire that it takes.

"I'm just going to go out there and try to really beat him up," he said. "If I don't have the skill, I'm just going to punch and try different things."

With longer rounds, Cardona plans on using every second to his advantage.

"I want to get in every punch that I can in the time I have."

That seemed to work in the 130-pound weight class, as Jeremy Leatherby bombarded Martin Garry with his combination swings after a bye in the quarterfinals.

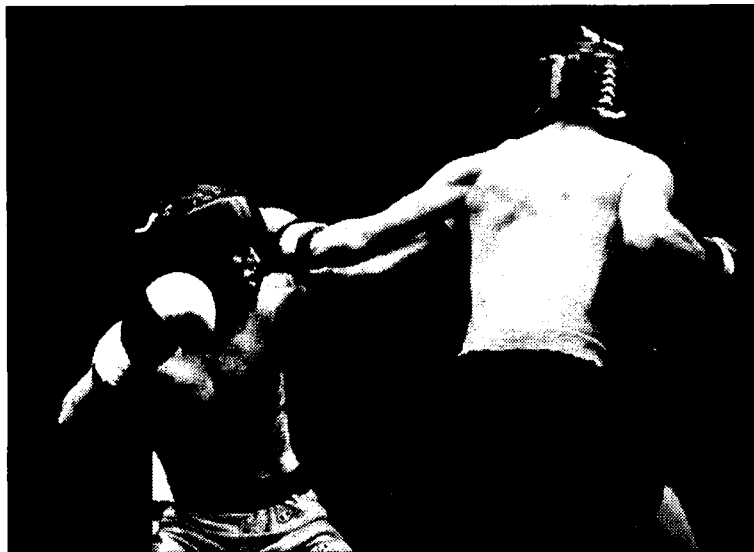
Despite a height disadvantage, Leatherby used the body punch to his gain.

"He got some good punches in," the first year Siegfried man said. "But I went to the body then gave him the hook."

In the first round, Leatherby's right hook sent Garry into the rings. From then on, the freshman dominated the attack to win by a unanimous decision.

"I guess I just got lucky," Leatherby said of his first Bengal Bout fight and win. "I just gave it up to God and then went to it."

Keenan freshman Peter Ryan seemed to be going at it just as



The Observer/John Daily
Jeremy Leatherby (right) is one of three freshmen to advance to the finals.



BENGAL BOUTS Semifinal Bests

Best Fight	David Wiltse vs. Adrian Cardona Cardona in a split decision
Best Crowdpleaser	Tom Biolchini vs. John DeSplinter Biolchini in a unanimous decision
Best Punch	Chris Dobranski vs. Brian Hobbins Dobranski in a unanimous decision
Biggest Surprise	Mike Romero vs. Peter Ryan Ryan in a unanimous decision
Best Brawl	Joey Leniski vs. Dan Prince Prince in a unanimous decision

successfully in the heavyweights. After a bye in the quarterfinals, Ryan walloped Michael Romero, not allowing the last name intimidate him.

The leaner Ryan relied on his uppercut and more heavily than he expected on the body punch to win the split decision.

"I was surprised I had to go to the body," Ryan said. "I've never really had to in practice before. I'm usually taller and have to punch down."

But even with little experience, Ryan had no trouble working out first match jitters.

"It's my first tournament so I was nervous," he said. "I just let my instinct and training kick in."

Even though skill and intuition worked against Romero, Ryan may not have the confidence to

pull out a victory over last year's heavyweight champion David Monahan.

"I'm scared," Ryan admitted. "We sparred in practice and he broke my nose."

Whether noses will be broken or bleeding, the three advancing freshmen are just anxious to get in the ring again. The inexperienced trio have caused a few eyebrows to raise so far, and Friday promises a few surprises as well.

But these youngsters don't want to rely on beginner's luck—they want to earn the title championship.

"I'm willing to try whatever works for a win," said Cardona with his eyes fastened on a Friday night underdog championship.

■ SAINT MARY'S BASKETBALL

Belles look to end season with homecourt advantage

By JANICE WEIERS
Sports Writer

It was a long ride home for the Saint Mary's basketball team Tuesday night, and not just because they were on the road for three hours.

In its last road contest of the season, Saint Mary's was beaten by Siena Heights College, 62-84.

Head coach David Roeder had plenty of time to mull over the game on the way home. He does not believe that his team was playing with the ability that they have and feels it was an off night.

"We didn't shoot very well and we played poor defense," said Roeder. "We've got to have better efficiency on defense. We need to rebound more."

It was not only the offense that was

shooting poorly, or the defense that was not defending, it was the two combined that caused a big problem for the Belles.

"Siena Heights did a good job disrupting our offense," said Roeder.

Senior Darcy Nikes added, "The other girls were taller. When you're faced with tall girls and you don't have weak-side help, it shows."

Although only 33 percent of the Belles' shots found the net, four players managed to score in the double figures. Nikes delivered 21 points, freshman Julie Norman contributed 19, senior Julie McGill tossed in 12 and senior Brenda Hoban added 10 to lead the Belles' effort.

"The inaccurate shooting is a problem. But so is the lack of excitement on the court. We were really lacking energy in the beginning," said junior Charlotte

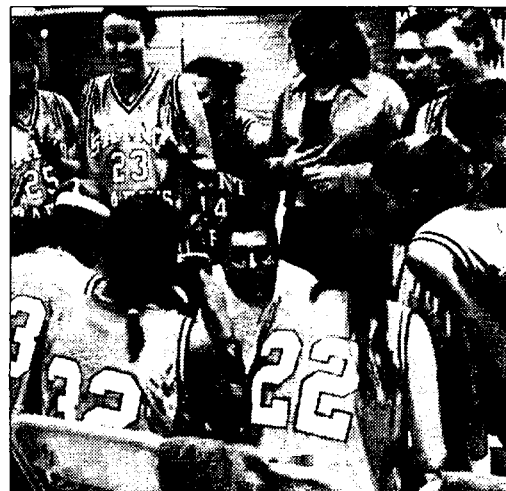
Albrecht. "Usually somewhere you hit a spurt of energy and start to catch up. We never had that spurt. We were flat the whole game."

This week in practice, the Belles will be working on playing the game the way that they can. And have.

Saint Mary's hosts Aurora University this Friday. It will be the last entry in the 1997-98 Saint Mary's basketball diary, and it is the final game for the seniors.

Nikes, a senior starter, expressed both excitement and sadness about the coming game. "I don't know what to feel," she said. "I have butterflies but yet I'm excited."

The seniors will play in their final collegiate basketball game Friday night at 7 p.m. in the Angela Athletic Facility.



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Coach Roeder hopes to rebound after the loss.

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Hickey said. "Tonight we had different people step up at different times and that's a great thing to happen because it takes the pressure of those who were hot."

With their backs up against the wall, the Irish came through with the big win as its record now stands at 13-12 and 7-10 in the Big East with just one regular season game remaining.

"You don't want to say it was a do or die situation, but we needed that W," MacLeod said. "This was a big win for us."

After a 20 point loss to the Hoyas earlier this month, the Irish had to figure out what they were going to do.

"We were prepared for last game, but we didn't execute like we did last time," Hickey said.

Freshman Martin Ingelsby was simply all over the place as he scored 15 points on 5-for-6 shooting including 3-for-4 from three-point land. Ingelsby also racked up seven assists and five steals while only committing one turnover.

"I came out with a lot of confidence and my shots were falling the first half, so that helped me the rest of the way," Ingelsby said.

The Irish overcame a sluggish start as Garrity shot 1-for-7 in the first half. The squad found itself down 14-17, but Ingelsby did his best Pat Garrity impersonation as he put the team on his back. Ingelsby's sharp shooting kept his squad close scoring 12 straight Irish points before a Garrity free throw tied the game at 25 with four minutes left in the half.

"Martin Ingelsby, for the first time in a long time, showed that he has his confidence back in that stroke," MacLeod said.

The end of the first half also saw some extracurricular activity between Hickey and

Georgetown's Boubacar Aw. The players were tangled up in the post and were called for double fouls.

Hickey gave Aw an earful and then Georgetown's senior captain shoved Hickey in the face drawing the attention of official Ted Valentine.

"I think it was just a case of two kids battling real hard," Georgetown coach John Thompson said. "The Four Horsemen and all those sorts of people would have been proud (of Hickey)."

Valentine called three technical fouls, including the flagrant one on Aw that means an automatic ejection. A technical was also called on Garrity in the second half.

Tuesday night Valentine had a run-in with Indiana Hoosier coach Bobby Knight who was ejected after three technical fouls. Knight later called the officiating "the greatest travesty" he had ever seen as a coach.

But the Hoyas and the Irish continued to fight as neither team would go away and both squads were able to match each other's big shots.

Notre Dame shot a scintillating 51 percent from the field and 79 percent from the charity stripe, led by Garrity who was 15-for-19.

"There's nothing like shooting the ball in the basket and we did that tonight," MacLeod said. "We shot much better at the free throw line, particularly down the stretch."

Lead by Shernard Long and Trez Kilpatrick, Georgetown shot 46 percent in the game and were 6-for-9 from long range. Long gave the Irish defense fits as he went 11-for-20 for a game high 26 points and Kilpatrick added 17.

Garrity overcame 4-for-13 shooting by continuing to battle in the post and earn his chances at the free throw line.

"He may have been laboring a bit there, he did not get a breather," MacLeod said. "But he did what good players are suppose to do, he made a lot of those free throws."

"A sign of a good player is to

get the buckets or get to the line and Garrity got to the line tonight," Thompson said.

Garrity also hauled in nine rebounds, just missing his fourth double-double in five games. Garrity now finds himself just 17 points behind David Rivers for third on Notre Dame's all-time scoring list.

Notre Dame also featured a

three guard line-up as Ingelsby, Wyche, and Dillon were on the floor at the same time against a small quick Georgetown team.

"They played real well together and we thought that we needed guys who could handle the ball against Georgetown's defense," MacLeod said.

"We had been working real hard but it hasn't been fitting together and tonight it did," MacLeod continued.

"It was a huge win for us and hopefully we can get some confidence going to the last game," Hickey said.

"With a little bit of confidence hopefully it can extend our season."

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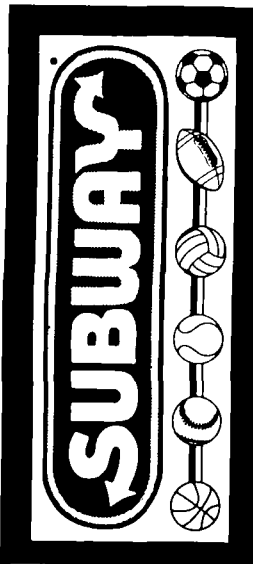
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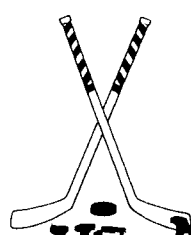


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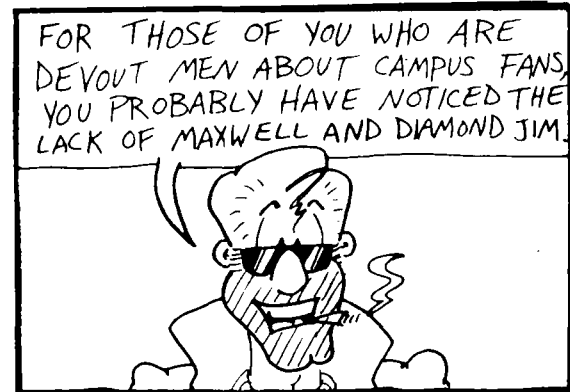
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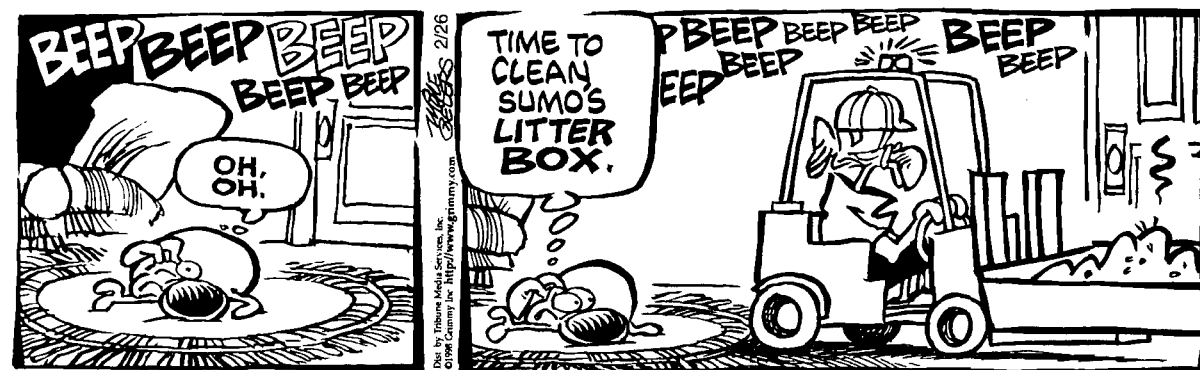
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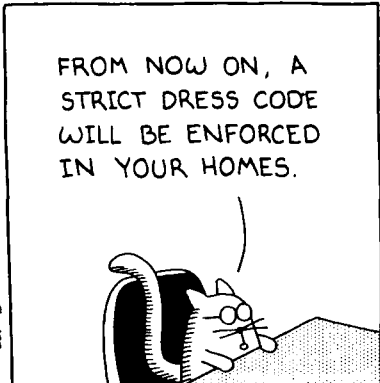
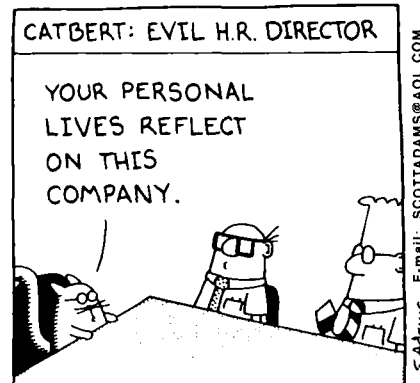
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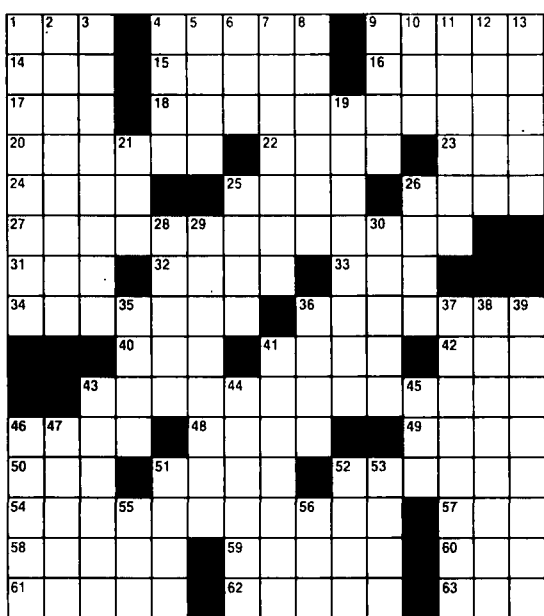
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Arie Kacowicz will lecture today at 12:15 p.m. on "Zones of Peace in the Third World: South America and West Africa in Comparative Perspective" in seminar room C-103 at the Institute of International Studies.

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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish deliver knock-out punch to Big East foe

Irish close at home with win, look ahead

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

For those who wanted to see a great fight, the Bengal Bouts in the south dome of the Joyce Center was not the place to see it. Instead, the north dome and the basketball game was the place to be.

Georgetown and Notre Dame battled each other with everything each squad had for 37 minutes until the Irish finally delivered the knock-out blows in its 79-69 win.

Those blows came in the form of back-to-back three pointers from Jimmy Dillon and Pat Garrity, and clutch free throws down the stretch sealed the contest.

"It was an excellent college basketball game, both teams went after each other," head coach John MacLeod said. "This was a game where there was not much of an edge either way."

"It was great basketball tonight," center Phil Hickey said. "When both teams are on fire like that it makes for an exciting game."

The contest defined the term "see-saw game," with nine ties and nine lead changes.

The Hoyas' biggest lead was only six, while a 16-2 run in the final minutes by the Irish gave them their biggest lead. The win was just the second for the Irish this month and

hopefully they can build on this momentum.

"We've let a couple of games slip away at the end," freshman guard Martin Ingelsby said. "It helps our confidence to know that we can win a game like

this. Hopefully we can go into Providence and play well there."

Last night Notre Dame fans saw something that has been absent practically all year long, a

balanced scoring attack.

Every player wearing the Blue and Gold who saw significant minutes made solid offensive contributions.

Led again by Garrity, who lived at the free throw line where he got 15 of his 24 points, the team posted four players in double figures. Ingelsby scored 15 while Antoni Wyche and Phil Hickey each added 13.

Dillon chipped in eight, providing a spark on defense with four steals in just 21 minutes, including one that set up a Garrity three-pointer that pushed the Irish lead to 71-67 with just two minutes left.

On senior night, Derek Manner ended his dreadful 0-for-14 streak in his last two games to go 3-for-4 for six points in 22 minutes.

"That was the first time in quite awhile we had that kind of balance," MacLeod said. "The great thing tonight was that we had a bunch of people step up around Garrity."

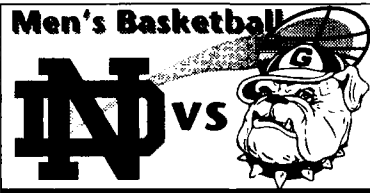
"That's what we've been looking for all year long,"

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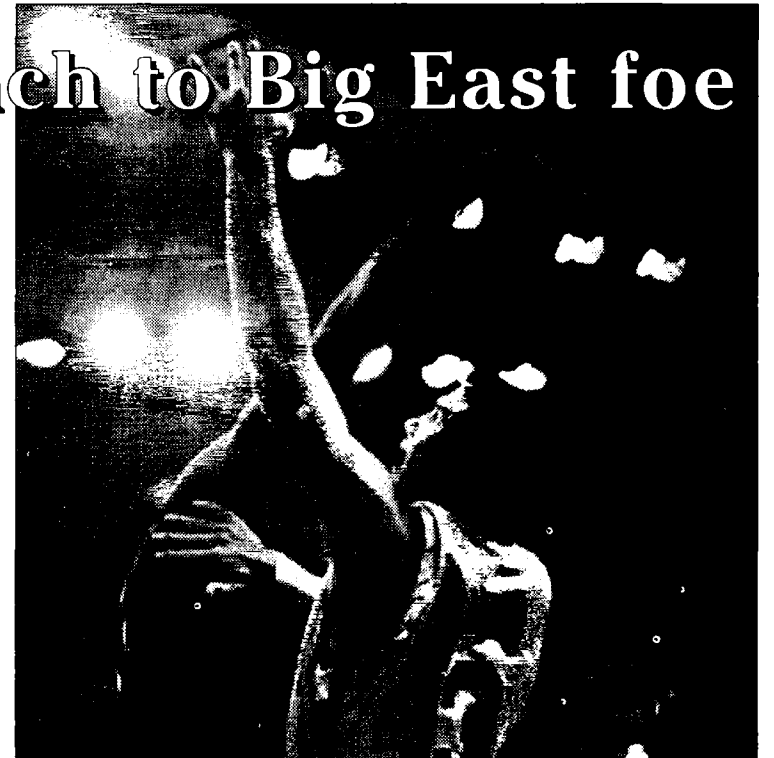
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Pat Garrity takes it to the hoop for two of his 24 points.



Notre Dame 79

Georgetown 69



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Derek Manner's last game at the Joyce is one that will give the Irish the momentum they need to enter the postseason.

Win is fitting for final home game, but successes may give Irish more chances

By DAN CICHALSKI
Assistant Managing Editor

Derek Manner would like last night's 79-69 victory against Georgetown to be his final home game for the Notre Dame men's basketball team.

He did not actually say it that way, but he meant it.

"We'd like to turn the table in the Big East tournament and that's what we're planning to do," Manner said after the game. "We beat all the top teams in the conference, now we need to beat the others."

"That's the good thing about the conference tournament: It gives us a shot at going to the NCAAs. If you concentrate on the NCAAs, you've got a good chance to go to the NIT, too."

In order to go to the big dance rather than the SYR, the Irish will likely have to win at Providence Saturday and sweep the Big East tournament in New York next weekend.

But a trip to the NIT will probably mean more games at the Joyce Center for Manner and Notre Dame's national player-of-the-year candidate, Pat Garrity.

"I wasn't thinking of this game as our last home game," Garrity said. "On the line was our ability to play home basketball games. We're playing for survival. It's very satisfying. This should be a good memory."

And it should be a good

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By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Assistant Sports Editor

■ BENGAL BOUTS

Rans out for finals

Senior captain breaks both hands in semis

Some people will go hungry until Friday night — all those who have craved an upset in this year's Bengal Bouts have yet to satisfy their appetites.

Perhaps the person who will go the most hungry will be senior Ryan Rans.

Rans advanced by split decision over Robert Alter, yet, he will not fight on Friday.

Rans broke both his hands in his semifinal bout last night and will not compete in the finals. The captain for the past two years, finalist for the past two years and the person who dedicated the majority of his senior year to ensuring a successful Bengal Bouts, will not be allowed a chance to win his first championship.

All the favorites advanced in the 160, 165 and 170-pound weight classes last night in the Bouts semifinals.

With little surprise, senior Chip Farrell advanced

with ease over sophomore Timothy DeFors. The top-ranked Farrell showcased his powerful jabs and his ability to control the ring for the entire fight, but perhaps Farrell's strength lies in his conditioning, as he managed to pack as strong a punch in the third as he did in the first. He won by unanimous decision despite losing his contact lens in the third round.

"I felt like I was able to move around the ring well and controlled my opponent," Farrell said. "I felt that I could move him where I wanted."

The senior already is anxiously anticipating his fourth appearance in the finals.

"I am going to keep with my same style," Farrell said. "The finals are a whole different ball game. You become a little more nervous and tire

easily because it is the big dance."

Farrell will face a first-time finalist, sophomore Tom Biolchini. In his fight, Biolchini started off quick by almost instantly backing junior John DeSplinter into the ropes. DeSplinter tried to counter-attack, but few, if any, punches landed.

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Ryan Rans' semifinal victory over Robert Alter was marred by the fact that he broke both hands in the fight.