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 force America to live up to the moral standards 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 define what is meant by democracy. 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 multicultural 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 socio-economic 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 standardized tests, such as the LSAT and SAT in the process of admission for students 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 students, Guinier said, admission committees are using LSAT 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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### PROVIDENCE, R.I.

The stock market is not the only thing posting record highs these days. Many major universities have reported a plethora of other experiences and trips as the effects of grade inflation, including Brown, where the percentage of A's given has climbed from 53.2 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 in grade inflation at other prestigious schools. Although Brown escaped the publicity, schools like Harvard, Stanford, Columbia, Stanford, and 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's and B's," 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," second, "students are more willing to compromise with them, because the competition for graduate school admission has intensified." Students also might be more apt to compromise on their 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 maturing more to students who are more used to, and she conceded that "students are more aggressively trying to do well or turn a grade around.

Reed suggested that the heightened competition "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 societies, she said.

### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA Los Angeles

Henna, not hemp, use increases

LOUISIANA, Calif.

When Erin Widgettes, a conservative woman in her 50s, greeted her husband at the door, she held out her arm to shoo him. Her new red-haired, tattooed with a word for henna tattoo, was not to be confused with the fire-breathing dragon tattoo will look as cool at 20. Though henna has long been used in Western culture as nature hair dye, it has only recently become prevalent in hair salons and tattooing parlors as coloring used to create temporary tattoos on the skin. The henna plant (Lawsonia Inermis) is a small shrub grown in the hot, climates of Northern Europe 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 judging by a report, as a $900 million loss on investments made up for a $40 million loss in the first five months of fiscal year 1998. The overall $50 million gain constituting 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's was up by 23 percent at the close of December in 1997, according to Vice President of Finance Bizoo Bizzio. 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 Bizzio explained that the University's December return on investments was not available when Mirro compiled his report.

### SOUTH BEND WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

The AccuWeather Forecast for southern Indiana, is available online. It 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. But even with these harsh punishments, students are still seduced by the convenience of plagiarized works. In recent cases, two brilliant students in an introductory religious studies class were kneading the Internet to identify 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 staff member and several pages are accusing Secretary Denise Seile of ordering the confiscation of 30 and 50 copies of Feb. 19th edition of The Herald. The staff of the Capitol pages says Seile was upset by "an inappropriate" comment made by former page Jenni Colbo-Dupitz about Assembly Speaker Scott Jensen. B-Brookfield, Solitude has the allegations. She did, however, file the page for comment. 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 it be stolen," said a lawyer with the Student Press Law Center in Arlington, Va., said there is recent legal precedent for such a complaint.

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### 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 Internet of plagiarism. 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. But even with these harsh punishments, students are still seduced by the convenience of plagiarized works. In recent cases, two brilliant students in an introductory religious studies class were kneading the Internet to identify papers peddled online. Suffice it to say, they are in big trouble.

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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 Martiza Moylan, a member of the Sisters of Nefertiti and a senior at Saint Mary’s. “The discussions 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. "I have noticed less diversity in the campus." 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.

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Similarly, of the ongoing devastation is the decimation of the archdiocese, which include Catholics who were 18 percent of the population before the Bosnian war. One measure of the war’s impact on the archdiocese, which included the lack of diversity at Saint Mary’s and the effect homogeneity has upon the students.

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a timed test, students are forced to guess. This is a detri-
ment to law because they try
to reason through the problems and generally score
g 45 on the lower on the test than men who are more
prepared to pure guessing, Guinier explained.

Guinier referred to the scene from "Audrey 3.13 for which the astronauts say "Houstion, we have a problem!" and her belief that the SAT and
LSAT do not provide accurate
measures of students' rights, instead of
the present system, which details
them arbitrarily throughout the book.

"When that astronaut said that, the person at NASA didn't say, 'Get me the person with the highest SAT score,'
but said, 'Let me get the people with various expertise
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 com-
mmented. "If you continue stigmatizing by 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," Guinier said. "This is the strongest predictor of suc-
cess."

Guinier, who did her under-
graduate 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 cur-
rently 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 chang-
ing over the years.

Law, according to the former
candidate for U.S. Attorney
General, is a profession in which
litigation is only 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 litiga-
tion] may be dysfunctional to
a collaborative effort model," she said.

Guinier, who will become a full member of the Harvard Law Law School faculty this fall, cited several differences and similarities in the two schools that she had found between first
and third year female law stu-
dents at the University of Pennsyl-
vania.

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 differ-
cence between the percentage of first and third year female stu-
dents who participated in class
disussion.

Guinier offered several sug-
gestions to female law students who face difficulty in situations in which the profession of
law is competitive 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 class-
room when one of the group
members had to state her case.

According to Guinier, women
often face a vacuum in the class-
room 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 who work through it."

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

This may help the professor
fess his or her defenses, Guinier said, and allows discus-
sion of the comments. If com-
nents persist, Guinier suggested writing a journal.

Guinier implored students not
to give up the passion that led
to law school in the first place and told the faculty to fos-
ter analytic and rigorous think-
ing in their students.

The passion is the most important thing nurtured in stu-
dents, 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 pub-
lications available to students.

Many asked on whether or not to include a student bill of
democracy, but said, "Get me the person with the highest SAT score."

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

"Psychologically, it is all right of what students are looking for," said Carroll senator Dan Nisbet.

He suggested a brief section explic-
tly 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 entitled to. 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-Phillips senator
Andrea Kavossi, a member of the
committee. "We shouldn't put together a bill of rights, 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 real-
ly mean the heart of the matter. It
doesn't create a deeper understanding of what the student is in the university or
ease the tensions between the stu-
dents and the administration," said
Kelly.

Another suggestion was made by Golen senator Rajee Bas, who pro-
posed changing the name.

"Du Lac has a pretty negative image. Maybe we should change the name, stu-
dents would look at it differently." "This is a gross plan for what DuLac should be," Gov. said. It's the change that students want. If it makes them feel better, that's what this document
should do."

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
years to 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 sena-
or Pat Coley. "This undermines the
whole point of the senate." The senate unanimously approved two
bills, and passed unanimously 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 revi-
sions.
Cuban parliament re-elects Castro to fifth term

MEXICO CITY, Mexico
Elected to a fifth term as president, Fidel Castro said 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 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 unopposed.

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 invalidate the work of a people...is really ridiculous," Castro said.

His remarks were reported by the government's Prensa Latina news agency.

Dearborn, Mich.

Dearborn Mayor Fred Day said the city's residents 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 obtain, an aid official said Wednesday. There could also be water shortages due to a mild, snow-free winter that came after a severe summer drought, said Kathi Zellweger of Washington-based Caritas, director. From speaking to the local officials, there was a fear that it may be even earlier than 210 mph that killed at least 38 states, the deadline for donations to the United States.

Clinton visits tornado victims

U.S., Mexico unite against drug cartels

MEXICO CITY, Mexico
With Mexico's most violent drug lords under indictment and law enforcement working more closely together, U.S. and Mexican authorities are cooperating rather than criticizing each other - an echo of this year's drug certification process.

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

And so last year, when U.S. law enforcement working more closely together, U.S. and Mexican authorities are cooperating rather than criticizing each other - an echo of this year's drug certification process.

This year, the Arellano Felix brothers of Tijuana are under indictment in the United States.

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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 high­school 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 been talking to them­selves when confronted with bad news about their educational system, according to results released

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 hurled 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 "poor 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 16­year-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 eighties.

"Science is like a basic review of U.S. for eight-grade stuff,” she said. "I should have gone to something harder.

The international study defined general math knowledge as the knowledge needed "to function effectively in society.”

The general math scores of U.S. students were significantly lower than those of students in 14 other countries, mostly European, but also including Australia and Canada.

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:

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: 46%, International average: 41%

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.

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

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

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El Niño storms damage coast

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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 high-torrent flood water. 

"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. 

The bodies of two drivers 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 Brit Irwene were on their way to help a disabled motorist on a rain-slicked 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 rampage in San Diego. Parts of six beachfront homes in Del Mar were slowly toppling into the sea.

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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 died from 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 were apparently 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.

A Wednesday'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 six attacks 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 sponsor the talks, have suspended 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 the past weekend.

Irish police seized a 250-pound drum of explosives late 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 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 back 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

DURBAN, 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 Haasma 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 their rooms." she said in a telephone interview from her home.

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

A Septuplets were born in Saudi Arabia in September, but only one child lived. In November, American Bobbi McCaughney 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 cause 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 outbreak.

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

POTOMAC, Mo. — A man convicted of killing two brothers in a drunken brawl was executed by injection early Tuesday 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 southeast 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, Marjorie 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 decide 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 nearby 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 said: "But I took that away from him."

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If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem...
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 in 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 last towards that end. I now feel helpless—helpless because of the fate of my family and friends and the allied governments over whose actions I have no control, and anxious—anxious because I do not know it, when, or where there will be a strike, 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 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 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 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.

Glorious 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 destroy them.

I know this must sound absurd to many of you. Please don’t let the thought of destroying an innocent, helpless life cross your mind.

Anonymous
February 21, 1998

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

U.S. Abuses Power

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 conceit 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 Blancher-Ruth
Senior, Of Campus
February 25, 1998

Viewpoint
Mary Beth Ellis

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 the 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?

In addition, we will turn to the more mature solution of mocking the size of one's thighs behind one's back.

No, I don't think your rationalizations weak and your general philosophy of life completely void of logic. Your very existence, sir, is a blot on the human race. Whereas a woman will translate a moon as: "Oh, yeah? Well, HERE'S MY ASS!"

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 not make an example, presidential debates a LOT more interesting.

The only word more final than a male mooning is the purposeful unveiling of an even more private part.

Ellis

Even Our Newspaper is 'Phallocentric'

It is a rare occasion when an article in The Observer lacks any emotional response from us, as our senses have been dulled by the "two typical Notre Dame" and the sad state of relations between our "sisters" at SMC and the female population of the world. However, upon reading the paper today, we were directly confronted with an unmistakable onslaught of overt sexism. If one really needs a separate "Women's Week"? Or does such a page signify that the rest of the publication is devoted exclusively to news which would interest only women?

We realize that the page is meant to promote women's accomplishments which are often ignored, but the notion that women need a separate page in the first place validates the continued sexual segregation which permeates our campus and society at large; however, sexual segregation is not the answer.

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 tremendous +smart career move to include the preceding column in her 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.

Celebrate Women Swimmers

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o you think the Big East tournament would give us 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 ('98) MVP swimmer and Melissa Weathers won "Coach of the Year" honors (again, for the second straight year)! The men were very close too. They came away as the best team in a very competitive conference. I am not disappointed in the "unappointed" as the paper erroneously printed.

Coach Tim Welsh, who called the meet a "dream for us," and the teams are to be congratulated for their hard work. An 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 winning. It is extremely unfortunate, not many 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.

Bill Wack, C.S.C.

February 25, 1998
James Iha

**Let It Come Down**

**** stars out of five

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 last month 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 themes 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 "Jenius," Iha employs the talents of a horn section to add some soul to the thumping 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 now girl in town. Those people out there experiencing recent breakups might want to steer clear of this.

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 this delightful musician. Maybe James could even rub some of his charm off on Billy the next time they get together.

by Geoff Bahr

Saturnzreturn
goldie

**** stars out of five

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 "Chaos," a fast jungle beat stretched over an ominous baseline in the best Apex Twin fashion. The ubiquitous Noel Gallagher makes an appearance on "Temper Temper," another ragged tabloid 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 electronics, Saturnzreturn may not be the best introduction as it suffers mildly in comparison to the aforementioned Apex Twins, 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 in the right parts come together makes the album doubly worth a listen.

by Julian Elliott

The Lowdown

"Favorite One-Hit Wonder" while Fresh Prince Will Smith took home "Favorite Female Singer" 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 tagged as "Pin-Up Artist of 1997," and his group was named "The Band Who Most Stacked Your World."

Leader singer Perry Farrell has officially pulled the plug on Poron Pyros. The former Jane's Addiction Drumman is already working on a new project named Gobbledee. The new group will feature a rotating group of musicians that will likely include Porno mates Stephen Perkins and Peter B. Stefan."

Chumbawamba was considered

**The WSND Top 10**

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2) Ani DiFranco — Little Plastic Castle
3) Pearl Jam — Yield
4) Various — MTV 120 Minutes Live
5) Green Day — Nimrod
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7) G. Love & The Special Sauce — Yeah, That's Easy
8) Lisa Loeb — Firecracker
9) Pee Shy — Don't Get Too Comfortable
10) Big Daddy Voodoo Daddy (EP)
various artists

Trainspotting #2

Primus/Blink 182
The Chieftains
Leftover Salmon
Mary J. Blige
Violent Femmes
Primus/Blink 182
The Chieftains
Leftover Salmon
Mary J. Blige
Violent Femmes
Hepcat
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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 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 "Ma 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

A ska continues its inevitable ascent as the champioun of all music, its presence in the recording industry has been strengthened. Many small labels devoted to ska and its minions have come into existence, as bands like the Toasters, Ilm Skala Ilm, Skaskin' 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 dub 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 line-up of the ska and punk community. Hepcat, the Slackers, Skinner, the Skatalites, Stompin Allstars, Bagad, Voxod Gowowsky, the Pietasters, and the Dave Hillyard Hocksteady 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 one of the best tracks on 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 Cuzzan. 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 retains 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

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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 east-dwelling Tampa Bay Lightning. Picked in Alexander Semin's goal with 7.4 seconds left play.

The Caps did rally from a 3-1 deficit with 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. Semin got the first on a wrangled goal at 12:54 for his first goal in 10 games. It became 2-5 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 Wilks took a shot and Paul Yaverka flicked in the rebound from a tight angle to the right of the net at the 1:14 mark.

Toronto, 2. Buffalo 2

Mathieu Schneider's goal with 4.1 seconds remaining in regulation lifted the Toronto Maple Leafs to a 2-1 tie Tuesday night with the Buffalo Sabres in a game played brilliantly by Olympic star Dominik Haiek.

Donald Audette had given Buffalo a 2-1 lead with 4:04 left in regulation when he snuck in his 16th after the Sabres had a two-man advantage following Toronto penalties 26 seconds apart. If it weren't for Haiek, the Sabres could have been beaten by at least four goals.

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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 negotiations that stretched over the past seven years, the team has been officially bought by New York Sport Ventures, headed by Steven Gluckstern and Howard Milstein.

Three months of negotiations were completed Wednesday night, it was announced by Gary Lewt, a spokesman for New York Sport Ventures. Gluckstern and Milstein purchased the team from John Pickett for $195 million. The deal includes the team, the lease agreement for the Coliseum and a total of about $500,000 and the 70-acre tract of land that surrounds the Coliseum.

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

Pickett bought the team out in 1978, after serving as an original minority owner under Roy Boe. And after resuming the team from near bankruptcy, he served 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 John Spano, but Spano was deemed fraudulent in his financial holdings, and the deal collapsed.

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Don & Toni

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New Jersey, 3 Flora

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

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.

The teams tied with 2-2 in the first period, a turnover in the Panthers' zone during a Devils power play set up Pederson. His shot from the faceoff circle went through John Vanbiesbrouck's legs for the goa-

Mike Dunham (3-4-2) started in place of New Jersey's regular goalie Martin Brodeur (13-11-4), and recorded 23 saves. He heads a big bag sale on Ray Whitney's splash shot with 5:30 left in the second period to go into overtime. Instead, the Phantom's Petey Sylverstred scored the insurance goal at 12.1. The Islanders took a 1-0 lead in the first minute on a power play goal by Belanger, who beat Sato with a shot from the slot. Belanger put the Islanders up 2-0 at 9:08 on a one-timer from the lower right circle that bounced in off the left post. Heav had a 3-0 lead at 11:48 of the second period when he took Trevor Linden's pass and wristed a 20-footer inside the post just past 19 seconds into the final period.

to the left with six good scoring opportunities.

Near the poor Olympic showing in Nagano, his Capitols test to last-place Tampa Bay.

U.S. Olympic and Washington head coach Ron Wilson continues his woes.
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 intra-squad contest in Tampa, Fla., on Wednesday, his first game action this year. Wells tried to throw but was bothered by strained muscles between his right ribs, an injury that may keep him from participating in spring training.

Wells, 33, said he is ready to go any time, but the right-hander won't be forced to miss his first spring start of the season.

"It's four, five, six days and it has been nagging him the past few days," said Yankees manager Joe Torre. "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 said.

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 so sharp as I'm going to be or would like to be.

Cone is a veteran of more than 200 major league games and has a 238-174 lifetime record. His 3.53 ERA in 1993 was his lowest since winning the World Series with the Philadelphia Phillies in 1980.

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, is expected to make his season debut and 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 move and the Angels fit as well as anybody."

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

"His confidence level is as far as being a workhorse is concerned, he's dropped and his health isn't an issue at all," Bavasi said.

The right-hander worked on Angels scouts several weeks ago when team officials met with owner George Steinbrenner.

In other news:

• First baseman Darin Erstad, the first overall selection in the 1995 free-agent draft, is problem-free during an intrasquad game. He is on the field daily and will be ready for the season.

• McDowell won the AL Cy Young Award with Chicago and Miami before signing with the Angels last year.

McDowell, 35, has a 162-152 record in 10 seasons with the Chicago White Sox, Toronto Blue Jays, and Miami Marlins. He was 8-3 with a 3.37 ERA in 1995 — his third consecutive 200-inning season. But McDowell had the worst season of his career in 1996 with a 1-9 record and a 5.11 ERA, when he struggled early in 1997, and was demoted to the bullpen.

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

"It's a real good team and I think you could all say you would call a war" for a baseball game, Bavasi said.

Bavasi said: "Getting one of those guys on our club is important to us. It's a big lift to our club because we've just had such a tough time."

Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

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

Neio Vankerkhoven 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 Vankerkhoven 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 Vankerkhoven scored his second goal in the 54th minute. Vankerkhoven scored off the inside of the post in a rebound after Luc Nilis' free kick left Keller out of position.

The Belgians kept up the pressure. In the 64th minute Marc Overmars scored — sent 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

BRUSSELS, Belgium

The United States shut out Belgium, 2-0, on a goal in each half. It was the U.S.'s first win in five tries against the Belgians since a 3-2 loss in the 1994 World Cup.

The United States had beaten Sweden, 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.

Brian McBride scored in the 16th minute after an assist by Alexi Lalas. The United States had a 1-0 lead in the 54th minute when Vankerkhoven scored.

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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.


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.

Junior 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) allowed just two runs on eight hits over six innings. With 10 strikeouts, he equaled his previous career high.

"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 Chippewas 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 joked after the game.

The Irish began their scoring in the first inning when Tim Suggitt rendered 6-2 runs on 5 hits and 2 walks in as many game innings.

"People were just looking to make contact," he added. "I'm really pleased with how he threw it today.

"Today's 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."

"That's all we worked on in practice was driving the ball," he added.

"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.
Biolchini brothers leave mark

By TOM STUDEBAKER and DAN LUZIETTI

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 far into the tournament this year as sophomore Tom Biolchini. Biolchini's father was a member of the family.

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."

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 loose, 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.

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

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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 with 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 rolled 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."

Rans came out aggressive and left-handed, and it worked well. It confused him a little."

With the three weight classes left in the tournament, those craving an upset might just get what they are looking for.

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PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST!
The stars came out last night for the 68th annual Bengal Bouts semifinal round. A handful of boxers in the 175-pound weight class, heavyweight division won or lost all the stops with a trip to Friday’s finals on the line. Brian Gaffney’s second fight of the night ended in much the same way as the first—a TKO just one minute and 29 seconds into the fight. Keith Paredo managed to throw several punches, but Gaffney’s barrage of body blows kept Paredo on the defensive before a few well-placed uppercuts finished him off.

“Every fight I am able to see things that I 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.”

In the final, Gaffney faces Chris Dobranski, who posted a unanimous decision victory over fresh­man Brian Homanchek. The show­time 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 Dobranski stagger­ing and nearly ended the bout.

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

“Fighting Smith” was so much fun,” said Romanchek. “We were there smiling at each other and laughing. We were talking the whole time 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.

In the 175-pound final, junior Dennis Abdelnour, the No. 2 seed, a southpaw against a southpaw, came down to a split decision.

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 the first round, I started,” said Kelly. “I went back and thought about who was stronger than me and I knew I had to go out there throwing and nearly ended the bout.”

Defending champion Dave Monahan earned a split decision victory over Andy Niederer 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 his romp in the defensive. The flamboyant Romanos 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 while to round into form.

“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.
Rematch 'ready to rumble'

By BETSY BAKER
Assistant 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 this rematch in the 135-pound weight 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 the rudeness felt 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 move- ment 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, the young pugilist could only be outsmarted or overpower his opponent.

"I wanted to work on my jab a lot more because I'm definitely going to have to use my speed more. I was a strong first-round hit to my advantage." Will commented on his fight against McBurney. "Unfortunately, I didn't work on it. 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. Molina acknowledges that there is increased pres- sure on him to hold on to his crown. Still, he expects the fight to be a lot cleaner and definitely his. "I'm confident that I'm going to be there, and is looking forward to it."

"Lucas is 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 155-pound class, senior Matt Peacock saw four years of hard work pay off, as he came up with his first victory in four years and is heading to the finals. 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, round three Peacock had tired him out.

As the top seed last year, Peacock was still just a freshmen and he had to prove his goal. While he is excited to be in the finals, nothing would make his four years worth more than the title. "This is great. This is what I've been working for the last four years," Peacock said. "I couldn't really tell if I had won. I knew he gave me a lot and he landed a lot, but I also know that I defended a lot."

In the other 155-pound bout, Dave Dobranski defeated Ryan Frick in a unanimous decision. It was an offensive battle as both fighters came out swinging. Dobranski went to the body and Frick relying more on his left jab. "I came out and started strong from the first round." Dobranski said. "He ducked a lot of Frick's punches, but the same time, we played out for the end of the second and throughout the third round."

Although Frick had sparred with Peacock in training, he will have to adjust to a left-handed opponent and maintain the same stamina he did against Rigney. The 130-pound final will match up sophomore Mike Maguire vs. Jeremy Leatherby. Leatherby, the Prancing Peacock, 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 clas- ses' 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.

"I'm willing to try whatever works for a win," Mike Maguire said. "I just let my instinct and training kick in.

"I'm not going to let my instinct and training kick in."

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

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BENGAL BOUTS Semifinal Bests

Best Fight David Wiltse vs. Adrian Cardona

Best Crowdpleaser Tom Biocini vs. John DeSplinter

Best Punch Chris Dobranski vs. Brian Hobbins

Biggest Surprise Mike Romero vs. Peter Ryan

Best Brawl Joey Lenisi vs. Dan Prince

Freshmen fight for finals

By SHANNON RYAN
Sports Writer

They're few. They're impres- sive. They're mean. They're young.

Of 18 freshmen, only three advanced through to last night's semifinals of the Bengal Bouts. The highlight of the surprise final round bouts 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 135-pound weight class consid- ering they're best friends, O'Neill residents, and training partners. Although the two seemed equally skilled and wise-witted it was Cardona who came out on top after three rounds.

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

In the feisty fights which were thrown equally as wild, it was the Cardona combina- tion that took care of busi- ness.

"I wanted to go in and punch," 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 in the third round. Attacking Wiltse and wowing the audience with his right hook.

The elated Cardona was more shocked than anyone of his sur- prising success. "I'm amazed that I got this far," he said. "I went in just for the training. I didn't imagine I'd win the first fight, and I'm really happy to have won this."

The smiles may continue Friday if "El Machingon" can continue the upssets with a win over junior captain Mike MacBurney. LaDuke has the experience, the flight advantage and the skill. However, Cardona claims to have the desire that takes. "I want to go out there and try to really beat him up," he said. "I don't have the skill, but 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 battered Martin Garcia with his combina- tion swings away 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. "I was just trying to get to the body, and then I hit him with a body."

In the 155-pound class, Leatherby's right hook sent Garcia into the rings. From then on, the fresh- man dominated the attack to win by a unanimous decision.

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

Keenan freshman Peter Ryan seemed to be going in just as successfully in the heavyweights.

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Belles look to end season with homecourt advantage

By JANICE WEIERS
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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 regular contest of the season, Saint Mary's was beaten by Sierra Heights College, 62-84.

Head coach David Roeder had plenty of time to mulr over the game on the way home. He does 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 defense 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.

"Sierra 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 weakside help, it shows."

Although only 53 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 it 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 for 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 college basketball game Friday night at 7 p.m. in the Angela Athletic Facility.

"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."

By JOHN HICKNEY
Sports Writer

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Hickey said. "Tonight we had different situations and that's a great thing because it takes the pressure of those who were hot.

When we 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 were prepared for last game," 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 scoring including 3-for- 4 from three-point land. Ingelsby also ranked 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, that helped me the rest of the way," Ingelsby said.

The Irish overcame a sluggish second half, when they scored 12 points for a last 3- point shot before a Garry free throw tied the game at 25 with four minutes left in the half.

"Martin Ingelsby, for the first time, I saw how good he was. I thought 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 tapped up in the post and were called for double fouls.

Hickey gave Aw an earful and Georgetown's senior captain shoved Hickey in the face drawing a flagrant one on Aw that means a technical foul, including the 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 breath," MacLeod said. "But he did what good players are supposed 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, Wych, and Dillon were on the floor at the same time against a small quick Georgetown team.

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

David Trez Kilpatrick, Georgetown Men's basketball player.

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**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

**Irish deliver knock-out punch to Big East foe**

By JOE CAVATO Associate 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.

George-town’s Frank Motley 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 fight in a place where there was not much of an edge either way."

"It was great basketball tonight," center John Aaron 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’s Notre Dame fans saw something 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 MacLeod and Phil Hickey each added 12.

Dillon chipped in eight, providing a spark on defense with four steals in just 21 minutes, including one steal that set up a Garrity three-pointer that put the Irish lead to 71-67 with just two minutes left. On senior night, Derek Manner ended his dreaddful 0-for-14 streak in his last two games to go 3-4 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 being was that we had a bunch of people step up around Garrity."

"That’s what we’ve been looking for all year long," Garrity said.

**Rans out for finals**

Chris Hickey takes it to the hoop for two of his 24 points.

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ

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, finalists for the past two years and the person who dedicated the majority of his senior year to ensuring a successful Bengal Bout, 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 strengths 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 Wishchini. In his fight Wishchini started off quick by almost instantly backing junior John DeSimpler into the ropes. DeSimpler tried to counter-attack, but few, if any, punches landed.

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