SMC sets new residency requirement

By KATIE KOHLER
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The President’s Cabinet announced a resolution at Tuesday’s Board of Governance (BOG) meeting that will require Saint Mary’s students to live on campus for six semesters — a change that will go into effect for the incoming class of 2011, but will not impact current students.

After several meetings, the President’s Cabinet — an advisory council of eight high-ranking members of the administration, including College President Carol Ann Mooney and Acting Vice President Jill Vithelstede — decided to solidify the identity of Saint Mary’s residential life.

“The President's Cabinet made the decision to clarify its position on what a residential college should be by clarifying the residential requirement for our college,” said Vice President of Student Affairs Karen Johnson, a member of the Cabinet. The residency program will have exceptions for transfer students and students abroad, as well as local students. Those who permanently reside within a 30-mile radius and choose to live at home will not be subject to the requirements. Prior to the passing of the resolution, Saint Mary’s had no residential requirements for its students.

Johnson said residential life is an important aspect of the college experience and encouraging it formally will be a positive change for Saint Mary’s.

“Students who are active participants in the college environment, and who live on campus, have been shown to be more successful — both academically and co-curricularly,” she said. “Students who are engaged in their campus community are more engaged in their academic life.”

Since the resolution does not affect the current student population, Johnson said no student input was taken into consideration during the decision-making process.

Student board members at Tuesday's BOG meeting did not greet the decision warmly after Johnson announced the Cabinet's resolution.

BOG admissions commissioner, junior Annie Davis, said the imposition would not be well received by the student body.

“Completely agree with the policy that the residence halls are a large part of the college experience,” she said. "I would encourage students to stay on campus so they can maximize their educational experience.”

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Farewell to “The OC”

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“That 70’s Show” wrapping up on a 24-hour lounge big screens across campus before “Previously on The OC...” carried everyone to Newport for the next hour.

Of course, by now all you know how this story ends. The second season wasn’t nearly as good as the first, and the third season killed off any of the Trey Armstrong crowd that had flocked to the show in droves. The four-season run was doomed from the outset. The four-season run was doomed from the outset. The four-season run was doomed from the outset.

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"TTLF is an incredible organization," Towle said. "In two years, it has expanded its expertise and its scope in Lesotho and the United States.

Towle is the only student on the Board of Directors, which includes four ties to Notre Dame — alumni, law professors, parents and University President Emeritus Theodore Hesburgh as honorary chair.

"The organization is very Notre Dame, but not officially Notre Dame," Towle added. But she said she hopes this will change in the future as the University deepens its involvement in the project and adopts it as part of its Catholic mission.

She said the foundation has four strategic goals — providing children a safe home, serving as an outreach program, preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV and offering academic research opportunities for students regarding the formation of partnerships with international non-governmental organizations.

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Over the summer, TTL sent an oxygen tank to TTL in Lesotho, along with other necessary medical equipment.

However, one of Towle's main goals is local, as she struggles to raise awareness in Notre Dame and spark interest around the crisis in Lesotho.

"It's definitely a crisis — people are dying — something like TTL is needed in the country," she said.

Students such as Towle's younger brother, freshman Brian Towle, however, have answered the call. He organized a fundraiser when he was in high school, raising $30,000 for the African relief movement.

But to attack successfully the complex issues surrounding the transmission of HIV/AIDS, TTL needs more than money to cover all facets of the HIV pandemic, she said. The foundation is already donating all of its profits to the Africa Relief movement but the prevalence of the virus will require more support.

"We're starting at the end — children are already sick — and need to work to prevent more children from getting sick," Towle said, explaining TTL's efforts are not preventive actions but rather damage control.

In her campaign to bring students to the Lesotho relief projects, Towle also chairs the Academic Liaison Committee of the foundation, which helps to get Notre Dame students more involved. According to Towle, more students have been traveling to Lesotho and the foundation has "become a high profile organization on campus," active in any event that may relate to the African crisis.

TTL volunteers like Towle and her brother had the opportunity to speak with Dr. Paul Farmer at the 2006 Notre Dame Forum, entitled "The Global Health Crisis: Creating Solutions, Forging Change."

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Nation's News

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WASHINGTON — Scientists taking their first sniff of air from planets outside our solar system say they have found hydrogen and oxygen, the stable building blocks of water. These planets' atmospheres — gaseous planets they examined must contain water.

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election Thursday. Again, neither candidate secured a clear majority so, in accordance with the consti- tution, the issue went to the Senate, where senators voted 13-13 in a closed meeting to elect the Brown-Braun ticket.

But the immediacy in the wording of the constitution caused con- fusion at the closed meeting. Sunday and led to approximately 45 minutes of discussion at the Senate meeting Wednesday. There was confusion because the copy of the Constitution possessed by each senator said in one section about election results, that senators could vote freely in the closed meeting. This section was mistakenly added to the constitution and was never voted into the document by past years’ Senates.

Senators were informed of the mix-up before Sunday’s vote and the correct version of the under-graduate student body elections section of the Constitution was dis- tributed to the senators Wednesday. This version said the senators must vote according to the plurality of their constituency— their respective residence hall — unless there is a tie between candidates within the dorm. But several senators said they did not agree with that version of the constitution.

Zahn Hall senator Luke Derheimer introduced an amend- ment to the constitution that allows each senator to freely cast his vote, rather than vote according to his hall’s plurality. Since all amendments to the constitution must go through committee before they can be voted on in the Senate, no vote on the proposal took place, but discussion was allowed.

“I didn’t like that we were in their hall’s closest residence hall or we were forced to vote one way,” Derheimer said.

Skeptical senator Jim Lockwood said he also felt as though the con- stitution infringed on his ability to vote as he wanted.

But other members of the Senate said senators should not have the right to vote freely in the closed meetings, because in many cases, including in this year’s elec- tion, one or more of the candidates sit on the Senate.

“It comes down to a lot of per- sonal relationships,” said Josh Pasquesi, community relations chair.

Lynn Hall senator Marriana Montes said she was against the free vote as well, since it opens up the possibility of a senator befriending members of the Senate to further political agendas — such as runs for student body president.

Montes introduced a separate amendment change proposal to the Senate floor. Her version changed the abstention vote to a symbolic option that would not be included in the final tally of the vote, thereby making it easier for a senator to get a majority and avoid bringing the issue to the Senate, Montes said.

Off-campus senator Mark Healy said he supported keeping the choice to abstain as an option in the preliminary election and runoff.

“If someone actually takes the time to go online and to vote and not to vote for abstain, that is making a statement that they are willing to become involved in the student government process, but they are not content with the options they have,” Healy said.

Alumni Hall senator Danny Smith, who ran for president and lost in the closed meeting vote, agreed that abstentions should merge.

“If enough of the school is upset with the two candidates, I would like to see if the abstention vote can beat both candidates,” he said.

Many senators agreed with the spirit of Montes’ proposed amend- ment — that in the best case sce- nario, this decision should not be- sent to Student Senate but should be decided in a popular student body election.

Andrichik limited discussion of the issue, since no vote would take place at the meeting, but Holten invited any interested senators to attend a meeting of the Senate Oversight committee to further dis- cuss the issue.

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Since August, "maybe 20 women" have gone to Health Services for the vaccine, Kleva said.

Gardasil was first available at Health Services in the fall after "a few parents called in July and August" to see if doses of the shot would be available for their daughters when the new semes- ter started.

Because the three shots are given over six months — the first on any date, the second two months later and the third four months after the second shot — it was important to many parents and students that the later does not mean that pre-marital sex or "any type of behavior that is not supported by this University" is being supported, or is even happening among the women opting to receive the vac- cine. Rather, she said, the avail- ability shows concern about pre- venting a "very, very serious ill- ness.

For those considering Gardasil, Kleva said Health Services pro- provides education and allows "indi- viduals to make up their own decisions" concerning this particu- lar vaccine.

But at a pricey $160 per injec- tion, she said "everyone really needs to check with their insur- ance" before getting the injection.

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Chairman seeks open Russian trade

Foreign Affairs Committee Chief aims for commerce restrictions removal

Associated Press

Moscow — The chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee stressed Wednesday that the removal for the removal of Russia from the 1975 Jackson-Vanik Amendment has restricted bilateral trade and remained a key irritant in relations between Moscow and Washington.

"It’s time to put behind us this role of the Cold War," Rep. Tom Lantos, D-Calif., said at a news conference. "I will spare no effort to bring about this and I have every expectation that I will be successful."

Moscow has long urged the United States to abolish the Jackson-Vanik treatment saying Russia’s trade status — whether it freely allows Jewish emigration. President Vladimir Putin and other Russian officials and lawmakers have long criticized Washington for failing to repeal the legislation, saying the refusal to do so undermines trust between the two nations.

The abolition of the amendment is necessary for the United States to trade freely with Russia once it finalizes its bid to join the World Trade Organization.

Andrew Somers, head of the American Chamber of Commerce in Moscow, hailed Lantos’ statement.

"It’s an unprecedented statement from the chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee. It’s a major step forward in U.S.-Russia relations and will put an end to this anachronistic piece of legislation," Somers told The Associated Press.

Russia’s chief rabbi, Berel Lazar, said during a meeting with Lantos on Tuesday that Russian Jews have fully equal rights, looks like a clear anachronism, ‘Lazar’s office said in a statement."

The statement from Lantos, a harsh critic of Russia’s democracy record and human rights situation, comes at a time when U.S.-Russian ties have hit a new low with Putin’s speech at a security conference in Munich earlier this month harshly criticizing U.S. global policy.

In what appeared to be an attempt to strike a conciliatory note, Lantos said Putin’s statement was a "fully understandable" attempt to demonstrate that his country, a former superpower, was resurgent after years of post-Soviet demise and stressed that Putin’s criticism should not stand in the way of the two countries’ cooperation.

"The United States and Russia have far too many common interests and long-term goals," Lantos said, referring to global health, poverty reduction and international peace and security. "We certainly will not allow ... the speech to stand in the way of our very positive attitude towards Russia and our future cooperation."

Some analysts said that the Kremlin would likely see Lantos’ statement as proof that Putin’s new tough tone in relations with Washington had been the right strategy to force the United States to make concessions.

"I think it will be seen here that the message of Putin’s new famous speech in Munich has been taken on board — that the West has recognized its mistake ... and a harsh, direct approach is the most effective way," said Andrei Ryabov, a Moscow-based political analyst.
Sex kills. So come to Notre Dame and live forever.

Student-made t-shirts are ubiquitous on this campus, and four years ago, one of them proclaimed just that. Or at least, that’s what Ed Cohen wrote in his 2003 Notre Dame Student's magazine article entitled, "Notre Dame Students Today: What They’re Like.”

At the time, the article was a noble attempt to describe the then-ND students, written by someone nearly as old as some of their parents”—or so Cohen described himself. He wrote about alumni who “dream of seeing their children follow in their footsteps up the Main Building’s stairs.” Hence the article’s biggest problem—it wasn’t written by a student. If Cohen were a student, he’d surely know the legend—undergrads don’t walk up the Main Building steps. If they do, they won’t graduate.

Four years later, Cohen’s article is as obsolete as tumbleweed phases in the desert. Heck, he wrote it back when Club Fever was still Heartland, when only one campus building bore the DePauw family name and when Tyrone Willingham was the only commissioner to resurrect the Notre Dame football program. And unless there are any sixth-year seniors out there, no current undergraduates were around when the administration burned in-bull dorms, the loss of which reflected upon. So what are the principal non-Main Building-step-climbing Notre Dame students of the two-Delbartos-buildings-era like?

I’m a student. I can tell you. As typical Notre Dame students, we enter the Irish gashaw with arrogance about our intelligence. We reek no remorse in reporting our ACT scores to everyone sitting within earshot at the Jesus Table in South Dining Hall. Most self-important are all of those who are not so-called “legitmate.” We suppose we’re smarter because we garnered an acceptance letter without having had a D or maybe an F.

As typicalarty parties Notre Dame students spend our days with required reading and our nights with required singing—Jon Bon Jovi’s “Living on a Prayer” as the dorm party primer. By senior year, we’d spend our days with required reading on a CoMo couch while attempting to read Tolstoy, and we’d spend our evenings’ nighttime belting out “Rocky Top” with an over-priced and over-filled-shit-in-a pitch of Bud and volkas in hand.

As average Notre Dame students, however, many of us wearneconsumers of rock-tails before arriving in the 46556. And sharp though we professed to be, as typical freshmen we fail to realize that by putting up incomerent away messages, we’ve just confessed to our entire family—disapproving little brothers and sisters included—our newfound fearlessness of the bude.

Yet while Cohen cited fake ID carrying as the principal blot on the collective student body’s record, most undergrads don’t use fake IDs. By and large, most of us won’t “catch the Fever” at Michiana’s hottest nightclub until we are, in fact, 21.

While at some other colleges, freshmen secure their fakes on their first day of freshman year, as Notre Dame freshmen, on the other hand, we’re too busy worrying about who’s standing next to us in the football ticket lottery line. We were then unaware of the fact that nobody actually does the jigers in his real row anyway. Some—like the wearers of the student-mated sex T-shirt—are unaware of the fact that occurs at Notre Dame. But in truth, if sex does kill, a number of us have indeed sworn away our virginity.

Nevertheless, there still are aoppelionaries of prudes on this campus. Yet even the prudes are not what Cohen makes us out to be. In his piece, Cohen quoted one student who said that after a night out, “even when one of the parties has a genuine romantic interest in the other it happens, the evening typically ends not with an awkward goodbye but at the door, a ‘see ya’ and a wave.”

What? No awkward goodnight kiss at the door? Clearly, the quoted student went to bed early every night and never had to sidestep the post-partials-lipticks while trying to swipe his or her bed card at the quad-side door of Breen-Phillips Hall.

While some of us are playing total hokey in the vestibule (or in our rooms, breaking partials—phat!), others of us can be found in the Main Building’s late-night campus feeding holes. The lucky ones of us who live on the South end of campus indulge in scrumptious brick-oven pizzas at brickers, while those of us in the Storrehagen vicinity slice our slice of Sharron based on which piece looks as though it hasn’t been sitting out for more than seven hours.

So, as Cohen wrote, ND students are “pout-setters, goal-reachers.” And you know what? After graduation, we’ll probably save the world. But—graduation? What? To leave this parfait-palace under the Dome? That’s incomprehensible. If you should know one thing about typical Notre Dame students, it’s that we don’t want to leave. We’d prefer a 2 a.m. slice of Sharron over the outside world any day.

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Yesterday we began our annual celebration of the Lenten season of grace and change of heart in the context of a deeper relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ. The ashes which we received on our foreheads reminded us that we can never deepen enough our faith in the living presence of Jesus in our lives, through the ministry of the Church and in our world. The words "ashes" which were written on our foreheads recited as the ashes were used to trace the sign of the cross on our foreheads reminded us that there is always room in our life for more prayer, for more concern for the poor and for fasting so that our minds and hearts might more easily be turned to the deeper realities of our life. It is truly only when we fill our hearts and minds with a desire to do these deep desires of our lives can become a reality.

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Letters to the Editor

"Loyal Daughters" letter evokes emotional response

Argument Against "Loyal Daughters' logic is illogical"

I think about what constitutes "intellectual discussion"

I am writing this article in regard to Jon Buttsaci's Feb. 20 Letter to the Editor ("Loyal Daughters' humor detracts from true dialogue"). Buttaci complains of a skit in which a logic professor implements Modus Ponens as a means for equating rape with premarital sex. Buttaci declares that the professor utilizes "false logic" to try to point out a contradiction in University policy which does not exist.

However, he failed to include some very important information. The skit, for example, ends with the professor asking his class to take into consideration the following question: "If rape leads to suspension and expulsion, and consensual sex leads to suspension or expulsion, does it follow that rape is equivalent to consensual sex? Is there a valid way to think about that statement?"

I don't know about Buttaci, but more than once in my life, I have had professors specifically ask questions that may not elicit clear and definite answers. Sometimes, I have even had professors ask my class a question that they knew were not valid or logical. They did so to provoke careful thought.

Nowhere in the skit does the professor state that he is imitating a logic professor or instructor of that nature. Thirdly, the logic professor in the skit is not even a Notre Dame undergraduate student and therefore does not have that identity to be imitated. I also felt one of the messages found in the one paragraph that made reference to my piece. First of all, the University policy from duLac that the logic professor addressed in his lesson to the audience actually responded to my question. Second, I do not feel that the University policy has anything to do with the whole University's views expressed by Notre Dame students and faculty. It is a reflection of over 100 interviews of the Notre Dame community. This play utilizes many different theatrical and writing techniques like satire and sarcasm along with intense emotional tones to convey the many messages.

In conclusion, I find it extremely ironic that you attempt to discuss what should or should not be discussed in our community. You obviously have no idea what you are talking about, as you are using an agenda and purposes of "Loyal Daughters" to make students think about what we as individuals are doing with our lives and with our communities of relationships with people of the same sex and opposite sex. I am deeply sorry that you missed the many more times messages as evident in "Loyal Daughters."
The annual Notre Dame Collegiate Jazz Festival, the oldest collegiate jazz festival in the nation, returns to Washington Hall for its 49th year today through Saturday. Notre Dame will welcome 10 other university bands to the campus. They will be judged by five acclaimed jazz musicians who provide critiques and advice, both with the bands one-on-one and with the general public in a series of workshops.

The Notre Dame Collegiate Jazz Festival would be a wonderful event if only for the music and culture it brings to South Bend, but it also serves as a promoter of jazz music throughout the country.

Since 1959, the festival, hosted by the Student Jazz Band, has featured many famous jazz musicians to the Notre Dame campus. These have included Bill Evans, Quincy Jones, Julian (Cannonball) Adderley, Herbie Hancock, Ray Brown, Wynton Marsalis, Dee Dee Bridgewater and John Clayton.

Over the years many different university bands have been invited to Notre Dame. These have included those from somewhat lesser-known schools, increasing the variety of the festival and helping to encourage jazz music everywhere. This also makes the festival a wonderful source of new talent. Recordings of many of the past performances, dating all the way back to the first festival, can be found in the University Archives at the Hesburgh Library.

While the festival is an invitation-based event, it is non-competitive, alternating education on content. Instead of ranking the bands, judges select an outstanding musician from each group and then provide the group as a whole with feedback about their performance.

Workshops and clinics, offered to anyone who wishes to attend, further emphasize the learning aspect of the festival. These clinics are hosted by the judges, many different viewpoints. In addition to the judges, many different aspects of the weekend for the audience to hear. This year's judges are Jon Faddis; the Carter; Joan Hickey; James Carter (alto saxophone), Rodney Whitaker (bass) and Carl Allen (drums). Each judge specializes in a different instrument so that the college bands can be critiqued from a variety of viewpoints.

All events of the Notre Dame Jazz Festival are open to the public and free of charge for students and those under 18. Tickets are required for adults for Friday and Saturday sessions ($7 for both nights or $5 for one night) and are available in advance at the LaFortune box office.

For the 49th year, not only will Notre Dame get to witness some of the nation's greatest collegiate jazz bands play their best, but the university will also provide a forum for their development and the encouragement of jazz as a whole.

The Notre Dame Jazz Festival is one of Notre Dame's best traditions, and should not be missed.

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A man walks into a room, having followed the directions on a mysterious package. Once there, he is given a number, a gun and a bullet. Along with 12 other men, he is instructed to load the gun, roll the cylinder and place it against the temple of the man in front of him. He and the 12 other men stare at an until light built in the middle of the room. When the light bulb goes on, they are told, they must pull the trigger.

Such is the crux of the narrative of "13 Tzameti," a gripping French thriller from first-time director Gela Babluani. Tense and effective, "13 Tzameti" is a unique examination of the dark underbelly of aristocratic society, and the lengths that impoverished, desperate men will go in order to gain wealth.

Sebastien (Georges Babluani) is a poor and simple 22-year-old carpenter struggling to support his family. While laying the roof of a house, he overhears a conversation about a package that proves to be the man for whom the package is intended dies of a drug overdose. Sebastien intercepts the package and assumes the dead man's identity. Following the instructions of the package, he finds himself part of a deadly game, in which rich aristocrats place bets on the lives of the participants.

"13 Tzameti" is an intriguing, especially for a first-time director. Gela Babluani gives "13 Tzameti" a stark, darkly seductive appearance, with a gorgeous black-and-white cinematography. His sense of camera movement is impressive, and there are several truly fantastic shots. Many of these shots recall the best of classic "film noirs" in the choice of settings, and in the shots' sparse, stark appearance.

The film is in French, though it's not a very dialogue-heavy film. Instead, it relies on visual panache to tell the story. The package, along with Sebastien, who seems a victim of circumstances, and his struggle for survival is contingent almost entirely on luck, rather than skill. This separates "13 Tzameti" from typical thrillers, in which characters rely on their brains or brawn to escape their plight. In "13 Tzameti," however, Sebastien inherently understands that there is no escape, and he has no choice but to play the game and hope for the best.

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"13 Tzameti" is a well-written, well-made film that's more than likely that Babluani, the director's brother, has star potential as Sebastien, embodying the character's confusion and desperation. Georges Babluani's character is the clear focal point of the film — it's as close to first-person narrative as cinema can be. Unfortunately, however, this means that his character is the only one fully developed. "13 Tzameti" starts slowly, even leisurely, as the opening sequences concentrate on the meager, poor existence of Sebastien and his family.

Reminiscent the look and feel of films by Bresson and DeSica (and, at times, of the French New Wave), its realistic approach draws the viewer into Sebastien's world, which makes his descent into the bizarre underground more compelling.

At 90 minutes long, "13 Tzameti" is a short film, though it is more effective in its brevity. As straightforward as narratives come, it wastes no time on subplot or story diversions. Instead, it remains focused, concentrating on the plight of Sebastian and the bizarre, clandestine world he is entering. This is especially evident in the dynamic second act, which revolves around the game itself. The pacing and tension is at its apex, and the open-space beauty of the landscape — which was so prevalent in the first act — gives way to grimy claustrophobia. The audience is able to sympathize with Sebastien, who seems a victim of circumstances, and his struggle for survival is contingent almost entirely on luck, rather than skill. This separates "13 Tzameti" from typical thrillers, in which characters rely on their brains or brawn to escape their plight. In "13 Tzameti," however, Sebastien inherently understands that there is no escape, and he has no choice but to play the game and hope for the best.

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Yet, as a tense "film noir," "13 Tzameti" is an effective piece of accomplished cinema. Far removed from the overblown indulgence of blockbuster cinema, it is a simple tale, but one that is well-written. The film has been received well critically, especially on the film festival circuit where it won "Best First Feature" at the Venice Film Festival and the coveted "Grand Jury Prize" at the Sundance Film Festival. Though "13 Tzameti" was Gela Babluani's first feature, he previously directed a short called "A Fleur de Peau" in 2002. "13 Tzameti" will be screened in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Friday at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Director Gela Babluani is scheduled to be present.

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Nathan Serazin def.
Dan Brannan

Serazin, a junior from Siegfried, split decision victory over Brannan. In the second round, Serazin knocked out Brannan from Fincher Hall, looking to win the first round of the fight.

After the bell rang, Brannan was able to maintain his position when Serazin's guard was down. Also, the sophomore was able to work his hand with the body punches. However, a late surge by Serazin negated some points with the judges. Reportedly, Serazin worked with both fighters weighing each other out. Brannan connected with some uppercuts to the head and the body, as Serazin moved down a bit, and began the punches. Both fighters displayed excellent footwork in the ring.

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Paul Oddo def. Joey Maher

Keenan sophomore Oddo knocked out Maher, a senior with a left hand to the head in the third round of the fight.

As the bell marked the beginning of the first round, both fighters had a strong sense of strategy to foil their opponent's defense. In the second round, Wemple landed some punches to the head, causing the referee to stop the fight for a "cooling eight count.

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Hartstein topples White in 140 lb. slugfest

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Defence was optional in the match between Keough junior White and Hartstein a sophomore from St. Ed's. Hartstein beat White when the ref stopped the fight one minute and 50 seconds into the third round.

Round one started with the dorm mates flinging thunderous punches at each other. Although White made an attempt to block some power punches, Hartstein connect on a higher percentage of his shots.

In the second round, Hartstein connected with a fury of power punches, forcing White into a standing eight count. White's inability to block and protect his head helped Hartstein control the fight. Hartstein forced White into standing eight count.

Crazy punching continued in the last round, as Hartstein landed shots to both the head and body.

Michael Johnson def. John Thomson

Dillon freshman Johnson beat Thomson, a sophomore from Fisher, in a split decision.

The first round saw Johnson corner Thomson and land an array of punches early in the fight. Johnson made it a point to target both the head and body to make Thomson's blocking more difficult. Although Johnson was taking control of the round, he was having trouble defending, and Thomson was able to land some combinations.

In the second round, Thomson connected several blows forcing Johnson to stumble around the ring. Johnson responded with a string of hooks and jabs, forcing the referee to stop the fight momentarily due to blood on Thomson's face.

In the third round, Thomson began throwing several combinations at Johnson, who was able to successfully counter, due to his quick head movement that enabled him to avoid punches. Johnson finished the match strong with a set of combinations, eventually earning him a split decision.

Nate Dyer def. R.J. Jacob

In the end, it was Dyer, an off-campus senior, who won an unanimous decision over O'Neill sophomore Jacob on one of the night's most entertaining fights.

Dyer landed several combinations in the first round, forcing Jacob to block and defend. Dyer also did an excellent job of danc­ ing around the ring to avoid blows and eventually countered with some power punches.

The second round started with the crowd roaring chants of "R.J." that fed the boxer up. However, Dyer stole the thunder from the crowd and fought back with determination, landing several jab-hook combos. Dyer proved to be the flashier fighter, blocking punches well.

Dyer worked Jacob's body in the last round. However, Jacob's speed and his solid counter punches. Dyer displayed excellent footwork, as Jacob initially blocked his boxing in the end of the fight. However, his lack of opportunities gave Dyer the nod.

145 lb.

Hull def. Ben Fotsch

In a battle between two Bouts rookies, the Zahmias freshman Hull took out St. Ed's freshman Fotsch unanimously.

Round one started with Fotsch swinging punches with a lack of control, to which Hull blocked and countered effectively. Fotsch worked the body, but Hull's reach proved to be useful when attacking his opponent's head.

Both fighters traded power punches in the second round, with Fotsch landing the majority of his attempts. In what was a very close round, Hull continued to use his reach, but his defense deterio­ rated causing him significant trouble.

The third round began with Fotsch landing several combina­ tions. However, Hull countered with a straight right to his opp­ onent's chest knocking him off his feet. This was the swing of momentum Hull needed to earn him a unanimous victory.

Matt Posluzny vs. Matthew Irten

Posluzny, sophomore from St. Ed's, pulled off a unanimous over Irten, an off-campus senior.

Posluzny started with a flurry of strong punches against his opp­ onent. Posluzny used his height and his reach to frustrate Irten throughout the fight, causing him to resort to blocking and defensive fighting.

Posluzny came out swinging in the second round. Irten counter­ oted with some punches, but not enough to inflict significant dam­ age. Posluzny continued a barrage of combo, causing the ref to stop the fight for a standing eight count. The sophomores from St. Ed's went to a well-aimed jab-uppercut combo that caused the crowd to roar — and blood to trickle form Irten's face.

Ireten resorted to desperate defensive tactics in round three. However, Posluzny's punches proved to be too strong for his opponent. Rival crowds began to get involved and fire up the fight­ ers. Posluzny's supporters had more to cheer about once he fin­ ished off the match with a solid combination.

Corin Douglass def. Kent Gonzalez

Douglass, a sophomore from St. Ed's, pulled off a unanimous over Gonzalez, a sophomore from O'Neill.

Both fighters traded combinations and counter punched effec­ tively in the first round. They also displayed poor defense in the early going of the match. Douglass attempted to work the body and landed solid hooks inflicting a standing eight count.

Round two saw Douglass land a solid punch, dazing Gonzalez early. However, the sophomore from O'Neill fought back courage­ ously landing some counter­ punches. However, it was his lack of defense that enabled Douglass to bleed from the nose forcing another count.

Douglass' windups connected more often than Gonzalez in the third. Gonzalez lost control of the fight after Douglass continued to pinpoint his bloody nose, causing the referees to award the fight to Douglass.

Patrick Kibbe def. Charlie Jain

Kibbe, a sophomore from Knott, unanimously eliminated Jain, a freshman from Zahm.

Kibbe used his long arms in round one to work his jab and his one-two combinations. The sopho­ more from Knott also displayed excellent footwork in the ring, as he landed a solid straight forcing Jain into a standing eight count.

Round two saw Kibbe land another wild flurry of punches. Jain tried to counter several times and was only able to do so with a low percentage. Once again, Kibbe used his reach to his advan­ tage, giving his opponent difficulty to get inside and land many punches.

A solid haymaker hook from Kibbe started the final round, and the sophomore began to work the body as well. Jain tried to land some body punches, but his inability to defend Kibbe's combos cost him the fight. Kibbe finished the match with an excellent combo stemming from his jab.

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Hicks outlasts Wang in unanimous decision

By PAT O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

The fists were flying right off the bat as junior Philip "The Spaniard" Hicks beat sophomore Mike Wang in three rounds by unanimous decision.

Both fighters landed a variety of punches in the first round, but by round two it was all Hicks. Wang pushed for a good fight, but Hicks' speed was too much.

Senior Sushinsky over Ryan "Sub Zero" Frost

Senior Sushinsky came out with a few haymakers that gave sophomore Frost a bloody nose to start the third round match. Sushinsky won by unanimous decision when he landed a few more tough jabs in the third round.

Lawrence "The Boston Massacre" Sullivan def. Jim "The Camden Buzzsaw" Durnan

The referee ended this one in 45 seconds as the junior Sullivan overpowered his opponent.

150 lb.

Tommy "One Two Three" Forr def. Andrew "Sliced Bread" Klein

The referee stopped this one-sided match early in the second round as Klein displayed his experience over Klein, a freshman, as soon as the bell rang.

He came out swinging, and the referee stopped the fight three times before finally calling it.

Paul Mower def. Fran Tolan

In a split decision that involved early falls and punches throughout the fight, McGowan, senior, and Tolan, sophomore, fought an equal fight at the beginning, but at the finish, it was Mower who landed more punches and got the judges vote as the unanimous winner in the third round.

He proved to have the edge as well, giving Tolan a bloody nose.

"Speedy" Gonzalez def. Blake Jones

While sophomore Jones stayed in the fight by landing a few punches, Gonzalez was fast and precise, landing his blows en route to a three-round unanimous decision.

The jabs were flying, and Jones couldn't get away from Gonzalez's power.

"Thunder" Ponzio continued to corner Ircink and force him into the side ropes. Ircink was helpless as Ponzio landed numerous jabs and haymakers on his opponent throughout the fight.


This battle of sophomores turned into another nail-biter as O'Connell received the split-decision vote by the judges.

"The Tank" Ponzio def. Mike "The Highlighter" O'Connell

This three-round boxing match between freshmen Ponzio and Ircink turned out to be one sided as the judges awarded Ponzio the victory in a unanimous decision.

"The Closer" Barbera def. John Maler

Barbera, senior, dominated the fight until the third round, when Barbera fought back by landing some solid jabs. However, the junior didn't enough to pull out the unanimous decision.

"The Tank" Ponzio def. Dan "The Iron Fish" Scott

This match came out fast, but the junior Scott quickly took the advantage by showing his strength and skill while the freshman Scott struggled to get his rhythm.

Shapton cornered his opponent halfway through the fight and he landed his share of punches. The referee stopped the fight on numerous occasions, but this unanimous decision lasted the full three rounds.

160 lb.

Terry "Don't Blink" Howell def. Jason "Metal" Preiss

This freshmen matchup displayed true boxing prowess as Howell dominated Preiss in a one first round of punches. Miller stayed tough in the split-decision, blooding Howell's lip.

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I thought we looked for her a little bit more and we found her.

Although D’Amico had improved in the past two games, she was coming off a rough stretch.

"I told myself not to get down," she said. "We won a couple of big games. My teammates have confidence in me, and my coaches do."

The Irish doubled up Georgetown on points in the paint, scoring 36 to the Hoyas’ 18. Part of that can be attributed to Notre Dame’s defense, which kept the ball outside of the arc for a good portion of the game.

"We did a nice job in man-to-man, I thought, pressur­ing the ball," McGraw said.

Even when the Hoyas got the ball inside, they had little success. Georgetown shot 33.3 percent from field goal range, the second-lowest percentage for an Irish opponent this season. Only Providence shot worse, hitting 32.3 percent of their field goal attempts on Feb. 17.

Guard Melissa Lechlitner also had a strong performance, scoring 11 points on 4-of-9 shooting.

"As the season goes on, you get more reps in, you get more comfortable," Lechlitner said. "I’m looking for my shot, and my pull-up is really starting to fall. It’s a confidence and comfort thing."

Notre Dame laid down the last five minutes of the game, employing a full-court press from the Hoyas’ first offensive possession. The press was effective; two quick turnovers helped the Irish jump out to a quick 11-0 lead in the first five minutes of the game. The Hoyas’ first 10 shots came with five minutes gone in the first half on a jumper from guard Shanice Fuller.

Turnovers plagued the Hoyas early. They couldn’t get an offensive possession together before losing the ball.

"Forcing turnovers is the thing we do best," McGraw said. "There’s been a couple of teams that didn’t turn the ball over twenty or more times against us this year. Our pressure’s been good, our presses have been good, and we’re just really active defensively."

Notre Dame’s 29 forced turnovers were the second-most for the team this season. The Irish forced 30 against Michigan on Dec. 1.

The only way Georgetown could run any semblance of an offense was when Notre Dame’s defense was not entirely set—an instance that, even with the Irish full-court press, did not happen often.

To offset this, the Hoyas tried to increase the pace of their offense, which to some extent worked. They drew some offensive fouls, but were unable to convert many of the attempts.

Georgetown shot just 37.5 percent from the line in the first half. Hoyas guard Kristin Heidlfford started running the court and pushing the tempo, but the Irish defense kept the ball on the perimeter and made getting the ball in the paint almost impossible.

The only thing keeping Georgetown in the game was their perimeter shooting. Georgetown was 7-of-16 from three-point range on the night, led by guardKate Carlin, who hit five and led the Hoyas with 10 points.

At one point, the Hoyas went on a 16-3 run to bring the score to 22-15, thanks to free throws and three-pointers by Heidloff, Carlin and guard Meredith Cox. After that, the Irish went on a 10-5 run to close out the half.

"I don’t know if I’ve ever had a team overachieve as much as this one has," McGraw said. "I’m so proud of where we are."

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since joining the conference. In addition to the team's record-breaking trip to the semifinals, several Saint Mary's players broke individual records in the victory.
Senior Bridge Lipke also set an MIAA tournament record, dishing out 11 assists. Junior Alison Kessler led the Belles with 20 points, and in doing so set the Saint Mary's single-season scoring record. Kessler's 484 points so far this season surpassed the 12-year-old record of 476 set by Jennie Taubenheim.
Hope advanced to the semifinals with a solid performance at home, routing Tri-State 65-31. In a complete team effort, all 15 Flying Dutch players scored and grabbed at least one rebound in the win. The Flying Dutch shot 50 percent from the field for the game and posted a strong defensive effort with 15 steals.
The win extended Hope's streak of semifinals appearances to 13 in a row, an MIAA record. Saint Mary's and Hope met twice in the regular season, with the Belles winning both games. The second game, the Belles at home 67-42. The second game, the Belles at home 67-42. The second game, the Belles at home 67-42. The second game, the Belles at home 67-42. The second game, the Belles at home 67-42.

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Myrtle Beach, S.C., this week-end to take on UNC-Wilmington, TCU and Coastal Carolina. Despite dropping two of their first three games to warm-up weather teams, the Irish do not think that they are facing a disadvantage.
"I don't necessarily look at it as a struggle or a disadvantage," Notre Dame coach Dave Schrage said of the weather conditions. "I think the more days you could be outside is beneficial to your team, but we have a great indoor facility situation."
The team has been practicing at LFitus to prepare for the games that lay ahead. Schrage said that he thinks working out indoors poses few problems for the team. He said that the team is just as strong defensively as if it were practicing outside — the only challenge the team faces is at the plate, and even that seems minimal.
"The biggest disadvantage really comes when you're talking about your hitting, but last week we didn't look like a team that had not been outside," he said.
Ironically, practicing in LFitus also presents the Irish with a definite advantage of being accustomed to a field similar to the ones they will face in Myrtle Beach.
"Most of the fields down south are short grass and the balls very similar to what we face here," said Schrage. "That's what we have to deal with and you have to deal with it in a positive way, and you have to deal with it positively with your team."
It seems the main focus for Notre Dame is maintaining a positive attitude, considering the Irish had to replace a head coach and their entire three-man weekend rotation this off-season. But to Notre Dame these are all just details — the main focus is on the start of conference play and not what might be holding the team back.
"If the players go into a game thinking that ... we are at a disadvantage, it's not the right approach, so we don't look at it that way," Schrage said. "We're looking at each weekend that we get to get outside to evaluate if we get better from the weekend before. Our guys are trying to get better and we're getting focused to open the conference season."
Schrage noted that weather isn't the only factor ailing the Irish. The team has played for less games than many of its coming opponents — Notre Dame's next opponent, UNC-Wilmington 13-5, has already played eight games while the Irish have only played three.
Despite the forces working against them, Schrage is confident that the team will perform well down South before it enters its Big East season.
"I want to make sure we're playing our best baseball come conference time and at the end of our season than we are right out of the shoe," he said. "Right now we are more focused on how we are playing each game, all the stuff that we are working on inside, we can adapt to outside."
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**BENGAL BOUTS**

**JACC-ed up**

Sayles rings opponent’s bell in first fight of ’07, defeats Chapman

By LORENZO REYES

In the first fight of the tournament, the freshman Michael Sayles pulled out a unanimous victory over the St. Ed’s sophomore Ricky Chapman in the 129 lb. division.

As the round one bell chimed, the wild punches started the tournament. Sayles, who lives in Sorin College, landed several jabs, setting up his right hooks.

Round two saw Chapman start off throwing punches, but the freshman in the blue corner was able to block most of them. Once Chapman dropped his guard for a

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Above, Mike Howard hits Michael Reece. At right, Tomas Castillo punches Jesse Brawer.

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**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

Irish easily defeat Hoyas

D’Amico puts up 15 as ND cruises, 73-48

By BILL BRINK

Center Melissa D’Amico had 15 points and seven rebounds during Notre Dame’s 73-48 home victory over Georgetown Wednesday in a game characterized by stifling defense and sharp offensive production.

Guard Charle Allen, the high scorer for the Irish in each of the past six games, had only 11 points. The focus of the offense was on D’Amico, who was 6-of-8 from field goal range and hit 3-of-4 free throws.

"Mel’s playing really well; she’s shooting the ball better than anyone on the team," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We need to get her the ball more. Tonight was a

**BASEBALL**

Notre Dame looks to shake off southern rust

Irish sophomore third baseman Eddy Mendiola tags out Chapman’s Zach Thomas at first base during the first inning of Wednesday’s 7-3-4 victory over Georgetown at the Joyce Center.

By DEIRDRE KRASULA

Unfortunately there is no spring training in college baseball because Notre Dame’s annual early season trip south has started - a place to have to defend their last year’s MIAA title. The Belles advanced to the semifinals last Tuesday with a historic win at home over Alma, St. Mary’s 66-54 win propelled the team past the first round of the MIAA Tournament for the first time.

**SMC BASKETBALL**

Third try

Hopes to be charm

Belles face Dutch again in tourney

By MICHAEL BRYAN

Saint Mary’s last faced conference rival Hope less than a week ago, falling 79-71 in a tight regular season game at home. In today’s conference tournament matchup, much more will be at stake — a place in the MIAA championship. 

No. 3 seed Saint Mary’s 112-12, 11-6 MIAA will travel to Holland, Mich., to No. 2 seed Hope. The Flying Dutch (22-3, 13-3) are ranked No. 5 national­ly in Division III and is looking to defend last year’s MIAA title. The Belles advanced to the semifinals last Tuesday with a historic win at home over Alma, St. Mary’s 66-54 win propelled the team past the first round of the MIAA Tournament for the first time.

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