Snite celebrates Cuban culture

By MARIBEL MOREY
News Writer

Music, passion, politics and food are all depicted in the Snite’s Cuban Arts Celebration this week.

Snite Events

The Snite will celebrate Cuba’s art history with several events this week.
- Tuesday: “The Bulletin,” 7 p.m., on Tuesday at the Annenberg Auditorium. This will be the first time this movie about older Cubans will be shown in the area.
- Friday: lecture-galley talk, 4 p.m.
- Saturday: art opening of “The Bulletin,” 7 p.m.

The Snite presents “A Celebration of Cuban Arts,” a series of special events scheduled in conjunction with the exhibition currently on view called “Breaking Barriers: Selections from the Museum of Art, Fort Lauderdale, Fl.” The main goal of this Cuban Arts exhibition is to expose the campus to Cuban artists and to “give an awareness that there’s this rich and textured culture,” said Costa.

The Celebration will open with a free showing of “The Bulletin” on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium. This will be the first time this movie about older Cubans will be shown in the area. This will be followed by a poetry reading on Thursday at 4 p.m. at the Exhibition Galleries, headed by Orlando Menes, son of Cuban parents and assistant English professor at the University of Dayton, Ohio. A reception will follow in the museum atrium.

“The Snite would like to celebrate ethnic diversities of world cultures on campus,” said Gina Costa, public relations and marketing specialist at the Snite.

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“I hope to do these types of shows that explore the history of art — not just Western European art,” said Costa.

Saint Mary’s selects new class boards

By NICOLE HADDAD
News Writer

Despite the controversy regarding recent Saint Mary’s student government elections, voter turnout was relatively high for student body officer and Diversity Board elections.

With 51 percent of the freshman class voting, Kristen Maitha and Kim Jensen won positions as sophomore class president and vice president, along with their running mates secretary Molly O’Shea and treasurer Kristie Maurer.

“We’re really excited about the following year,” O’Shea said. “We can’t wait for everyone’s input. We have a passion for making the university a better place, and things like that will be our top priority.”

The sophomore class also was enthusiastic in their support for run-off candidates. With 52 percent of the class voting, president Katy Robinson, vice president Eric Weldon, treasurer Mary Kate Driscoll and secretary Mandy Thomas defeated the Erin Callahan and Erin O’Neill ticket.

“We’re very excited about winning, and we had a lot of support,” said Driscoll. “Next year will be a promising one for all of us.”

Akhmaral Omarova and Jessica Delgado will be the new representatives voting on Diversity Board.

Saint Mary’s elects new class boards

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Class of 2002

Katy Robinson (P) Eric Weldon (VP)
Mary Kate Driscoll (T) Mary Kelly McLaughlin (S)
Katie Gabel (C) Abstained

Class of 2003

Kristen Maitha (P) Erin O'Neill (VP)
Molly O'Shea (T) Erin Callahan (S)
Katie Matha (C) Abstained

Student Diversity Board

Akhmaral Omarova (IB) Jessica Delgado (VP)
Katie Matha (T) Abstained

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Parenting our parents

Last week presented an interesting sort of life lesson for me. We're all fairly young around here, and for the most part, so are our parents. Since I am the youngest of five kids, my folks may be a bit older than most. But certainly at 58 my father has not yet joined the ranks of the ancient. That's why the events of the last week were so hard for me to handle.

Are they the kid? Haven't I always been the baby of the family? This isn't necessarily what I'm used to! I couldn't get past my obstacle logic as I dressed and fed my father: made phone calls to arrange his business and ran the house. I've heard often enough of the disheartening role reversal that occurs as our parents age, but I was entirely unprepared for it.

Min is not a heart-wrenching story, really. Luckily, my father did not suffer a stroke or other misfortune that would severely alter his capacities for the rest of his life. No, my dad was just a bit slower and slippier on his feet, breaking his left wrist (he's left handed) and spraining his right wrist and shoulder. We can laugh about it, blaming the family dogs or lack of sunshine or poor quality of our shoes for the fall. It's not permanent. The doctors say some of the damage may be.

I've watched my dad struggle to care for his business and run the house. Since I am the youngest of five kids, my folks calls for him; conducted his business and ran the house.

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OUTSIDE THE DOME

Demonstrators arrested at UCLA law school

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6-year-old aces Stanford classes

LOCAL WEATHER

TUCSON, Ariz.
University police arrested a University of Arizona student Monday after he falsely told police he was robbed at gunpoint in an attempt at extending the due date on a term paper.

Peter Norvilia, 18, told police Sunday a Hispanic man held a gun to him and stole his wallet near his residence hall. Bernstein helped LAPD detective Jose Sprigg form a composite sketch of the alleged suspect.

But after a U Group of Labors and labor employee found Bernstein and Sprigg Monday with no coments missing in a garage can near the residence hall, Sprigg became suspicious, and asked Bernstein if he was telling the truth, police reported stated. Bernstein then admitted to falsifying the report, Sprigg said.

"Peter is not a bad kid," Sprigg said. "He just made a mistake. We see a lot of abnormal activity from students when they are under academic stress. We just wish they would cope with the stress in a more productive manner.

Bernstein was cited on suspicion of false reporting Monday morning after he spoke with Sprigg for a second time.

6-year-old aces Stanford classes

STANFORD, Calif. It is not often that you will find a 6-year-old who spends his evenings writing essays about "The Iliad," and examining the subtleties of Newtonian mechanics. But then, Justin Chapman is not your average 6-year-old.

Chapman, who was still in diapers when current Stanford freshmen were entering high school, has been taking college-level courses online through Stanford's Education Program for Gifted Youth for about a year.

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Little Sibs Weekend 
boasts high attendance

By MOLLY McVOY
News Editor

Saint Mary's Little Sibs Weekend proved successful with higher attendance than in recent years.

"I think a lot of people were excited about it, and a lot of people had fun," said Kris Anne Wilson, one of the event's coordinators, about "how the Little Sibs Nicole Saint Mary's."

The siblings arrived on Friday and were greeted by the Undertones, a cappella group from Notre Dame's Glee Club. They performed renditions of Peter Gabriel's "In Your Eyes," The Tokens' "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" and Garth Brooks' "The River."

After the concert, many little siblings headed to Carroll Auditorium to watch Disney's "Inspector Gadget" and eat bedtime milk and cookies.

Saturday's pool party had the highest attendance of all the weekend's activities and included box lunches, Hawaiian decorations, and kits for all the siblings and students to wear.

"We liked the pool party the best," said Karen Schaff, a freshman whose 12-year-old brother joined her for the weekend. "It was fun for everyone involved."

The younger siblings also had the opportunity to attend a carnival with face painting, cotton candy and prizes. An autograph session was scheduled as well, but only one of the athletes who had committed, Ron Israel, actually participated.

However, the dance that same evening gave the students and siblings a chance to dance to the music of the Backstreet Boys and Brittany Spears until much past their bedtimes.

"We've gotten lots of positive responses from people," Wilson said. However, a few older siblings said a little something was missing.

"Everything was very well planned," Schaff said. "I just wish there was a little more for siblings off all ages."

Nobel Laureate to speak Friday

Special to The Observer

Betsy Williams, Irish peace activist and winner of the 1976 Nobel Peace Prize, will give a lecture entitled "Peace in the New Millennium: Nurturing Children in a Violent World" March 3 at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of Delbarton Hall.

A native of Belfast, Williams was living and working there as a housewife in 1976 when she saw three children killed by a car driven by an IRA guerrilla, a tragic and momentous event that would influence her life's work.

Williams was inspired by the experience to found the Northern Irish Women's Peace Movement, an organization that has expanded to include women from all over the world. The group uses peaceful means to work toward peace in Northern Ireland and, perhaps most important, with women in Northern Ireland.

The move to focus on women's role in the peace process began with a report on Northern Irish Women's Peace Movement presented to the United Nations in 1988.

By focusing on the role of women, "the hero is the guy who is not acceptable to us," Williams said recently. "For years, we've been guilty of thinking that our heroes were men with guns. But for me, the hero is the guy who worries whether his neighbor has a loaf of bread to eat."

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entertained in the back seat of a car and not bother the parents in the front seat. The only way it will work, though, is if the kids are wearing their seat belts," Mahoney said. Mahoney also said that he was surprised with his award.

"I was a little shocked because I am just an English major and most people there were industrial design majors," he said.

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New book explores religious violence

Special to The Observer

The capacity of religious belief to inspire both peaceful and violent social action among people of the same faith traditions is explored in a new book by Notre Dame historian R. Scott Appleby.

Published by Rowman & Littlefield, "The Ambivalence of the Sacred," Appleby explores what religiously motivated terrorists and religiously inspired peace-makers share in common and what prompts them to radically opposite paths in fighting injustice. He also examines how a deeper understanding of religious extremism can and must be integrated more effectively into worldwide thinking about tribal, regional, and international conflict.

"Scott Appleby's book provides a timely, clear, and highly perceptive treatment of why and how religion has gravitated to war, especially since the end of the Cold War, gravitated to the center of the discussion of international affairs ..." says David Little, professor of the practice in religion, ethnicity, and international conflict at Harvard Divinity School. "There is no doubt that this volume will be the centerpiece beforehand of an important new discussion on religion, violence, and reconciliation."

Appleby, a professor of history and director of Notre Dame's Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, is one of the world's leading authorities on religions fundamentalisms.

Appleby's and Martin Marty of the University of Chicago codirected The Fundamentalism Project, a major interdisciplinary, cross-cultural study of worldwide religious resurgence.

The project sponsored 10 public conferences and Appleby and Marty coordinated five scholarly books presenting the findings of the study.

They received the American Academy of Religion's 1996 Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion for their work on the project.

A 1978 Notre Dame alumnus, Appleby earned his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Chicago in 1978 and 1985. After leaving the religious studies department at St. Xavier College from 1982-87, he returned to Chicago as a research associate when he and Marty began work on The Fundamentalism Project.


Appleby writes and lectures frequently on modern religions and often serves as a consultant for journalists reporting religious news. He has been a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1994 and also is a faculty fellow in the Kroc Institute.

Czechs consider Albright for president

**World News Briefs**

**MOSCOW**

About 1,000 ice-fishermen were stranded on drifting floes in Europe's largest lake Sunday as local villagers set out in boats to rescue them, the news agency ITAR-TASS reported. The report, citing the Russian Ministry for Situational Emergencies, said a rescue helicopter was sent to the site at Lake Ladoga, a 6,700-sq-mile lake northeast of St. Petersburg. There were no immediate reports of casualties. Ice-fishing is highly popular in Russia. Thousands of anglers become stranded on drifting floes every year, many of them carried out to sea before being rescued.

Blind-folded girls drown in pond on Red Cross hike

BANGKOK

Six schoolgirls drowned after walking into a pond during a hike teachers told them to make blindfolded. Thai newspapers reported Sunday. The report said the reason for blinds­

90-year-old grandma walks 3,100 miles for campaign reform

BETHESDA, Md.
Nothing seems to slow the 90-year-old grand­mother who has trekked 2,100 miles through 12 states in the name of campaign finance reform: not arthritis, blisters on the feet or snow in Maryland. More than a year after Doris Haddock set out from Washington to the coast to draw attention to her cause, the finish line is near. She plans to comple­

**Market Watch: 2/25**

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**New York**

New demands for social justice, law enforcement reforms and a federal inquiry echoed from pulpits and city streets on Sunday in the aftermath of the acquittal of four police officers in the shooting death of Amadou Diallo. More than 1,000 people joined a peaceful prayer vigil outside the United Nations, where activist Rev. Al Sharpton hoped to bring the Diallo case to international attention. The shooting victim "could have been one of these ambassadors," said Sharpton, who also said he was "calling for another jury to hear evi­dence" on the policies of Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. "Come November, the jury is going to render its decision," he said, refer­ring to Giuliani's probable run for the U.S. Senate against a lady named Clinton."Some in the crowd wore signs reading: "Go ahead and shoot. I'm black so it must be justified.""In what was billed as a day of prayer, political leaders and activists joined Sharpton in criticizing the ver­dicts as inappropriate for a case in which police fired 41 bullets and hit the West African immigrant 19 times, only to discover afterward that he was unarmed. The four officers, acquitted of sec­ond-degree murder and lesser charges by a jury in Albany on Friday, still face a departmental inquiry ordered by Attorney General Janet Reno. Evidence that Diallo's civil rights were violated.

Sharpton's National Action Network is investigating what compa­nies contribute money to the Patrione's Benevolent Association, which helped finance the defense of the four officers in the case. Later this week, Sharpton will release names of the companies and will ask citizens to boycott the firms. "It's time," said his spokeswoman, Rachel Noerdlinger. "It's time."

"From the first president of the Czech Republic to the last president of the Czech Republic."

In 1989 persuaded commu­nists to resign. He has openly talked about the possibility of Albright succeeding him. Michael Zantovsky, for­mer Czech ambassador to Washington, said Sunday in Prague that he may consider the future and the possibility that Albright might run to suc­ceed Havel. "If I were to make a decision about 1999 and I think that Madeleine Albright could, one day in the future, play a big role in Czech politics," Zantovsky said.

He stressed that the idea is not new and that it would not dominate Albright's agenda in the Czech Republic next week. In Prague, Havel's chief policy adviser, Pavel Fischer, told Time maga­azine: "It is impossible that they will talk about this." The secretary of state has not publicly discussed her future plans. In its new issue, Time quoted underidenti­fied sources as saying she "has begun to consider the possibility of running." However, Albright spokes­man James Rubin denied that. "From time to time senior Czech officials have approached the secretary about this possibility. She has dismissed it although she is certainly flattered that Czechs would consider her for the post of presi­dent of her native land," Rubin said. "She has never given this any serious consideration." Albright's March 5 interview coincides with the com­memoration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of national hero Tomas Masaryk, who served as the first president of the Czechoslovak Republic after the collapse of Austria-Hungary in 1918.
Alagille's syndrome was diagnosed her with glu­taric aciduria type 1, a liver disorder. Without it, her blood did not clot properly. She died, is expected to report on his review of the case next month.

Some experts think it's abuse, the other kids say her parents said she had a "brittle disease." His parents insisted he had been vomitting for days.

"Liz is a very quiet, calm person," neighbor Lisa Williard said. "This really has bogged my mind." She said she found the baby formula, but the placards say. "We're on our side," said State Police Cpl. Carey Latsha, who oversees the investigation.

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Farrakhan aims to unite Muslims

Associated Press

Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan was in give his annu­al Saviour’s Day speech before thousands on Sunday in a closely watched event that could make or break his flagging vow to reconcile with orthodox Muslims.

Hail W. Deen Mohammed, an orthodox Muslim leader and son of late Nation of Islam head Elijah Muhammad, also planned to attend.

W. Deen Mohammed has already made clear what millions of orthodox Muslims nationwide expect: “a different Farrakhan.”

Farrakhan joined with W. Deen Mohammed at traditional prayers on Friday — the 25th anniversary of the death of Elijah Muhammad, whose legacy Farrakhan and W. Deen Mohammed have struggled over.

Elijah led the Nation of Islam for decades, but after his death in 1975, his son led the movement toward orthodoxy. In 1978, Farrakhan broke away to revive Elijah’s teachings under the old Nation of Islam name.

In the Nation’s theology, Elijah’s teacher in the 1930s, W. D. Fard of Detroit, was given divine status and Elijah was the final prophet to mankind. Orthodox Muslims believe the final prophet was Mohamed of Mecca, who founded Islam in the seventh century.

At the prayer service Friday, Farrakhan and W. Deen Mohammed both vowed to bury their differences and work together in unity of the U.S. Muslims.

Nation of Islam leaders, including Farrakhan’s chief of staff, Leonard Muhammad, have insisted that the move toward unification is not new.

In the past few years, Farrakhan has instigated the traditional Friday prayers, observed by millions of orthodox Muslims worldwide, and the Nation of Islam also now observes Ramadan, a period of fasting.

Perhaps most important to orthodox Muslims, Leonard Muhammad says that all Nation of Islam followers now adhere to the Muslim creed: “There is no God but Allah and Mohammed is his messenger.”

That suggests Elijah wouldn’t be regarded as the final prophet by Nation of Islam members. Farrakhan could elaborate on this in Sunday’s speech. More than 20,000 people were expected to attend.

Elijah’s son, Elamu, a Vassar College expert on black American religions, conserva­tively estimates the core membership of the Nation of Islam in be 50,000 to 100,000. He said W. Deen Mohammed’s group, the Muslim American Society, has about 200,000 core members.

The overall following is thought to be much higher for both.

W. Deen Mohammed, who plans to give short remarks at Sunday’s gathering, said he would carefully monitor Farrakhan’s words — in part listening to make sure he avoids anti-white and anti-Semitic comments.

One Nation of Islam observer said he believes the 66-year-old Farrakhan will continue with the calls for racial and religious unity he has made since his “near death experience” last year while being treated for prostate cancer.

“He’s thinking about his legacy, and I don’t think he wants to leave with the idea that he was a hate monger,” said Salim Muwakkil, a former Nation of Islam member who is now editor of the Chicago-based political journal In These Times.

“The illness provided him with a very good excuse to be more forthright in his alterations of the doctrine,” Muwakkil said.

“Before, he had to do it incrementally, as if he were taking baby steps.”

Also scheduled to speak Sunday was Rabbi David Weiss, a leader of the Neturei Karta International orthodox Jewish community. Farrakhan met with leaders of the group last fall in a move that he said was proof of his wish to reconcile not only with Muslims but also with Jews.

But Jewish leaders, still reeling over Farrakhan’s past comments — including calling Judaism a “gutter religion” — remained skeptical.

Chicago Rabbi Ira Youdovin said the Neturei Karta was an “extreme, extreme ultra ortho­ dox wing of the Jewish community” that opposes the current existence of the state of Israel.

The Pentagon has alerted U.S. forces around the world that hundreds of thousands of protective suits meant to shield GIs from gas and germ attack may have holes and other crit­ ical defects, according to military officials and documents.

The Pentagon learned about the flaws five years ago but did not consider the problems crucial and needed the gear for U.S. peacekeeping troops in Bosnia, criminal investigators say.

Not until late last year did a second study on the same suits judge identical flaws grave enough to warrant a global warning, the investiga­tors said in an interview.

On Feb. 9, the Pentagon cau­tioned commanders not to use any of the 748,000 suits except in training. The suits, not all of which are defective, cost the government almost $49 mil­ lion.

The defects included “cuts, holes, embedded foreign mater­ial and stitching irregulari­ties,” the Pentagon inspector general said in a report being released this week. The defects finally could kill people wearing the trousers and jackets in a “chemical-bio­logical warfare attack,” the report said.

A New York City-based company, which the inspector general identified as Istratex, produced the char­coal-lined camouflauge suits under two contracts dating from 1989. Soldiers wear the suits over their regular camou­flage gear where chemical or biological weapons might be used. It was unclear whether any of the suits were worn by troops in the 1990-91 Desert Shield-Desert Storm operation, when Iraqi chemical attack was considered likely.

Last May, the Justice Department indicted various company officials on charges including conspiring to defraud the Pentagon, major fraud and making false claims. They all later pleaded guilty to lesser charges. In September 1999, Istratex’s president and pro­duction manager each pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in New York to one count of making false statements. Two other company officials pleaded guilty in making false cer­ tificates or writing and a fifth official pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice. Sentencing are expected in the spring.

Pentagon criminal investiga­tors said they pointed out to the Defense Logistics Agency, which manages inventory, that problems with some of the “battle-dress overgarments” in 1995.

In 1996, the agency’s testers, at the Pentagon’s request, studied 500 of the suits and found defects in 174, officials said.
Student Services Week
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Unexpected floods strand hundreds in southeast Africa

Associated Press

SAVE RIVER VALLEY

Helicopters plucked more than 1,500 people to safety Sunday as swollen rivers swept away almost everything in their paths in flood-ravaged Mozambique.

A new storm system began building off the coast Sunday. Many more people griped whatever high ground they could find as waters continued to rise in the Save and Limpopo rivers of this southeast African country, one of the poorest in the world. They have been stranded for a week and desperately need food.

Without warning, the level of the Limpopo River rose rapidly early Sunday morning, submerging the town of Chokwe and dozens of surrounding villages in Mozambique's already flooded Gaza province in a matter of hours.

"These people went to bed last night with no sign of water," Michele Quintaglie of the World Food Program said of Chokwe residents. "At 5 a.m., they woke up by hysteric

ical screams telling them to get out. By early morning, the city was engulfed by water. By lunch, it was completely submerged." Groups of people huddled on tiny patches of land stretched out their arms to plead for help from one of only two rescue helicopters in the Save area. A lone man on the roof of a straw hut pointed his fingers to his mouth and rubbed his stomach.

Officials refused to speculate how many people already have been swept away in the vast area along the banks of the Save (pronounced sah-VAY) in central Mozambique.

"There's massive destruction along the Save River. It's taking everything in its path — homes, villages. There are people stranded in trees and on homes. A lot of people are getting killed," said David Schaad, a World Food Program spokesman.

UNICEF's Ian Macleod estimated between 5,000 and 10,000 people were stranded in the area.

About 3,000 more were marooned in southern Mozambique after the Limpopo burst its banks.

The known death toll in Mozambique and neighboring South Africa and Zimbabwe reached 200 from flooding in the last week. Police said Sunday that at least 21 people died and 20 were missing after a bus was swept off a flooded bridge two days earlier in northeastern Zimbabwe. Twenty passengers had survived.

Terrestrial rains began reaching southern Africa three weeks ago, and then Cyclone Eline roared through last week. As the remnants of the cyclone raced back to the Indian Ocean, a new storm system was developing off the coast of Mozambique and was expected to hit Monday.

In the Save valley, South African helicopters hoisted people aboard and dropped them a short distance away on slightly bigger raised patches of earth. With the nearest refueling point 125 miles away, rescues were going painfully slowly.

Journalists who flew 10 miles up the river mouth saw up to 1,000 marooned people. One helicopter hoisted a woman and her baby aboard from the remains of a hut. Pigs, goats and cattle waded through the muddy water.

Pilot Chippy Pretorius said he had rescued 320 people, and had seen one human body and many dead animals in the water.

Farther south, the five South African helicopters in the Limpopo area saved 1,200 people before stopping for the evening, said Maj. Louis Kirsten of the South African force. The helicopters would return Monday, he said.

The South African and Mozambican governments were wrangling Sunday about who would pay for advanced plans to send five more helicopters and two planes, said Lt. Col. Jaco Klopper, commander of the South African rescue efforts.

Pilots were focusing on saving the children first and often had to push away desperate people trying to get on the fully loaded helicopters, said Quintaglie.

"It's a very dangerous situation right now because people are panicking," she said.

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Puerto Ricans vote for GOP hopefuls

Associated Press

SAN JUAN

They can’t vote in presidential elections. They have no vote in Congress. But in Sunday’s Republican Party primary, the people of Puerto Rico exercised a rare chance to be heard on the national stage.

Wielding 14 delegates — the same number as Maine, Rhode Island and Hawaii, and more than Verizon or Delaware — they chose between George W. Bush and John McCain in a primary seen as a test of populism among Hispanic voters and a chance to gather important momentum.

But the vote’s relatively low profile didn’t deter visits to no CNN exit polls undercutting America’s ambivalent relationship with its Caribbean territory of 4 million Spanish speakers. U.S. citizens all.

“I was hoping to be able to carry [Puerto Rico] without going down,” Bush told The San Juan Star newspaper, which endorsed him Saturday, joining the local party’s strongly pro-Bush establishment.

The vote, which began at 8 a.m., was open to all 2.3 million registered voters — including Democrats — and results were expected Sunday night.

Michael Goian, an adviser to the Bush campaign here said a convincing victory should underscore the Spanish-speaking governor’s ability to attract mainland Hispanics as well.

On Saturday Bush swept all 12 delegates chosen at caucuses in three other U.S. territories — the nearby Virgin islands and Guam and American Samoa in the Pacific — giving him 79 delegates compared to McCain’s 1,004 needed for the Republican nomination.

As in most elections here, vot­ers said the most important issue was candidates’ view on Puerto Rico’s unusual status. Under the commonwealth, Puerto Ricans pay no federal taxes, but receive billions in federal funds, they serve in the U.S. military, but not the party primaries, they cannot vote for president.

The local Republican Party overwhelmingly favors U.S. statehood, but is frustrated with the Republican Congress because of its failure to pass a 1998 bill that would have made that possible. Bush — like his father — is a strong supporter of statehood for the island, even though it would likely send mostly Democrats to Congress.

“Bush is the candidate that I like and who can bring statehood to Puerto Rico.”

Dinora Perez
Puerto Rican citizen

New Hampshire is about to give Bush momentum in the country’s most contentious in decades after 40 years of rule by the Socialist Party. Results weren’t expected until at least Tuesday.

If Senegal plunges into violence, the December military takeover in nearby Ivory Coast — amid a rising backlash against state­hood — could trigger a flight of dollars of dissenters and trade away from the continent.

There have been sporadic street protests in the past week, with at least one brawl between ruling party and opposition supporters in the capital’s Biscuiterie neighborhood during the voting.

“Rebel fighters may have inde­pendence in the Casamance region only launched at least a two-day offensive including a rocket attack on the town of Nyassau, near the south­ern border with Guinea-Bissau, radio stations reported. Government sol­diers fought back with light weapons.

Several people were injured, the private Wal VIP FM station said. Calm had been restored by mid­day, though voting was called off at a polling station where some of the fighting took place.

At least one soldier was killed and two civilians killed in a street battle near the town of Kolda, about 420 miles southeast of Dakar, another independent station, Sud FM, reported.

The majority of people opposed to the Casamance region’s continuing conflict with the government, as is the case now, are considered truly free and fair. In West Africa, where votes often take place against the backdrop of mil­itary coups and civil wars, Senegal is one of the few countries to offer its 10 mil­lion citizens and 2.7 million registered voters regular ballots with a choice between numerous parties.

Opposition candidates, however, accuse Diouf of rigging previous votes and allowing massive corruption.

All eight presidential aspir­ants, including Diouf, have vowed to offer voters a better life for all. Only four are seen as serious contenders. If an outright winner fails to emerge, the top contenders will square off in a second round.

In a county of stark con­trasts, opposition candidates have been calling for a “New beginning” — their battle cry.

While the country boasts world-class music and fashion, and attracts millions of tourists, Senegal has one of the lowest per capita incomes in the world. The majority remain des­perately poor, eking out a living by fanning flammable debris on deserted ocean waters, growing peanuts on arid farms or begging along the beaches where European and American tourists come for cheap holidays.

Most of Senegal’s are illiterate. Hospitals have no running water. And dusty roads serve as national highways.

It’s an increase, and I hope thousands of miles back here for the dollars,” said Marc Howard, a Senegalese native who has worked for the past eight years as a New York taxi driver. “Forty years in power is too long for any government.”

Abdoulaye Wade, Diouf’s longtime rival who was briefly imprisoned in 1993 in connection with the killing of an electoral offi­cial, has warned the country will explode in popular revolt if the president retains power.

Despite the fears, voting proceeded without incident in most parts of Dakar, even though some stations opened late and others lacked sufficient election materials.

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The reactions were predictable: Israelis praised France’s prime minister for calling their enemies “terrorists,” while Arabs said Lionel Jospin should have known better.

Less predictable — for both sides — was Jospin’s apparent break with a decades-old French Middle East policy that carefully courted the Arab world.

Jospin beat a hasty retreat from the Palestinian areas on Saturday after students rioted during his visit at Bir Zeit University in the West Bank. He suffered a slight head wound.

Jospin’s description of attacks by the Iranian-backed Hezbollah guerrillas against Israeli soldiers in southern Lebanon as “terrorists” activity sparked anger throughout the Arab world.

"Jospin’s statements contradict French policy announced by President Jacques Chirac and cannot possibly serve Arab-French relations," said the official Tishrin newspaper in Syria, the main power broker in Lebanon.

Chirac, a conservative, repudiated Jospin, a socialist, when he returned to Paris Saturday night, reminding him of France’s delicate “equilibrium” in its support of Israel and the Arab world.

Chirac’s views are consistent with French foreign policy dating back to 1967, when President Charles de Gaulle sharply reversed what had been a decidedly pro-Israeli policy, because it had increasingly hampered France’s extensive Arab trade and military ties.

Jospin was careful not to break entirely with that tradition, sounding traditional French positions that would not have appealed to his Israeli hosts. He ended his visits to civilian targets in Lebanon, supervised by U.N. observers. He was on his way to Jerusalem, and an end to Jewish settlement in the West Bank.

France is Lebanon’s former colonial ruler and Paris has long supported Beirut in its endeavors to get Israeli forces to withdraw from an occupied border zone in southern Lebanon.

Lebanese leaders also expressed dismay and summoned the French ambassador to complain.

Israel has pledged to pull out by July, but violence in the south, apparently exacerbated by last month’s breakdown in peace talks with Syria — has flared in recent weeks.

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Sheik Naim Kassem, Hezbollah’s deputy chief, called on Chirac and the French people to “punish this premier for his treacherous statements,” according to comments carried Sunday by Hezbollah’s al-Nour radio station.

Kassem said Jospin was not welcome in Lebanon, where a 3,000-person protest in the port city of Sidon, planned to mark the anniversary of Lebanese independence, was called off by a local leader, turned into an anti-Jospin demonstration.

About 40 Palestinian students gathered outside the Elysee Palace on Sunday to protest the arrest of 28 students in the rioting a day earlier. "Jospin said Arab blood was worthless, did you expect a bed of roses?" one banner read.

Most Palestinians condemned the rioters — who reached Jospin’s Mercedes limousine and smashed its windshield before his entourage got away — but said Jospin was out of line. Some suggested he was grandstanding, with his eye on French presidential elections in 2002.

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"Hopes of reaching the Elyece Palace may be the reason for such statements, but such statements are not in line with the French tradition." editorialized the Palestinian daily, “Al Quds.”

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It is a universally acknowledged truth: College students drink too much.

It's no wonder, then, that U.S. colleges spend an enormous amount of time each year on alcohol awareness programs. Yet, when it comes to alcohol-related tragedies, some officials clearly would rather the public — even the students — remain unaware.

Last week, Duke University officials acknowledged that the Nov. 27 death of junior Raheem Bath was directly related to alcohol consumption. The administration originally told students that Bath had died of bacterial pneumonia — an outcome resulting from aspiration — inhalation of a liquid, in this case his own vomit — after a night of heavy drinking. Duke president Nannerl Keohane was aware of the circumstances surrounding Bath's death from the beginning. However, she did not inform the public about the circumstances until after another student narrowly escaped death from a similar experience.

In a related story, Texas A&M University officials last week confirmed the death of a Texas A&M student. University spokesman Steven Zavaglia was aware of the circumstances surrounding the death of a fourth-year fifth-semester student who died from alcohol poisoning after another student narrowly escaped death from a similar experience.

The word "alcohol" is used a lot in the media, yet it is often not the root cause of the problem. The root cause is not alcohol consumption, but rather the lack of proper training and education for college students. The administration of either university is clearly aware of this problem.

In 1998 alone, five Virginia college students died in alcohol-related incidents. While it is still unclear how long the Texas A&M administration has had information about alcohol being present at the scene, a disturbing trend is emerging in connection with alcohol-related deaths. Too often universities fear negative publicity — especially during the prime months of admissions — and that fear outweighs the best interests of the students.

Katie Dodd

The Cavalier Daily

Shatter silence of alcohol deaths

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Sarah Dodd is a columnist for The Cavalier Daily at the University of Virginia. Her column is reprinted courtesy of the U-Wire.

"Secrecy and a free, democratic government don't mix."

Harry S. Truman
Former U.S. president

Monday, February 28, 2000
I was writing this letter in order to share my disturbing Health Services experience with the Notre Dame community. I arrived in the classroom watching the lecture in my early 30s, one of 30 “drug cocktails” he must take every day, but I decided to persevere and go. I was feeling awful, so I went to Health Services after class.

As I sat in the Health Services clinic, I was sitting at my classes for the day, and if I still had to be there, I would have to come in on Monday to have more blood drawn. After having my blood drawn, the nurse calmly told me that things like that just happen, and that if she didn’t contact me by 5 p.m., I’d have to wait till Monday.

I’m just overreacting, or is this a bit disturbing? What if I genuinely thought that there was a good chance that I was HIV positive? What if it had taken me five weeks to muster up the courage to get tested? I am almost 100 percent certain that I don’t have HIV, and the whole testing process was so stressful to me! I couldn’t imagine what it would feel like for someone who had a good chance of testing positive. All I could think of is that my blood was sitting around in some unknown location in a vial with my social security number—and perhaps my name. Hmm—surely there’s no good feeling.

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Anonymous
February 21, 2000

Are we celebrating genocide?

No elections occurred

Both Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s are now engaged in scandalous results of student body elections. But there’s one small problem: those votes were not elections. The student body has elected neither Crisitane Renner at Saint Mary’s nor Brian O’Donoghue at Notre Dame. In order for a president to be elected, he or she must receive 50 percent plus one votes of all the votes cast. Currently, neither candidate has received that vote.

I think that these elections have undermined the integrity of student government as a whole. Let’s face it. Elections mean elections—not appointments. The Judicial Council appointed an individual candidate president. From what I know about elections, a run-off is supposed to be a contest of votes between two choices. When you disqualify one of the tickets, the votes are not run-off. It is an appointment. The dismissal of the John Osborn appeal is unconstitutional and sets a dangerous precedent in student body elections. If the Judicial Council chooses this president, where will it end? The student body is now the president and vice president of the student body.

The Judicial Council does not have the right to decide the president. Kelly Folks and the Judicial Council proclaimed that the final election is dependent on the decisions of the primary election. Therefore, the final election is dependent on the primary election. They cannot be viewed as two separate elections.

Let me propose a hypothesis:

Let’s suppose one ticket was accused of campaigning on East Campus and the other ticket sent out campaign materials via e-mail. According to campaign laws, both tickets should probably be disqualified. According to the logic set forth by Kelly Folks, both tickets would be disqualified and there would be no president for the coming school year. Because the elections are now viewed as separate and because all other candidates were “eliminated” in the primary vote, the student body would not be represented in our post-graduates lives, whatever path of jobs, service programs or graduate schools other students would take.

Thank you, Ashley and Mike, for the information that you have generated.

Andrea Smith Shappell, ’79, ’83
Director
Senior Transitions Program
Center for Social Concerns
February 22, 2000

SERVICE TO THE READER

Get with it, Health Services

I am writing this letter in order to share my disturbing Health Services experience with the Notre Dame community. It all started last week when I came down with the latest dorm plague — your typical sore throat and requesting the HIV test. After having my blood drawn, the nurse calmly told me that things like that just happen.

In response to Ashley Lowery and Jake McAll’s recent article about post-graduate options for seniors in the Life section and if I could make a comment on what I hear from the seniors in the Life section and I meet with to discuss post-graduate service programs.

Nearly 30 percent of the 1999 graduates, approximately 180 graduates each year, choose to participate in service programs for one year or more. The following year, I meet with many seniors to discuss their decision making process and the variety of domestic and international service programs available.

What I hear is not that I cannot find these experiences into our post-graduates lives, whatever path of jobs, service programs or graduate schools other students would take.

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Patrick Douglass
President
Zahn Hall
February 25, 2000
The minimum requirements will make your
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When you arrive on campus as freshmen, they told you Notre Dame has no fraternities.

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Otters embody ND greatness

By COURTNEY KERRIGAN
Scene West

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Sorin Otters continue their dorm's 112-year tradition of creativity while investing time in another common college activity, hanging out.

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AP ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS


Madonna makes classic with caution

NEW YORK

Madonna wasn't sure if she could do justice to Don McLean's 1971 classic "American Pie." She told the New York Daily News for Sunday's editions she recorded her own version of McLean's homage to Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper for her new movie "The Next Best Thing" at the urging of co-star Rupert Everett.

"I thought, 'Who am I to do a cover of a pop classic?' But I was working in the studio on other music, and it was like, 'OK, let's just try it.' And it kind of worked, to my surprise." Madonna also lends his voice to the song in distant background vocals.

"To me, it's a real millennium song," Madonna said. "We're going through a big change in terms of the way we view pop culture, because of the Internet. In a way, it's like saying goodbye to music as we know it — and to pop culture as we know it."

Oasis' bad behavior is just a phase

NEW YORK

Members of Oasis say they've abandoned their bad behavior to concentrate on making music.

The group's fourth album "Standing on the Shoulder of Giants" is scheduled to hit record stores Tuesday, and its world tour kicks off this week in Japan.

Singer-songwriter Noel Gallagher says the band has outgrown the excesses that fueled its wild ways in recent years. The group was banned from Cathay Pacific Airways in 1998 after getting rowdy on a flight from Hong Kong to Australia.

"I think it's a phase that every band goes through, where the hedonism just becomes all-consuming, and all of a sudden you realize that what you are in the band for — which is the actual music — has become a secondary issue," he told the New York Post for Sunday's editions.

Kentucky celebrates Muhammad Ali

LOS ANGELES

The Kentucky governor's office pulled out all the stops to honor former heavyweight boxing champ Muhammad Ali in his hometown.

A crowd of about 5,800 turned out Friday for "Muhammad Ali Day," including about 4,200 public school students.

Lonnie Ali spoke for her husband, who has Parkinson's disease, which inhibits his speech, slows his walk and causes his hands to tremble. She told the crowd there's nothing that raises Ali's spirit more than "lots and lots" of children.

The celebration was held as design plans are being completed for the construction of a riverfront Muhammad Ali Center.

Berry injured in hit-and-run

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif.

Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies are investigating a hit-and-run car accident that involved actress Halle Berry, a sheriff's spokeswoman said.

Berry was in a rented Chevrolet Blazer involved in a crash with another car early Wednesday, Deputy Elisabeth Sachs said Saturday.

A woman in the other car had a broken arm and was treated at a hospital. The 31-year-old Berry sought medical treatment for undisclosed injuries. Sachs said it was not clear if Berry was driving or was a passenger. She said no arrests had been made.

Mrs. Kerrigan
Carmado took control in the second round, but McCulloch sealed his win with a powerful three-punch combination that forced the No. 2 seed into a standing position right from the start, giving McCulloch enough points for the win.

"I thought it was a good fight," said McCulloch.

"Carmado was a tough fighter." McCulloch's next challenger will be "Mike My Nickname Was Excited" Masato, Matusa, with a clear height and reach advantage, earned a unanimous decision over "The Kid Judas." Christiansen dominated the fight of the night in the first round and awarded the law student the win over "The Jedi" Gentleman. Nowalk will face Tim "Rock" O'Rourke in the semifinals. O'Rourke earned a split decision over "Daniel The Bastard" Probst after three rounds of close sparring.

No. 2 Seed Hobbins took just more than a minute to earn a victory in his bout with "The Figure Skating" Zielde. He dominated in the first round, came out strong, delivering a mix of high and low combinations, but DuWors' quickness and ability to keep DuWors off balance kept his lead at 1:05 into the contest.

Penn will meet Joe "The Polish Tank" Czerniawski in a rare 160-pound division final competition in Joseph Road.

"I wanted to get out there and dominate in the first round. I don't think it would be over that quickly." Joe Czerniawski 160-pound division winner

"Two was the first guy I ever sparred," said Czerniawski. "I need to work on spinning straight punches and getting in and getting out because this guy would not let me into the way. He is a real tough fighter." 170-pound division

No. 1 Brian Hobkins had a tough quarterfinal match that he managed to pull away with a split decision over challenger Kyle "The Private" Kerrigan. Hobkins, with a slight reach, came out ahead of a potent three-punch combination to put Kerrigan on the defensive in the first round. Controlling the center of the ring was宝贵的, but Hobkins had enough points before the end of the first round.

"Hobkins is the first guy I ever sparred, and was the most competitive," said Czerniawski. "You expect every other round to be three rounds so I just let up a little bit a few times because I didn't want to be exhausted later in the match."

Despite his strong showing, Czerniawski doesn't expect his semifinal match to be easy.

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By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Sports Writer

It has been hard for the women's swim team to find a competitor it didn't dominate. At this weekend's Shamrock Classic meet, the swimmers confirmed they were the same Big East champs who crushed opponents for the title last weekend. Notre Dame used the two-day meet as an opportunity for the swimmers who didn't compete at the Big East tournament. Carrie Nixon and Shannon Suddarth didn't swim at the Classic. Yet the team captured victories in eight of 18 events on Saturday and all but two events during Sunday's competition, confirming the depth of the Irish squad.

"Generally, we were where we expected we would be in this meet," said Bailey Weathers, women's head swimming coach. "This was an important meet for some of the younger girls. They worked hard this season and I was pleased with their performance this weekend."

Freshman Lindsay Moorhead finished the weekend with three individual first-place finishes in the 200-yard freestyle, 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard individual medley. Taking home two individual titles was sophomore Brooke Davey who posted wins in the 100-yard freestyle and 50-yard freestyle.

"In general, we had some good swims," said Weathers. "This gives us a real good idea of where we are at. We're always trying to improve and we'll end the season like every season, trying to review things and plan better for next season."

The team also used the meet as a way to evaluate strengths and weaknesses heading into next season.

"We tried a number of different things this year and this gives us a better perspective of what worked and what didn't work, where our training is at and what we need to do differently in the future as a team. And also what some individuals might need to do differently," said Weathers. "This was the first year that we went home over Christmas and New Year's for a longer time, which we did because of the millennium. "It's an important time to be with family, but next year I think we need to go back to what we have normally done which is to come back sooner and train as a team."

Although the team had hoped to qualify more swimmers for the NCAA Championships in March, Weathers was pleased to have three members of the team participating in the March event.

"We would have liked to have positioned ourselves better," he said. "However, there is a lot of depth at the national level this year. It's a little disappointing for us, but it's not much different than last year although it's not as big of a team as we have sent in the past."
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Connecticut is a favorite as the defending national champion. The Huskies are 5-6 in the conference and 19-9 overall. But the Irish defeated the Huskies twice, almost daring the selection committee to pick the Huskies while leaving the Irish out.

However, that isn't going to happen unless the Irish come through with some victories. Notre Dame has more than 14 losses has ever received an at-large tournament berth. A team with more than 14 losses has never received a bid.

But that didn't make the loss any easier to take. "It's a tough thing to stom­ach," Murphy said. "It's disheartening. We don't have too many opportunities left." Just a week ago, Notre Dame appeared sure to make the NCAA Tournament. Notre Dame had risen to a third place in the Big East standings. It had pulled off huge wins over two ranked conference opponents — Connecticut and Seton Hall, including on the road.

The Irish set four meet records and captured first place in the 100-yard freestyle, 200-yard freestyle, 400-yard medley relay and set a meet record in the 800-yard freestyle relay in the first time in the Big East. It had set the tone for the season racing as a team, even working as a unit. "This is the season," said Welsh. "This is it. They will enjoy it now. They will look back and say, 'We really did it.'"

The Irish finished strong in March Madness very up in the Big East standings. It had nine seeds in the 64-team NCAA Tournament. The committee is going to think about the Irish as either an eighth or a seventh seed.

Not a member of the team's Big East travelling team, Coletis won the 200-yard backstroke and set a meet record with a time of 1:51.44, breaking the record of team­mate Briadjian by .01. Coletis was also a member of the 400-yard relay team that included Koss, senior Rob Fetter and fresh­man Jason Fitzpatrick that took first place along with setting a meet record.

"If you are measuring how well we swam this weekend, Jason Coletis probably had the swim of the weekend," said Welsh. "With this meet, we say it is the last meet of this year but the first meet of next year. It sets the tone for next season."

"By setting a University record and swimming well in this meet, Jason demonstrated the ability to compete and shows we have great things to look forward to for him next weekend. There was plenty of great swimming going on. Our underclassmen have really improved." Although some teams use this meet as a last chance to qualify for the NCAA Championships in March, the Irish did not earn additional consideration.

"We always hope someone will qualify, but it is hard to do at a meet that comes right after the conference champi­onships," said Welsh. "These guys have raced five days out of the last 10. That makes it extra hard to qualify because by the tenth day, you are worn down."

Overall, Welsh was pleased by the weekend's results. "We demonstrated the unity, spirit and energy that we have been working on," said Welsh. "This weekend was just a great way to end the season."
Dixey dances into semifinals with win

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

The quarterfinals of Bengal Bouts opened Sunday afternoon with one fight in the 120-pound division. Michael "Mr. Bubble" Dixey earned the split decision victory over Reggie "The Ugly Stick" Robles in a closely fought contest.

The two danced around the ring during the opening round, both throwing a series of wild punches, with Robles sending Dixey backing up most of the first minute, 30 seconds. Dixey came back in the second as the pace slowed, landing some hard right hooks as he and Robles traded blows. The third round then began with Robles drawing a line at the center of the ring as he and Dixey proceeded to take turns throwing untested hooks at each other's faces, before they were both warned to protect themselves.

Dixey will face Jimmy "Pirahna" Fishburne, who comes off a bye, in the semifinals Tuesday.

130-pound division
Matt "The Don" Fumagalli advanced to the semifinals with a unanimous decision victory over John "I am the Bombay Bee" Kakkanathu.

Fumagalli worked through the early barrage of fortuitous swings by Kakkanathu, backing him into the ropes several times and landing straight rights and hooks to the head. Fumagalli will face last year's 125-pound champion, Jason "The Sweet Sensation" McMahon, in the semifinals Tuesday. McMahon had a unanimous decision victory over John "Too Short" Gallegos in one of the closer fights of the day. Kontz and Gallegos both started conservatively, with neither seizing control early. In the third round, Gallegos went on the offensive but opened himself up to countering combinations by Kontz, who took advantage.

Kontz will face Camilo "Rollin" Rueda, who had a semifinal bye.

140-pound division
Kurt Wilson came away with a split decision victory over Dominic "Little Italy" Angiollo in a hard-hitting, 140-pound bout.

Wilson landed solid hooks to the head as both fighters traded shots for the first two rounds. Wilson finished strong however, scoring with both hooks and jabs to the body in the third. Angiollo has reached the quarterfinals with a preliminary round win over Taker "The Boston Massacre" McGree.

Wilson moved on to the semifinals Tuesday, where he will face Josh Coleman, who earned a surprising split decision victory over Bill "The Polish Hammer" Uniwski. Coleman showed impressive tactics, staying low when Uniwski hooked, and countered with hard shots to the body.

"He looked big, and he had more height," Coleman said of Uniwski. "My strategy was to get inside with body shots, use my headwork, and slip underneath lung punches. I also wanted to throw straight punches, especially a one-two combo with a jab and straight right hand."

In a bloody contest, "Michael The Motor City Madman" Waldo survived a slugfest to defeat Jim "The Unloader" Shacklett. Waldo and Shacklett stood toe-to-toe for much of the fight, both landing hard shots to the face. Despite the fight being interrupted several times to stop bleeding, Waldo was able to gain momentum in the final round, backing Shacklett into the ropes and landing a series of hooks.

Waldo moves on to the semifinals, where he will face Anton "Tom of Bricks Poundin' Down Yo Face" Kemps. Kemps earned a unanimous decision over Joseph "Got Mad Hits Like I was Red Carew" Zilligan. Kemps used a series of jabs to the body to wear down Zilligan. Zilligan landed some hard hooks when the two traded punches, but Kemps got the best of most exchanges.

150-pound division
While the lighter divisions made for some very competitive clashes, the story in the 150 pound quarterfinal was dominance of performance. First off, captain J.R. "Maddog" Mellin showed why he is the man to beat at 150 pounds with a fundamentally sound victory over Brock "Landers" Heckmann. Heckmann reached the quarterfinals by defeating "Bikic" Mike McDonald on Friday. Mellin was in control throughout, earning the unanimous decision by landing combinations and avoiding hooks from Heckmann.

"He likes to put his head down," Mellin said of Heckmann. "I tried to throw uppercuts, he probably hits harder, so I wanted to move in and out."

The final three fights at 150 pounds were short and ugly. First, Tom "T.K." Owens took a second round technical knockout victory over Kevin "Layin' The Smack Down" Downs. Owens and Downs both landed hard hooks in the first round, but by the second Owens had backed Downs into the ropes landing enough clean shots to the face for the fight to be stopped after 56 seconds. Downs had advanced by defeating Joe "Mama Can't Help You Now" Masley.

In another TKO, "Cool Hand" Luke Stanton was declared the winner over John Sarson at 1:10 of the second round. Sarson, who advanced to the quarterfinals defeating Hob "The Talented Mr. X" Colgan, received two standing eight counts in the first round, at times even turning away from Stanton when backed into the corner.

Not to be outdone by Owens and Stanton was Dennis "The Natural Disaster" Abdelnour who also notched a victory by technical knockout over Joe "What's up Ladies!" Biggs. Abdelnour, who advanced to the quarterfinals with a victory over Pat "PRODY" Broderick, was unable to defend against straight rights and hooks from Abdelnour, and received two standing eight counts in the first round. The fight was stopped soon after at 1:17 into the contest. Abdelnour faces Stanton Tuesday.
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face. They cheat off the five-man onto Troy and we try to make them pay for that, but they made some adjustments. It's frustrating for Troy and it's frustrating for me."

It didn't get any less frustrating in the second half for Doherty and the Irish. After Murphy and sophomore David Graves fueled a 10-0 run seven minutes into the second-half, Miami answered with a 14-3 run of its own. Paolo Coelho, James Jones and John Salmons drained consecutive 3-pointers and the Hurricanes tied the game at 45.

"I think I should have called a timeout [during that run]," Doherty said. "Coelho and Salmons were too open. We didn't rotate properly. We have certain slides on our defense and we were guarding guys in the wing and left people open. That was a mental breakdown on our part."

The Hurricanes regained the lead at 49-48 on two free throws by Mario Bland with less than four minutes left and eventually extended their lead to as many as four.

Notre Dame tried to pull even, but turnovers and the inability to convert easy shots late in the game, led to a three-point deficit with 19.3 seconds to play.

Miami's Vernon Jennings missed his second foul shot. the Irish ran a set play to give Murphy a chance to knock down the game-winning shot. He got the open look, but wasn't able to connect. The Irish scrambled for the rebound and kicked the ball to Matt Carroll, but his attempt rimmed out as time expired.

"We tried to run a play to Troy, but they did a good job defensively," Graves said. "We got a good look at it, and sometimes they go in and sometimes they don't. That's part of the game, but they played a great game defensively."

"We didn't execute well down the stretch," Doherty said. "It's disappointing since we talk about that a lot and work hard to improve. It was a lack of concentration on our part, but credit their defense."

Miami's smothering defense held the Irish just 29 percent shooting in the second half and forced 22 turnovers.

"Obviously our kids' defensive effort in the half court in the second half was the difference in the game," Miami head coach Leonard Hamilton said. "Once we were able to slow the pace down and defend them in the half court, our kids did an excellent job."

Graves led the Irish with 16 points, five rebounds, three assists and three steals. Murphy finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds, but had five turnovers. Point guard Jimmy Dillon had eight points and dished out three assists.

Miami's Mario Bland scored 14 points and grabbed seven boards. Jennings had nine points, eight rebounds and six assists. John Salmons added 12 points.

Notre Dame returns to action Wednesday when it hosts Syracuse at 9 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

"Our kids hurt and that's good because it shows we care," Doherty said. "We're going to get better and come out fighting on Wednesday."

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It wasn't supposed to be like this.

This was going to be the year Notre Dame finally beat Connecticut, its archrival, for the first time in 11 tries. The Irish would win their regular-season finale, riding their first-ever Big East regular season title.

From there, the script was set: head to the Big East tournament next weekend as the No. 1 seed, advance to the NCAA Tournament, and host the first two rounds, then a couple of wins later, compete in the Final Four at Philadelphia — head coach Muffet McGraw's homecourt.

Notre Dame had won 20 in a row. Its confidence was sky high and the stage was set for the upset. A victory over the Huskies, the nation's top team, was going to position the Irish as a legitimate national title contender.

The perfect ending. Then reality struck. On Saturday, Connecticut proved once again that it has an edge on Notre Dame. For some reason, no matter the team's records, the Huskies always find a way to ruin Notre Dame's hopes. Just like Ron Powlus.
Heavy weights pound into semifinals

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

Quarterfinal Bengal Bout action continued late into Sunday evening at the Joyce Center, as the odds-on favorites in the heavier weight classes took to the ring to defend their high seeding.

While Sunday's bouts did not provide much in the way of upsets, hard-hitting action proved to be the tone of the night.

175-pound division
Top seed Tom "The Tulsa Bomber" Biolchini got off to a quick start toward a third title, knocking down Paul "Beast of the East" Riley just more than a minute into the first round. The favorite kept Riley on the defensive by keeping him on the ropes with left-right combinations before the referee called off the fight.

Biolchini's victory was paced by three other heavyweight contenders for the division crown. Senior Tom Dietrich tore into classmate Chris Viasnoras, keeping him off balance while evading multiple roundabout punches. Enough of Viasnoras' punches connected to keep the outcome in doubt until late, when a flurry of Dietrich's punches forced his opponent into the ropes.

"I haven't boxed a lot with Dietrich," Biolchini said about his next opponent. "I know he's a really good athlete, and a really nice guy."

In the most heavily anticipated fight of the division, Steve "The Angry Pirate" Pfeiffer knocked down William Pepek 20 seconds into the third round.

With a raucous crowd waving a Jolly Roger flag in the stands, Pfeiffer bided his time until Pepek was forced into a corner, then used an early combo to end the fight.

In the last fight of the division, Josh "The Sandman" Thompson advanced in the semifinals with a victory over Kurt Karple. Thompson's longer reach, combined with his steady use of combinations, allowed him to take an early advantage in the round and never let go.

180-pound division
Favourite in defending champion Mike Romanck, who sits out with a shoulder injury, a wealth of experience dominates most of the 180-pound bracket.

Top seed Joey "Soda Pop" Leninski found his first stop en route to the division crown to be a major roadblock, earning a split decision victory over Stanford sophomore Keith Arnold. Arnold used a strong second round to even the bout up before a vicious set of combinations by his opponent put the fight away.

Leninski's next opponent will be fellow senior Doug Bartels, who defeated Kyle Smith in a split decision. Bartels came out strong early in the bout, using his power and reach to overcome Smith's jabs and agility.

Smith gathered his second wind to mount a comeback early in the third round, but the punches ran out of steam just before the final bell.

Alumni sophomore Tom DeSplinter, considered a top contender for the weight crown, advanced to the semifinals with a unanimous decision victory over Keough freshman Chris Prill. Despite defeating senior Jeff Walsh in Friday's preliminaries, Prill was unable to overcome DeSplinter's aggressiveness, resulting in a knockdown midway through the third round.

Keough sophomore Mark Criniti earned the final spot of the bracket, knocking off Dillon sophomore Bobby Kennedy 1:10 into the second round with his second knockdown of the night.

190-pound division
Hammes will face off against senior Tom Herrity. Hammes is unable to mount a comeback to the cheers of the crowd.

"I'd sparred with Tom [Herrity] many times, so I knew what to expect," Pearsall said. He faces a challenge in senior Dan Penzion, who dispatched graduate student Steve Pratice early in the second round to end the night's action.

"It was, quite honestly, a blur," Penzion said about the intermission. "They just kept telling me to throw out my right and stay the heck away from his left." Despite the victory, Penzion has no illusions about the task ahead of him.

"It's a great fight," he said. "It's probably even greater than Pentzien's left. He's 6-foot-4 and got a great reach, it's going to be a challenge."

On the other side of the division, Sorin sophomore Jason Rodriguez defeated Morrissey freshman Gavin Hagens 29 seconds into the third round. Rodriguez successfully stayed off multiple comebacks by the newcomer with multiple left jabs until the referee stopped the fight.

Dillon sophomore Kevin Brand rounded out the bracket for the split decision.

After forcing Otlewski into corners for most of the bout, Brand took advantage of steady quick movements kept Healy off guard until late in the second round, when the victor knocked out sophomore William "My Right is Bigger Than My Left" Pepek in the third round.

"I really thought Pepek would NANDO's/2000"
MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish knock off Nittany Lions in home opener

By STEPHEN KEPPEL
Spons Writer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team looked impressive in its home opener Sunday as it defeated Penn State, 10-4. After a slow first half, the Irish attack came out and blew away the Nittany Lions with five straight goals in the third period. Following the scoring barrage, Notre Dame never looked back and it continued to play well both offensively and defensively for the rest of the game.

Saturday's game was the third straight year Notre Dame opened against Penn State, and Notre Dame now has won two of the last three.

This was an important win for the Irish in making their claim as one of the nation's top teams. "This was a big win because we were down in the first half. It was nice for us to come back and get the first win of the season," said junior Tom Glatzel.

"This year it seems like more of a team. We all play together and everyone is a year older," said Glatzel. "Everyone can score instead of just a few people."

"We have a lot of people that can contribute and we have to have that to be successful," said Corrigan. "I think there's a pretty good shot at us going undefeated," Glatzel added. "We have a good team and we have what it takes to win."

Notre Dame beat Penn State Saturday for the second time in three years. The Irish head to Philadelphia this weekend to take on the Penn Quakers.

The defense played well, but the Nittany Lions found a few holes in the first half and scored three straight goals to put them up 1-1.

Down by two late in the first half, the Irish attack decided to get in gear and live up to their explosive reputation. It was a goal by Glatzel with 1:30 left that sparked the Irish to go on an 8-0 run to put the game out of reach.

"We just started hitting our shots and that was the difference in the game. In the first half, we just didn't make them and in the second half we finally took advantage of them," said Glatzel.

"We just put the ball in goal the second half," Corrigan added. "We had a bunch of guys working hard out there."

The highlight of the contest was the balanced attack of the Notre Dame offense, which spread out 10 goals among eight different players. The offense as an entire unit played well. The experience and unselfishness of the Irish made the difference.

"This year it seems like more of a team. We all play together and everyone is a year older," said Glatzel. "Everyone can score instead of just a few people."

"It wasn't just the offense that came out strong in the third period; the defense stepped it up as well. After letting up three goals in the first half junior goalie Kirk Howell turned things around later by playing tough when it counted," Howell ended the afternoon with a career-high 18 saves.

"We have a lot of people that..."
Notre Dame falls to top-ranked Connecticut, 77-59

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish learned a valuable lesson Saturday. 25 minutes of good play may be good enough to beat some teams, but not the No. 1 in the nation.

The top-ranked Connecticut Huskies secured the regular season Big East title and proved why they are the tournament favorite with a 77-59 win over the No. 5 Irish in Hartford, Conn.

The Irish loss snapped Notre Dame’s record-breaking 20-game win streak and erased any hopes for the perfect conference-record season for head coach Muffet McGraw’s squad.

Playing its final contest of the regular season, the Irish drop to 24-3 overall and 15-1 in the Big East.

The Irish looked intimidated in the opening minutes of the half and then collapsed with four minutes remaining in the second. In between they mustered a solid display of basketball skills but it wasn’t enough.

“We didn’t come ready to play.” said Irish center Ruth Riley. “They got out to a great start with an 8-0 lead and we just didn’t have the aggressive mentality that we needed.”

The Irish got out ready to play in front of a sell-out home crowd at the Hartford Civic Center. Connecticut’s Shea Ralph led the Huskies from the opening tip. The guard knocked in six of her squad’s eight points, running up an 8-0 lead to begin the half. Those opening points gave the Huskies the lead and although the Irish came close, they were never able to take the Husky advantage away.

Before the game, the Irish were concentrating on three things: limiting turnovers, breaking the press and keeping center Ruth Riley in check.

A frustrated Irish squad gave the ball up 11 times in 14 minutes, and ended the game with 24 turnovers.

The Irish also had trouble breaking the Huskies’ patented press — a weapon they’ve used to bring down teams all season.

“We had a little trouble with the press early on,” said Riley. “It took a lot for us to get past it, but once we did break it a couple of times things were a little easier.”

With a swarming defense in the paint, the Huskies also kept Riley in check. The junior All-American candidate scored only four points on the afternoon, far less than her average of 16.

Tough offensive moves by the Husky forwards forced Riley into two early fouls that sent her to the bench for most of the first half. She later fouled out with less than seven minutes left to go in the second half.

The Huskies took advantage of Riley’s absence on the court. Driving with the ball in the lane, the Huskies outscored the Irish, 40-24, in the paint.

The Irish had trouble putting the ball in the net, shooting 28 percent from the floor in the first half, helping the Huskies to a 14-point halftime edge, 33-19.

With the opening minutes of the second half came a seemingly different Irish squad.

Sue Bird, Irish guard, converted a jump shot for a 3-point play and knocked in a shot from behind the arc, putting the Irish within eight.

But the Huskies were too good to let the Irish get close. The two squads traded baskets for most of the second half, when the Irish cut the lead by a couple of baskets the Huskies countered with a run of their own.

Finding themselves down by 16 midway through the second half, the Irish went on a 9-0 run to trail by just seven with 11 minutes to play. The Irish made things interesting again when they pulled within six with four minutes left on the clock.

“They didn’t give up,” said Hiley. “Their defense was really good. We just couldn’t find an answer for that.”

The loss marks the 11th time that the Huskies have beaten the Irish. Notre Dame has never been able pull off a win against Connecticut’s in the program’s history.

The Irish will possibly have a chance to avenge their loss next weekend when they travel back to Connecticut for the Big East tournament in Storrs.

Ruth Riley comes up with a loose ball in a game against Miami earlier this season. All-American candidate Riley got into foul trouble and scored just four points against UConn.

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Men’s Basketball

Hurricanes blow past Irish late in game

Notre Dame squanders golden opportunity; poor execution leads to demise

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

The Irish bench stood in shock as the Hurricanes celebrated. Freshman Ivan Kartelo pondered his fist against his forehead after a foolish foul. Troy Murphy pulled his jersey over his head in disappointment and squatted on the half-court of Miami Arena, his hands on his head. He was thinking what could have been.

It was the Hurricanes (18-9, 11-3) that slipped past the Irish (16-12, 7-7) with a 55-52 victory Saturday.

With Miami’s leading scorer Johnny Hemsley on the bench due to a suspension, the game was a toss-up over the past few weeks.

But a 12-point Notre Dame lead early in the second half waned when Miami hit three 3-pointers in a row. Turnovers again came to haunt the Irish, as they gave the ball up 22 times and lost.

Despite having more turnovers (16) than field goal attempts (15) in the first half, the Irish managed to take a 28-22 lead at the break. Miami took twice as many shots in the first 20 minutes and played solid defense, holding the Big East’s leading scorer Murphy to just two shots and six points.

"There aren’t many better defensive teams in the country than Miami," Doherty said. "They’re all good athletes. They’re long. They’re strong. They play hard. You think you’re open, but then there is a hand in your face."

Danielle Garvey had trouble landing her combinations early in the first round, but made up for it in the second and third rounds.

Alternating right jabs with powerful combinations to earn his place in the semifinal round, Mehan advanced to Sunday’s competition after beating Kenneth "Mack Attack Papes" in the preliminaries Friday.

Murphy will face Robert "The Skinny Gineea" Vuolo in the semifinals on Tuesday. Vuolo’s aggressive boxing earned him an unanimous decision over Donald "Diaper Daddy" Doan. Vuolo used his height and reach advantage well, overpowering Doan for three rounds.

No. 2 Jeff "The Pittsburgh Kid" Dobosh showed why he is a contender for the title with an unanimous decision over challenger Billy "Sweet Pea" McMurtie. Dobosh was aggressive from the opening bell, forcing McMurtie into two standing eight counts before the end of the second half.

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Upsets abound in 155-pound division quarterfinals

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