Bedroom fire breaks out in Turtle Creek apartment

By HEATHER COCKS
Assistant News Editor

A bedroom fire in a Turtle Creek apartment on Sunday night left upstairs walls, closets, and clothing covered in soot.

The Fire Department cited a halogen lamp as the catalyst for the blaze.

The lamp burned posters, which in turn set other items on fire.

Notre Dame senior Edmund Choi was reportedly working on his roommate's computer in the evening when the power abruptly went out.

"He got up to check things out, locked into the other room, and there was a fire in there," said senior Dan Wolters, Choi's other roommate.

Choi quickly acquired an extinguisher from a neighbor and put out the fire, but Wolters had already taken action.

"I freaked," he laughed. "We rallied '91, and they came up and hosed off the rooms to make sure all the embers were out.

He estimated that the fire spread about two feet; among other items, it scorched a small stereo unit, rendering it useless.

Wolters also attributed the blaze to his halogen lamp, which was situated underneath papers affixed to the wall.

"One of the papers caught fire and dropped off the wall, into the garbage can," he stated.

"All our posters are singed."

The Fire Department press release quoted $300 in building damages; the total value of destroyed contents was estimated at $2,000.

The smoke had then three other halogen lamps in the townhouse prior to Sunday's fire.

Though they had no immediate plans to remove the lamps, the tenants were promised that two of them were directly beneath flammable objects.

"We will move those," confirmed Wolters, "but the other one is isolated in a corner, and I doubt it poses any threat."

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Dreaming a dream ...

By HEATHER COCKS
Assistant News Editor

An allegedly drunk driver struck a utility pole on the edge of campus last night, skidding out of control and injuring a passenger.

The blue two-door Buick sedan was speeding eastbound on Douglas Road near the North Campus Convenience Store when, at approximately 10 p.m., the 

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Shhh. Listen. Do you hear that? No? Probably because it’s not out there anymore. The music that used to fill the hallways of LaFortune Hall on weekends has been silenced, at least dimmed.

In this space, just two years ago, this same writer extolled the virtues of a much-maligned campus music scene. This year, any critics are correct in advancing a less than stellar assessment of our campus bands, as it continues to evolve.

Two years ago, the scene was rocking. Band upon band vied for the position of most popular with many concerts at varied locations. The Roadapples, Emily True, North, Quasar Latin, George and the Freeks, Elsie’s Promise, Emily, and Stomper Bob and the 4x4’s all put in great performance all over campus. Concerts in the “Lof” of LaFortune seemed to occur every other weekend. This column doubled with ones on Fieldhouse Mall in the spring and fall months.

This year, one would be hard pressed to name more than three bands on campus. The Roadapples are all gone (except Joe, who plays bass for the Skalkhohleka). True North has split, and the two parts have falled away. The seemingly omnipresent Freeks are gone and the other campus bands have been noticeably quiet.

Acoustic Cafe in the Huddle used to feature members of the aforementioned bands gearing up for their weekend concerts and just working out songs in a different type of venue. Now it has been whitewashed to only a few hours each week which features the bands only every Thursday, none of whom play any other gigs.

Who is to blame here?

Winter has begun in the planning of “Lof” concerts? Now that the winter chill has hit South Bend, outdoor concerts are out of the question, but that should fuel rather than retard the need for indoor campus entertainment. Acoustic Cafe needs better public relations and a few special guest bands so that campus bands do still remain.

Perhaps the bands are to blame. Maybe the talent which used to be on campus is not there anymore. That does not seem very likely, but are two college clubs, two legacies, some of whom have musical talent and the drive to play. They simply are not playing anywhere.

Artists can claim that they are playing — in bars, clubs, and parties, or can get into bars. None of you can get to TOS.

Another argument that can be advanced is that venues like Dalloway’s and Acoustic Cafe do not pay their entertainers. Anyone who is simply playing music for fun and profit or will only play at paying gigs, should not be playing music. Such a prostitution of talent is gross.

This column will end as the equivalent column, but the bands are out.

Unlike the last column, they must now find gigs and find us.

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

[World at a Glance]

KINSHASA, Zaïre Governments forced three rebel-held towns in eastern Zaïre on Monday and vowed to intensify bombing attacks, which witnesses said killed at least six people. It was the sharpest escalation yet in the five-month war. The towns of Bukavu, Walikale and Shabunda were besieged Defense Ministry spokesman Leon Kalima. He gave no casualty figures but urged civilians to leave rebel-held areas.

By these bombings will continue and intensify,” Kalima said. Aid workers said six people were killed and at least 20 wounded in Bukavu.

“Those numbers could grow,” said Brenda Barton, a spokeswoman for the U.N. World Food Program, which aided refugees in Nairob, Kenya. “There’s a panic in the town,” and many people are fleeing, she said.

There were no immediate casualty reports from Shabunda and Walikale, two other towns under the control of Laurent Kabila’s Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire, which began fighting Zaïrean troops in September. Kabila started the war after Zaïre threatened to expel Tunisia’s President Habib Bourguiba, a close associate of east­ern Zaïre.

An Kalemie, 300 miles south of Bukavu, Kabila took control of the area last week after clashes between government and rebel forces. The Associated Press that there were no specific military targets in the areas that were bombed.

Since the fighting began, Kabila has routed government troops from the town of land bordering Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi. President Mobutu Sese Seko has rejected international negotiations to end the conflict and vowed to press ahead with a counteroffensive launched in January from the eastern city of Kisanguni, about 300 miles northwest of Bukavu.

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Kellogg Institute awards grants

A program of research grants for Notre Dame undergraduate students is in its third year of operation by the Kellogg Institute for International Studies. The deadline for this year’s grant applications is March 26.

There will be an informational meeting for those who want to pick up applications or ask questions tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. in 118 DeBartolo.

Last year four Notre Dame students were given the opportunity to do summer field work in another country, supported by grants of up to $3,000. Two of the projects involved research in Ecuador—both of which dealt with women’s issues in that country—and the other two involved work in Eastern Europe.

The first of the two Ecuadorian grants went to Catherine Vanderbeck, a senior government major from North Kingston, R.I. Vanderbeck’s topic was the experience of women street vendors in Ecuador. She described her general objective as the identification of “the ways in which exposure to petty commerce reshapes women’s roles and identity, relations, and opportunities within the family and society.”

Vanderbeck’s project will also be her senior honors thesis at Notre Dame, and her findings will be sent to a number of organizations in Ecuador that requested a copy of her research.

The research of senior Jolene Smith focused on the indigenous women’s movement in Ecuador within the context of the country’s changing ethnic and gender politics.

Smith, who spent last year in Ecuador conducting interviews with numerous leaders of the indigenous women’s movement and carrying out legislative and historical research. History and government major David Buckley did his work on the historical evolution of the concept of Polish national identity with a special concern for the borderlands of the former Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, which includes Lithuania, Belarus, and the Ukraine.

In the Vilnius region of Lithuania, Buckley conducted numerous interviews with leaders of the Polish community, including parliamentary representatives and prominent newspaper editors.

The fourth undergraduate grant recipient was Eva Rzepniewski, a physics major from Carmel, Ind. Rzepniewski investigated the links between research groups at educational institutions and Polish industrial firms and private businesses.

The summer grant program is administered by the Kellogg Institute by Professor Michael Francis of the government department. Contact him for further information.

Announcing the First Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the first annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed $3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student’s degree program of the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O’Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:
1) an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame
2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals
3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow
4) a budget indicating the costs involved
5) the names of two references

Application Deadline:
Friday, March 7th, 1997

Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship Program in Italian Studies 343 O’Shaughnessy Hall University of Notre Dame
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said Mark Harris, another writer. "We do not want Patty O'Hara to scrap it now over something we cannot change."

In reference to another clause which denies anyone holding office the right to hold another office at the same time, the responses were mostly positive.

"It will get more people involved in the process," said A.J. Boyd, the club coordination council academic commissioner.

Other objections involved specific wording and mislabeling of titles in the document. The committee also addressed whether the new document was the only structure that would have to be changed.

"We are simply amending the old one for now since that is the only structure that exists," said Kelly. "But we are effectively dissolving the old one and replacing it with the new one. The bylaws of the old constitution will still be in effect until new laws are passed."

The committee will present the constitution to the Hall Presidents' Council at tomorrow's meeting. If passed, the constitution will go on to the Student Senate to be approved.

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visor for Notre Dame Security/Police.

Austin confirmed that a female passenger was taken to the hospital with wounds sustained during the accident.

"There were definitely puncture wounds on the body," he said, "but it was hard to tell exactly how bad the injuries were."

Broken glass littered Douglas Road, accompanied by patches of transmission fluid and large wooden splinters from the utility pole. Police cars blocked off the road while the debris was pushed to the shoulder; the glass shards and wood piles were still situated there as of 11:15 p.m.

Ronald Burkhart, a 22-year-old South Bend resident, was arrested by Notre Dame Security and charged with driving while intoxicated. He and a male passenger escaped unharmed.

Burkhart's bond was set at $100, as of 11:30 p.m., he had not been released from the St. Joseph County jail.
Production features dance talent

Special to The Observer

This past weekend, Saint Mary’s was greeted with a different kind of communication. “Body Talk,” the College’s spring dance production, took center stage Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

The production featured three works by guest artist Connolly Patrick Madison, Wis.

This past weekend, “Body Talk,” performed by Saint Mary’s dancers to create a residency at Saint Mary’s this fall, during which he worked with eight members of the College’s dance company in Madison, Wis. Connolly served a residency to The Observer at 2-1557.

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Poet Perryman begins Black history celebration

By MELANIE GARMAN
News Writer

Relationships, dreams, education and violence were only a few of the topics discussed by Brenda Perryman in a poetry reading yesterday that kicked off a week-long celebration honoring Black History Month at Saint Mary’s.

Perryman, a poet, actress, and teacher, opened the series of lectures by reading selected poems and discussing some of the issues Americans face today.

“I want to discuss poetry and thoughts not only from black history, but our own lives: who we are, not whether we are black or white,” she said.

Perryman currently teaches at Saint Mary’s. This multi-talented woman is an accomplished writer as well; her poem, “Dick and Tired,” which was inspired by the tragic death of Ennis Cosby, will be published by the Chrysler Corporation later this week.

“The Americans need to be aware of the violence that surrounds us every day and we need to teach the values of non-violence,” said Perryman after reciting the poem.

Perryman read approximately twenty poems from her book, “Moods For You.” Each of her poems dealt with current issues Americans are confronted with in their daily lives.

At one point Perryman pulled out a tape measure from behind the podium and recited “Baby Boomer Bulge.” This poem was directed to the baby boomers in the audience who have found themselves trying to lose the stubborn pounds that can creep onto the waistline with time.

Most of the topics Perryman addressed seemed lighthearted, but she also showed a darker side by discussing alcoholism, a serious disease that touches many lives.

The poem “Unenchanted Wine” makes the issue personal as Perryman quotes a line her mother always used: “A drunk man speaks a sober man’s mind.”

As part of her tribute to Black History Month, Perryman recited “Dream Me A Dream,” a poem dedicated to Martin Luther King, Jr. “I tried to capture what he wanted for people, especially my people,” she said.

Happy 21st Jen O!
Are you wakin’ at me?

Love,
Stef and 1/3 of the 3-headed beast
Starr makes plans to step down from Whitewater probe

By PETE YOST
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

Clinton loyalists see the impending departure of the Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr as a favorable sign, but other lawyers involved in the probe said Monday they were still uncertain about whether to take legal action against the president and first lady.

In a surprising development, Pepperdine University President David Davenport said Monday that Starr will step down from the probe to take a full-time job Aug. 1 as dean of the law school and school of public policy.

The announcement left unanswered what would happen to the Whitewater probe, and precisely what Starr's plans were with regard to it.

"I think it is inconsistent with the orderly conduct of this investigation for me to continue indefinitely as independent counsel once I have moved my family to Los Angeles, but the precise timing has yet to be determined," Starr said late Monday when he arrived at the airport in Little Rock, Ark.

He said the investigation would be unaffected.

"What we're trying to do is conclude this as promptly as possible, but consistent with a very comprehensive and thorough investigation," Starr said.

The Clintons' Whitewater lawyer, David Kendall, did not comment.

But there was quick reaction from lawyers who have watched the three-year criminal investigation, some of them Clinton partisans and others associates of Starr — none of whom agreed to let their names be used.

"If Starr were going to do anything to the president or first lady, he'd have to be here to see it through, he wouldn't be taking a full-time job elsewhere," said one lawyer. "I see this as great news (for the Clintons)."

Another lawyer cautioned against reading too much into it.

"Will the probe end soon or will a new Whitewater prosecutor take over? I don't think we know enough to say based on the limited facts out there," said the lawyer.

"My assumption from talking with Ken in the interview process is that the investigation will go forward," the Pepperdine president said in an interview.

"I think he feels confident that there is a good team of people in place who are working on it and he has several more months to be part of the investigation before he reports for duty out here."

Davenport said he also assumed from his conversation with Starr that "there will be some combination of Ken completing a chapter of his work and turning that over to some associates in whom I know he has a lot of confidence."

The White House had no official comment on Starr's decision, though aides privately speculated that the prosecutor must not intend to indict President Clinton and his wife, Hillary.

Said a former presidential aide: "Is Starr going to indict the first lady and then leave for the West Coast? I don't think so."

Starr's prosecutors have been compiling a memo several hundred pages in length — most of it pertaining to the first lady — that lays out the evidence gathered in the investigation.

The memo will provide a basis for Starr to make a decision on whether to seek indictments against the first lady or the president.

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A few ravens drifted high above. An hour's steep walk had brought me to a natural view of the land. And an unlovely call on occasion as I reached the solidity of the rock and the well-worn path I had seen in the cutting.

I stood out, a contorted something. My eyes left him and looked for something different that I could not yet see. Across the trough, a pair of toothy crates of limestone rose out of the cutting, demarcating a narrow cutting between them. Winding my way through the valley-floor bog, I reached the solidity of the rock and the cutting. This path was frequented by sheep, if scat and a trampled rut can speak to their passing.

Now these western mountains are salted with the white, sturdy frames of semi-feral sheep. They crop the turf low, unforged and wise to the mountain, insulated from the constant wet by dirty brands of red and blue paint on the rump or side, stand out in almost comical contrast. They are wary to the passers, affording him little time to approach before they shy off out of reach. But I had seen none of their kind in my walk, only birds.

I had no particular purpose in being at that particular place at that time. We were on vacation and staying in the little town at the mountain's seaward foot. A large pool of fetid brown water lay before me, with mucus and dried blood. Ravens had sat down and ate a hamburger for dinner. And in a way, I had.

I was unnerved at his closeness; all of the other ravens had seemed very shy of me but this one purposely lingered on the edge of the dell, not a hundred yards distant. He wanted something and I was his adversary. My eyes left him and scanned down the length of the trough. As they processed the scene, adjusting to detail and composing a whole, my unease slowly grew. In the midst of the dell, something had broken the bog face. A large pool of frigid brown water had overtopped the sphagnum and welled out from the heart of the bog; I had crossed it.

Ravens had fled out of the neck and the head hung over to the right side at a weird, pathetic, defeat. The face was drawn and matted with mud. The face was drawn and matted with mud. I thought of the times I must have walked this ewe, the ground shuddering under my approach. And there I stood, fixed by theorrid thing for a long while. Her frame was spindly and wracked with starvation. Only the head and neck and the gaunt, knobby ridge of the back rose from the water, the tail disappeared. The raven was still waiting, eyeing me quizzically, as if in wonder; I do not know how I could do this. So I did nothing and watched her die for a few minutes; I fancied her breath got shorter while I waited.

The sun was beginning to fire the western clouds and I had an hour's walk to town, so I rose from that pool and its sheep. A coldness passed over me as I thought of the times I must have walked through that trough while I traced the circle, not noticing its secret, all the while the raven watching me from a hidden perch and waiting to dart back in on a return. The raven was still waiting, eyeing me quizzically, as if in wonder; I do not know how I could do this. So I did nothing and watched her die for a few minutes; I fancied her breath got shorter while I waited.

I left that still place of death and started down at a brisk rate, perhaps hoping to walk the unceasingly out of my blood, reaching the pub in town at dusk. I told the lady behind the counter of my finding, in case some farmer would like to know but also to pass the responsibility for the dying ewe to someone else. And then I sat down and ate a hamburger for dinner, and thought of the raven and the mountain.

Sean O'Connor is a senior Arts and Letters major. His column appears every other Tuesday.

"Take thy beak from out my heart, and take thy form from off my door! Quoth the raven, "Nevermore." -Edgar Allen Poe
Frankly Lloyd Wright once said, “The only art which endures is that which carries universal meaning.” On June 1, 1941, ground for the Alumnae Centennial Library was broken at Saint Mary’s College, and the Sisters of the Holy Cross realized the only art which endures was the architecture. The building was to be a testament to the pioneering spirit that had carried them through LeMans, France, to Indiana a century before, where they had nourished an academy of four into a college of well over 400.

Haggar College Center—now Haggar College Center—was a gift from the Holy Cross Alumnae Association in commemoration of the College’s Centennial. It would also be a gift to ourselves, encompassing the past and present as the essence of what is most vibrant about Saint Mary’s.

Arguably the most beautiful structure on campus, Haggar is the epitome of femininity and style. Designed in the French Provincial manner and reminiscent of the 17th century French chateau, it punctured 10 years worth of Marie L. M. M. Madeva made, credited with the conception and planning of the new addition, enlisted architect Frederick Larson of Dartmouth to craft plans. Upon seeing the blueprints for the first time, Sister Madeva said, “The building is just what I have dreamed of.”

Attesting to its birth in the midst of World War II, the structure itself went up in only a year. It officially opened in the summer of 1942, riveting in its sophistication its neighbors, LeMans Hall, and providing a resting place for the alumnae book collection. The books had previously been moved five times and were stored in LeMans prior to the addition.

Alumnae Centennial Library bustled at the seams and the school administration voted to build an entirely new library. The inclination of the founding Sisters were echoed in this statement offered to the alumnae book committee: “It is high time we had a library big enough to accommodate the needs of our members.”

In 1967, Haggar was dedicated. The Sisters of the Holy Cross and the staff of the College were on hand to celebrate the completion of the College Center’s community project.

By AMY SHEPHERD
Accent Writer

Just in time for Valentine’s Day, a new video offering has been added to the Web: RealVideo. RealVideo is a software program developed by Sorenson Media. It is designed to bypass the need for high-bandwidth Internet connections, targeted at viewers who have a 28.8-Kbps modem. It joins Microsoft’s NetShow and VDOLive, which is designed to bypass the need for high-bandwidth Internet connections, aimed at viewers with 28.8-Kbps modems. It integrates RealMedia’s VDOLive in a major push to make streaming video on the Web as popular as streaming audio. Progressive Networks’ chairman Bob Glaser says there are over 10 million users of RealAudio, and he sees them as the core audience for the new video offering.

In conjunction with the RealVideo debut, Progressive Networks announced that Warner, ABC, C-SPAN, and others plan to use RealVideo to send new clips, music videos, and live events across the Internet. MeanWell’s CBN, MTV, PBS, and Preview Media are now using VDOLive video streaming software and VDOLive (www.vdo.net). And Mehr, VDOLive’s chairman, says there are over 300 VDOLive clients to date. VDOLive works with 28.8-Kbps modems as a minimum requirement, but the technology works best with high-bandwidth connections.

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I'm thinking 'The Rules,' her relationship reads

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By LARRY WARD
Medical Medium Correspondent

Drug culture's deadly villain: Heroin

Juno Joplin, Jerry Garcia, Keith Richards, Perry Farrell, Kurt Cobain, Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin. The names are familiar, if a bit distant. Today, we think of them in the context of rock and roll, but the reality is that their lives were cut short by theullan of a drug that today's youth consider to be glamorous and glamorous. According to the Bureau of the Census and other sources, nearly a million young people have died as a result of heroin use. This is a staggering number, and it is a tragedy that continues to this day.

The current heroin epidemic is not new. It has been a problem for decades. However, the scale of the problem is now at an all-time high. The number of heroin-related deaths in the United States has more than doubled since 2000, and the number of heroin overdoses is also increasing at an alarming rate.

The availability of heroin has also increased. Heroin is easily obtained, and it is often sold on the black market. This makes it difficult for law enforcement to combat the problem.

One of the key factors in the heroin epidemic is the lack of awareness and education. Many people do not understand the dangers of heroin, and they do not realize the extent to which it can control their lives.

However, there is hope. By raising awareness and educating people about the dangers of heroin, we can begin to combat the epidemic. This is a complex issue, and it will take time and effort to solve. But it is possible, and it is important that we try.

The first step is to understand the problem. We must recognize that heroin is a serious issue and that it requires a coordinated response. This means that we need to work together, and we need to do it now.
Banko shining star for Belles

By SARAH CORRKEEN
Sports Writer

Balancing academics with athletics is a hurdle all student athletes must clear. For Mary's senior Marianne Banko, this is just a list of combined responsibilities added on to her already rigorous elementary education major curriculum, and you that a scheduled few student athletes could juggle.

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Leading the Belles' team in practice talks before a rigorous academic course work and study habits. Banko has lived by her words. This has helped her reach goals like breaking the Saint Mary's team record for most points in one game with 37. As a first year this season, Banko has averaged 16 points per game and is the team scoring leader.

"This season, my goal was to start every game," said Banko. "This team depends on my offense, but I want to be more consistent with my defense as the season progresses."

Perhaps the biggest challenge for the Belles' squad has been adjusting to new head coach David Nord, who replaced longtime coach Marvin Woods, who retired after last season. Banko appreciated the new Nord brought to the in. With her coach a forward, Floridian shows a great desire to help the return to basketball off the court and in the dining hall. Banko believes that this year Nord can bring the Belles to a great level of good coach-player relationship.

"He definitely will be an asset to the team in the future as he develops the Saint Mary's program." Banko had not thought that the Division III program would be as difficult as it is. "College is a meting point of highs and lows for stars and you have to work twice as hard," said Banko.

The Belles' star even finds a driving force to improve her performance in the laundry she sometimes receives from the crowds at being announced before the game. Whatever role I'm asked to play, I just get in there and try to get it done," she said. "Banko has been especially encouraged by the increased attendance at Saint Mary's home games. As president of the Saint Mary's Athletic Council, Banko believes that this is just a small step forward to working to improve attendance and student support of the team. This year Banko and her teammates have worked hard to push the Belles by landing team photos and schedules around campus and in the community.

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far, there hasn't been anything out of the ordinary this year."

Shedding the "water" weight is one of the many benefits the boxers attain from their final workouts before stepping on the scales.

"Some people wear sweats and try to take the weight off that way," said officer Mike Mantey. "Guys will go to the bathroom, run on the treadmill or just about anything right up until they step on the scale."

Following today's final weigh-in, the boxer can spend the next five days altering his weight in any way or direction he feels best. Some will wish to maintain what they tipped the scale at, while others may opt to "bulk up" in the time leading up to their first fight.

"We recommend that people take it easy the last few days before their fight," said Mantey. "After Wednesday, they should avoid any serious bag work or sparring. It's more of a time to think and take care of the mental part of boxing."

Christoforetti and Mantey along with fellow officers John Kmetz, Mike Debiase, Brian Rans, Lucas Mollina and Fred Kelly are instrumental in determining the weight classes. They give insight and make recommendations to coaches Tom Suddes, Terry Johnson, Pat Farrell and Charles Rice, who have the final say.

"The coaches and a couple of us (the officers) will sit down, and rank the boxers according to experience and how they've sparred," said Christoforetti. "We design it so that we can avoid mismatches. The top two or four boxers will not fight each other until the finals or semifinals."

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Sophomore guard Antoni Wyche must continue to play well off the bench if the Irish hope to slow down Seton Hall's stellar backcourt.

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The Irish beat Seton Hall last time with four players in double-digits and will need to find a scoring balance that at times has been inconsistent. While Garrity continues to sparkle, Matt Gotsch and White must continue their inspired play if the Irish are to bounce back and not experience deja vu twice.

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The Irish then won the final three matches to clinch the win.

Everybody played well," said coach Jay Louderback, "but we were a little bit tired from our matches from this past weekend. The team played Syracuse and Kansa this past Friday and Saturday.

"The key to the match was the doubles point. We had split the first two matches, and it came down to the third match to clinch the point."

With the win, the Irish improve to 5-1 while the Tigers fall to 2-2. The Irish will return to the court for the National Indoor Tournament in Madison, Wisconsin.

"The tournament is a great opportunity for our team," Louderback commented. "The top sixteen teams in the country are invited, and we'll be able to play three teams that we haven't had the chance to compete against this season."
Improvement apparent at Big East championships

By WILLY BAUER
Stamford

Both of Notre Dame's indoor track teams improved over last year's performances at the Big East championships, with men placing second and the women in sixth.

The men's team took the meet by storm, barely losing out to Connecticut by the score of 128-124. Both teams justed for the crown on Sunday, the final day of the competition, with the Huskies taking control after the high jump event.

The women placed sixth overall, a stark improvement over last year's 13th place finish.

The final two events of the meet proved to be Notre Dame's Achilles' heel. The Huskies took an insurmountable lead after posting a first and third-place finishes in the high jump. Notre Dame's third place finish in the 4x400 meter relay was not enough to erase Connecticut's nine-point advantage that it had going into the relay. The Huskies finished the event in eighth place.

Aiding the Irish cause was a collection of old and new faces. Junior Errol Williams had a fourth place finish in the 200-meter dash and fifth-place in the 55-meter hurdles. The newest name on the track was cornerback Allen Ross, Rossom, who had not competed for the Irish track team in two years, matched his career best in the 55 meters with a time of 6.23. His time was good enough for only second place as he was edged out by 0.3 seconds.

For the women, freshman Dominique Calloway received her first taste of Big East competition, but it was a bitter taste. Calloway was edged out in the 55-meter hurdles by 0.03 second, by Yolanda McCray from Miami. Calloway posted a time of 7.75 seconds. She also competed in the 200-meter dash, finishing in 25.03 seconds.

Junior Jennifer Engelhardt and sophomore Kellee Saxon finished two and three in the high jump, each clearing 5-8. "I don't want to speak for Coach (Scott) Winsor (jumps coach), but Jenny's a really talented kid," said Connolly of the high jumper who has quietly had a good season. "The key for her is to become consistent."

The usual suspects continued to generate points for the women. Senior Alison Howard finished in seventh place in the 55-meters and took third in the 400-meters. Sophomore Nadia Schmiedt placed sixth in the 500-meters. Freshman Emily Blanko placed fourth in the shot put. Her throw of 42-3 1/2 was her season high.

The weekend, however, belonged to the men. Junior Mike Conway finished third in the mile run, while sophomores Bobby Brown and Chris Cochran posted fifth and sixth place finishes, respectively, in the 400-meters. Jason Bensing and Derek Seiling placed second and fifth in the 3,000 meters.

Coming off a strong performance at the Big East championships, the Irish will host the Alex Wilson Invitational this weekend at Loftus.

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: basketball great Michael Jordan, actress Mary Tyler Moore, mystery author Margaret Truman.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Creativity is in an analytical frame of mind. If the unsaid speaks volumes, seize the occasion. An investment suggestion has real merit. Confide a bash or consulting to earning financial experts.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A period of self-analysis will prompt you to make overtures. The emphasis now is on clearing projects already in progress. Tie up any loose ends.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Making practical decisions and handling everyday tasks in your time. The emphasis now is on communicating with people who can help you do your job. This brilliant marketing strategy pays off.
Weigh-ins mark official opening of Bengal Bouts

Boxers face final week of pre-fight preparations
By MIKE DAY
Assistant Sports Editor

After six weeks or more of rigorous workouts, endless conditioning and extensive training, the moment of truth has finally arrived.

No, the 67th annual Bengal Bouts do not kickoff until this Sunday. However, the moment that many of Notre Dame’s boxers had been looking forward to began Monday and extends through today.

It is weigh-in time for this year’s bouters, and for most, it is time to see whether after all their painstaking work, they have reached the weight they have long been aiming at.

For some, meeting that desired weight means losing those last few pounds of fat and replacing it with muscle. For others, it is a matter of losing enough or gaining enough to avoid being in the same weight class as one of the favorites.

No matter what the reason, weigh-in is a critical moment in the life of every boxer who has ever tied on a pair of gloves or thrown a left jab.

"Everyone wants to be at a weight they’ll be comfortable at and can perform their best at," said senior officer John Christoforetti. "The guys work so hard, that by the time of weigh-in, they’re pretty much in their optimal shape."

Prior to stepping on the scales, boxers will try just about anything imaginable in an attempt to cut those last few pounds. Avoiding one last meal at the dining hall or working out in a couple of layers of clothing are some of the last-resort measures taken by the athletes.

"I've seen some pretty crazy things over the years," said Christoforetti. "We tell people not to do anything crazy. So see BOUTS / page 12

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Pirates in search of upset
By JOE VILLINSKI
Associate Sports Editor

The last time the Notre Dame men’s basketball team dropped a close game, the next game wasn’t so close.

After losing in the final seconds at West Virginia three weeks ago, the Irish suffered their worst defeat of the season the next night in a 24 point blowout to Pittsburgh.

Now, the Irish find themselves in a similar situation after taking Villanova down to the wire Sunday before losing 75-70. Guarding against a letdown will be a major factor in tonight’s contest with Big East cellar-dweller Seton Hall.

The Irish (12-10, 6-8) will also have to elevate their guarding ability to be victorious. Against Villanova, Notre Dame had several opportunities to pull ahead of the Wildcats but were unable to make any crucial defensive stops.

In their previous meeting, the Irish were able to stop the Seton Hall frontcourt as part of an 86-72 victory. The Pirate starting three of Bayonne Taty, Duane Jordan, and Kelland Payton resemble the Three Stooges, scoring 14 points between them.

Keeping frontcourt scoring to a minimum will be important mainly because of Seton Hall’s two other starters.

The Irish defense will be tested against the speedy backcourt duo of Shaheen Holloway and Levell Sanders. Holloway is currently averaging 17.6 points per game and managed a double-double last time against Notre Dame. Sanders poses a Reserve guard Antoni Wyche might also see more time due to his quickness and solid play off the bench.

Seton Hall dropped to 3-11 in the conference after a 74-57 loss to Boston College on Sunday. The Pirates shot a tepid 35 percent from the field during the rout.

Playing the worst team in the Big East provides the perfect opportunity for the Irish to begin another winning streak. With only four games remaining, Notre Dame must win at least two of those to be considered for the NIT.

Considering the final three are against Big East leaders Providence, Miami, and Boston College, the game becomes paramount for increasing the number in the win column.

"This definitely is a must win," head coach John MacLeod said. "We've looked at the games left and this is one we want."

The Irish can display that desire by continuing to shoot the lights out. Last game, Notre Dame set season highs in three categories, shooting 54% from the floor.

Seton Hall freshman Shaheen Holloway will be the player to watch for the Pirates as Notre Dame seeks to keep its NIT hopes alive tonight.

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