"Ragtime' reflects racial integration

Black students involved in non-athletic events challenge stereotypes

By MARCELA BERRIOS
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While students and professors who see a broad-shouldered young black man in class may quickly assume he is a football player — a common Notre Dame stereotype — the gradually increasing involvement of black and minority students in non-athletic organizations could help change that mindset.

"Historically, the exposure for African-American men at Notre Dame has always been relative to sports," said Chandra Johnson, director of Cross Cultural Ministry. "That's where the stereotype comes in, and I think many African-American men don't realize how much that is ingrained in the Notre Dame community and in those who come from outside, especially during home football weekends, and how the stereotype permeates the experience of many African-American men here."

Johnson, who served as assistant to University President Emeritus Father Edward Malloy, has worked with minority students on intergroup issues at Notre Dame for more than a decade. In the last five years, she said she has witnessed the presence and leadership of black students involved in non-athletic events challenge stereotypes.

Leaders meet for community summit

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Student leaders from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross and Indiana University-South Bend joined forces with civic and professional leaders from the South Bend-Mishawaka community Friday to discuss poor communication between the groups — a meeting that student body president Lizzi Shappell said has "never happened before.

To address one of the Shappell administration's primary goals — improving community relations — student government members organized a Community Summit to encourage discussion about the "strained" relationship between college students and community members.

Held at Notre Dame Downtown, offices for the University's community relations department, the meeting drew representatives from local organizations including both the South Bend and Mishawaka mayor's offices, Downtown South Bend, Inc. and the South Bend Common Council.

The most important objective achieved — and the summit's primary goal — was relationship building, Shappell said.

"Never before had there that variety of student and community constituencies been in the room," said Executive Assistant to Attorney General Samuel Alito to the Diverse Students' Leadership Conference. "This system, however, was criticized by many people for the way it dealt with the community and community leaders."

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Black campus leaders give women advice

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Six prominent black women within the Notre Dame community gathered Sunday to discuss issues relevant to young women of color — health, finances, spirituality, professions in higher education, community involvement and politics — in an effort to commemorate Women's History Month.

Shades of Ebony and Welsh Family Hall sponsored "Faces of the Ages: Addressing the Trends and Concerns of African American Women Today" in the Coleman-Morse lounge. The event featured six panelists who spoke about a specific topic tailored to black women, and was followed by the opportunity for the audience to ask questions.

"I am here to just sort of talk about choices and the choices that you make," said Executive Assistant to the President Frances Shavers, a certified yoga instructor who spoke about health and fitness. "Your body is the only one you get.

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McIntosh examines oppression

White privilege discussed at Diverse Students' Leadership Conference

By MANDI STIBORNE
News Writer

For Peggy McIntosh, the prevalence of racism was not something she was taught to see.

Speaking to 300 participants in the Carroll Auditorium Saturday, McIntosh, assistant director of Wellesley College's Center for Women, highlighted her experiences studying white oppression of blacks — something that she, as an upper class white woman, had initially been hesitant to believe.

During her keynote speech for the Diverse Students' Leadership Conference, McIntosh said she had been taught that "knowledge is white and that she was "superior to her colleagues of color.

In the oppression, she said, is ingrained in a person's upbringing through the "myth of meritocracy" — something she said she experienced.

McIntosh uses the "myth of meritocracy" to describe the way whites and males are raised to believe that they had earned and deserved everything they had, something she said is not entirely true.

"We are born into the system that preceded us," she said. "We didn't construct this. We can't be blamed for it.

This system, however, was not limited to race and can be applied similarly to gender stereotypes, she said.

McIntosh said she first came to understand the oppressive system in place at a conference she chaired about feminism in education. The men at the conference
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Naval ROTC hosts leadership conference

By SONIA RAO
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More than 100 midshipmen arrived on campus Friday with 40 of the 56 ROTC programs in the country to participate in Notre Dame's 12th annual Naval Leadership Weekend.

The ROTC members, who were mostly junior undergraduates, came across the country to listen to speakers discuss what leadership and ethics mean to military officers.

"[The speakers] were by far the biggest names we've been able to have come in all year so it was a big weekend for all of us," said Battalion Operations Officer Chase Gund, the event's coordinator.

The cast included Notre Dame graduate Brigadier General Michael Brogan of the U.S. Marine Corps, four-star Admiral Kirkland Donald of the U.S. Navy, Major General Michael Ennis of the Marine Corps and retired Navy SEAL Chuck Pfarrer.

Topics ranged from giving general advice to young members of Naval ROTC in leadership and "sea stories," Gund said.

"It was basically a packed weekend of lectures, talks and discussion about what it means to be a leader in our field," Gund said. Military ethics were also a focal point, especially in Saturday's panel discussion featuring Daniel Dell'orto, a Notre Dame graduate and Deputy General Counsel for the Department of Defense.

"The main question throughout the panel discussion was, 'Can you sacrifice some ethics for the security of our country? Where do you draw the line? Where can you bend it and where can you break it?'" Gund said.

In addition to Dell'orto, four other panel members provided different perspectives about the balance of national security and ethics, Gund said.

Gund said Brogan discussed the delicate balance between ethics and security during his talk as well.

"One thing that stuck out in my head from the weekend was the one line I took away from Brigadier General Brogan," he said. "It was, 'The difference between ethics and morals is that morals is choosing between right and wrong, whereas ethics is choosing between right and right.'"

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College holds second DSLC

Students from local colleges, high schools attend 3-day event

By MANDI STIRONE
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More than 200 people participated in workshops at Saint Mary's this weekend on topics ranging from the Ku Klux Klan to HIV/AIDS, white privilege and diversity in the media as part of the College's three-day Diverse Students' Leadership Conference (DSLC).

"My personal goals for the conference were exceeded," said Kim Hodges, Saint Mary's student body president-elect, Student Diversity Board vice president and conference chair.

Since the conference — which is designed to show participants the challenges within and benefits of diverse academic, social and professional settings — began a year ago, Hodges said the number of participants has increased.

Hodges said participants came from Saint Mary's, Holy Cross, Notre Dame and Indiana University South Bend, as well as two local high school groups from Young Life and the Charles Martin Youth Center.

Saint Mary's alumni both participated in and attended the conference. A portion of prospective students also came to check it out, Hodges said.

The Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership brought several guests to campus, including Ann Bettsendorf Freeman, Class of 1988, who gave the talk "Lehman Brothers: Women in the Work Force."

Though there were about 22 activities offered, ranging from lectures to workshops to meet and greets, many people only showed up to see Peggy McIntosh's keynote address Saturday about white supremacy.

Nearly 300 people packed the Carroll Auditorium for McIntosh's lecture. Hodges said that would personalize it.

The conference was partially funded by Lehman Brothers and Walgreen's, who doubled their contributions from last year, Hodges said. To obtain funding, Hodges went to Chicago in February to meet with Freeman to discuss the conference.

Next year, the conference will be run by junior Adriana Lopez, who will take over for Hodges as chair of DSLC and vice president of SDB.

"I definitely love the variety of topics that they have, when we say diversity a lot of people think of race and ethnicity but it's a lot more than that," Lopez said of this year's conference.

For next year, however, she wants to add a few ideas of her own.

"I also think that outside from that we can also bring women from our [South Bend] community because I think that would personalize it," she said.

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Former psychology chair dies at age 70

Special to the Observer

Naomi Meara, the Nancy D. Dreux Professor of Psychology emerita at Notre Dame, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Medical Center in South Bend after a brief illness. She was 70.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Meara studied English and education at Ohio State University, and earned her master's degree in student personnel administration from Syracuse University and doctorate in psychology from Ohio State. Before joining the Notre Dame faculty in 1986 she had taught at the University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse; Ohio Dominican College; and the University of Tennessee.

In addition to teaching undergraduate and graduate courses at Notre Dame, Meara chaired the psychology department from 1988 to 1991 and served on numerous University committees. She also was the author of dozens of articles on psychoanalytic counseling and the achievement and career development of women and co-author with M.J. Patton of the textbook "Psychoanalytic Counseling."

Meara's teaching, research and publications particularly concerned the application of virtue ethics to the education of psychologists. A soft-spoken woman admired by her students and colleagues for her keen intellect and sense of humor, she insisted that the virtues of prudence, integrity, respectfulness and benevolence were indispensable to the practice of her profession.

According to John Borkowski, Andrew J. McKenna Professor of Psychology at Notre Dame, Meara exemplified those virtues as well. In a tribute published in the May 2001 issue of The Counseling Psychologist, Borkowski wrote that "among Naomi's many contributions to counseling psychology, the one that stands out in my mind is her sensitive, selfless and purposeful style of leadership... If only we had more leaders like Naomi in the profession, in academia and in government, we would all be better off. Can Naomi's leadership style be packaged and distributed to organizations in need?"

Visitation was Sunday at Weltsheimer Funeral Home in South Bend. A funeral Mass will be celebrated today at 9:30 a.m. in Notre Dame's Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

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were "nice" and "pretty brave for attending," she said, but had been taught "knowledge is male."

Such oppressiveness, McIntosh said, had been taught to men and was a subconscious action "it's not their fault," she said.

The message of this discussion was that those with positions of privilege should use it to undermine the oppressive system they lived in.

In her own life, McIntosh said once realized she had this privilege, she spent three months trying to see if she really did have unearned advantages as a result of being white. After those three months, she said she found 46 examples, which she wrote about in her paper "White Privilege and Male Privilege: A Personal Account of Coming to See..."

Correspondences Through Word in Women's Studies: One example in her paper, she said, was that she could be pulled over for speeding and be fairly sure of getting off with a warning because she was an elderly Caucasian woman "with my hair in a bun."

Realizing that she had advantage wasn't enough for McIntosh, who took action by trying to companies like Crayola demanding that they produce more skin-toned crayons, and to different supermarkets to insist that they include "soul food" in the shelves.

In an attempt to demonstrate that everyone in the room had been oppressed in some way or another, McIntosh then paired audience members together to talk about instances where they had unearned disadvantages and advantages.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

China increases defense budget

WASHINGTON - A top U.S. envoy on Sunday urged China to be more open about its military spend­ing, hours after the government announced a 17.8 percent increase in its defense budget — the biggest in more than a decade.

The $44.9 billion budget for 2007 would mainly be spent on higher wages and living allowances for members of the armed forces and on upgrading armaments "in order to enhance the mili­tary's ability to conduct defensive operations," Liang Erzhong, a spokesman for China's national parliament, said. He did not give any details.

China's 2.3 million-strong military is the world's largest and has been criticized abroad for not being open about its spending. Unlike the U.S., where Congress is required to approve the military budget, China is secretive and rarely releases information on its spending.

The Pentagon believes China's total military spending could be as high as $130 billion annually, but Beijing has never acknowledged that number. The new budget announced budget does not include key items such as weapons purchases.

The 2007 budget marks an increase of 5.64 billion yuan over last year and is the third highest jump since 1990, surpassed only by increases of 21 percent in 1995 and 18 percent in 1994.

Arab League to negotiate with Israel

CAIRO, Egypt — Arabs will relaunch a 2002 land-for-peace offer in an effort to end the decades-long conflict with Israel at a summit later this month, but without changes Israel has been pushing for, the Arab League's Secretary-General said Sunday.

Arab leaders met over the weekend in Arab foreign ministers came as Saudi Arabia announced that hard-line Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad offered support for a Peace, chairman of the Arab League's Secretary-General, said Sunday.

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Al-Sadr's militia also lowered their profile under intense government pres­sure to try to boost the chances of a reconciliation, "Sen. Charles Schumer, D·N.Y. in a letter Sunday to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

Gates also dismissed Army Secretary Francis J. Hurter's recent calls for a "hands-on" role by previous commander, Maj. Gen. George Weygand, and replaced him with Lt. Gen. Kevin Kiley, the Army chief of staff, and former com­mander of Walter Reed. Gates said that Harvey's response was not aggressive enough.

Prosecutor fired after Senator's call

WASHINGTON, New Mexico Sen. Pete Domenici acknowledged Sunday that he called a federal prosecutor to ask about a criminal investiga­tion, but insisted he never pressured nor threatened his state's U.S. attorney.

The prosecutor, David Iglesias, was fired by the Justice Department in December. Iglesias says he believes he was dismissed for resisting pressure from two members of Congress before last year's election to rush indictments in a Democratic kickback investigation.

LOCAL NEWS

Canal pollution concerns Hoosiers

EAST CHICAGO, Ind. - Residents who live near the Indiana Harbor Ship Canal are wor­ried about the water's quality. The canal, filled with sediments from the waterway will only have spread its industrial legacy of chromium, PCBs and other toxic substances. But the canal's bottom is not the only toxic legacy still lurking there. East Chicago environmental activist John Bakota doubts the effectiveness of the meth­ods used to clean up the canal and eventually dispose of the toxic muck.

"Will the cure be as bad or worse than the disease? Right now we have a dirty canal, but could we end up with a still dirty canal and a dump beside?" asked Bakota.

IRAQ

Coalition advances in Sadr City

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- an experience that allowed her to develop a friendship with Alito and Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, Executive Assistant to the President Susan Damper said.

Damper said Mooney sent a letter to Alito asking her to speak at the 2007 commencement ceremony — an invitation he cordially accepted.

The 2007 commencement speaker nomination process allows members of the community to submit ideas, which are researched by Damper and reviewed by the academic council and Board of Trustees.

Alito, who is the 31st Catholic to serve on the Supreme Court and the fifth on the current Court, will attend the College’s Baccalaureate dinner and reception on May 18 before addressing the graduates and their guests at the May 19 ceremony in the Memorial Chapel at noon.

Damper said the College works to "get someone prominent who will deliver a memorable message to the students and their families."

Like many students, senior Bridget Gorman was enthusiastic about the announcement of a well-known speaker. However, she expressed concern that the male judge might not relate as well to the female student body.

"I think it is exciting that such a big name is speaking, but I am a little bummed it is not a woman," she said.

Damper said throughout the years there has been an equal mix of male and female speakers, and she said she thinks the judge’s message will be inspirational.

Senior Grace Guiberti said she was impressed by the selection, but wished a Saint Mary's alumnus was giving the address.

"It might be nice to hear from someone with a connection to Saint Mary's, but I am not disheartened by the choice," she said.

Gorman said she was also impressed by the selection, which she said "shows how much pull Saint Mary's really has."

Alito, a New Jersey native, graduated from Princeton University in 1972 before attending Yale Law School. He was editor of the Yale Law Journal and graduated in 1975.

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same room to start these conversations," she said.

Shappell said student participants will be debriefed and low-down meetings will be arranged for certain possible initiatives, a storage point for future work.

"We will not see all of the initiatives discussed at the summit achieved before I graduate," Damper said. "However, that was not my intention. The summit’s purpose was to start the conversation."

Because there is nothing "central" to the four groups and the four campuses, Senate Community Relations committee chair Josh Pasquesi said the discussion was crucial in helping initiate communication.

Pasquesi also said that leaders from all four campuses will select initiatives they would most like to work on and meetings will be arranged for these initiatives.

"People were very excited about these initiatives that came out of this or possibly will come out of this," he said.

For Shappell, the summit was crucial — one of the "cornerstones of administration," she said.

"In the last two years, we have seen a significant change in the relationship, ... I am pleased how we are leaving the state of community relations for future administrations," Shappell said.

"I am optimistic about the emerging push for collaboration and more consistent communication," she said.

Such relationships are necessary to build on the new initiatives and push for such collaboration, Pasquesi said.

"Now it’s up to other to bear fruit on these initiatives," he said.

Problems, solutions discussed

Small group discussions led by Notre Dame student leaders and a large group wrap-up session broke up the summit.

One of the main themes of discussion — poor communication between campuses and community members — led to several possible solutions, including the creation of a central Web site where students could go to gather information about events and opportunities in the local community and where community members could go to get information about events at all area campuses.

Without a specific agenda, the event generated discussion of various problems and ideas for possible solutions.

Small groups formed to discuss four topics: improving and expanding freshman initiatives, balancing service and professional opportunities for students, promoting better neighbor inter-
Treasurers

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, right, greets President George W. Bush last May. Paulson recently announced that China does not pose an economic threat to the U.S.

Skeptics, however, scoff at the notion that the visit will do away with that tariff. The politically sensitive issue essentially subsidizes American corn growers who are rapidly raking up ethanol production amid Washington’s encouragement of renewable biofuels to ease U.S. dependence on imported petroleum.

But the visit will help Bush and Silva Join forces to promote the politically popular issue of renewable energy simply by gathering in a place where ethanol is king.

Ibuprofen works best in children

CHICAGO — Deciding which medicine to give a child in pain just got easier: The first study to determine that ibuprofen works best, at least for kids with broken bones, bruises and sprains.

Available generically and under the brand names Advil and Motrin, ibuprofen beat generic acetaminophen and codeine in an emergency room study of 300 children treated at a Canadian children’s hospital.

The youngsters, aged 6 to 17, were randomly assigned to receive standard doses of one of the three medicines. They then periodically rated their pain. Half an hour later, ratings were compared before and after taking the medicine. At 30 minutes.

IBUPROfen had dropped 24 points, compared to half as much for those who got acetaminophen and codeine.

"Markets never move in any one direction forever in a straight line. And so I look at it and put it in perspective at this point," he said.

The deal is still being negotiated, but it and put it in perspective at this point. 'Is it worth it and put it in perspective at this point,' he said. ‘Is this going to be sustainable? How? When?'

Now I’m looking at it and I’m interested in looking at a situation where it looks like we’re substantially greater pain relief than the other two groups.

Children rated their pain on a 100-point scale before and after taking the medicine. At 60 minutes afterward, scores for children who got ibuprofen had dropped 24 points, compared with 12 points for the acetaminophen group and 11 points for the codeine group. The differences remained at 120 minutes.

Unpaid U.S. taxes amount to billions

WASHINGTON — Think of the taxes of $300 billion, the annual gap between what taxpayers owe and what they pay. It would more than cover the federal deficit for a year or the extra money President Bush wants to spend on drugs and Alzheimer’s disease.

It would pay for the $125 billion that Congress has agreed to spend on Hurricane Katrina relief, with enough left over for the next three years worth of federal education programs.

Such are the hopes of lawmakers asking the IRS to get aggressive about solving what is known as Washington as "the tax gap." However, scoff at the notion that there is a pot of gold waiting to be claimed. They say it is an illusion as long as nothing is done about the complicated federal tax system.

An IRS study last year concluded that the tax gap in 2001 was $345 billion. Of that, $197 billion came from underreporting on individual income tax returns and $88 billion from under- reporting by corporations and the self-employed. The rest came from those not filing.

BRAZIL

Bush seeks foreign ethanol ‘alliance’

SÃO PAULO — Just a hour’s drive outside this traffic-choked metropolis where President Bush kicks off a Latin American tour Thursday, sugar cane fields stretch for hundreds of miles, providing the ethanol that fuels the diversity of a nation.

"I think we are interested in meeting the growth rates and having a growth," he said. "This is going to be a very healthy labor market. Inflation is going to be sustainable. And what really makes a difference is the average worker is now beginning to feel the benefits. Real income is up 2.1 percent for the average American worker over the last year."
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black and minority students expand across the campus’ arts and student government realms — an observation confirmed by the Pasquella East Musical Company (PEMCo.) production of “Ragtime” last month.

“Ragtime” organizers assembled a cast that was approximately one-fifth black, making it one of the University’s most racially integrated collaborations outside a football field or a basketball court in recent years, Johnson said.

Junior Anna Majzlik, director of Acting and Outreach for “Ragtime,” said a handful of black students were hesitant to participate or objected to the show during its organization, a result of the language to participate or objected to the show. However, she did not receive any complaints following the premiere of “Ragtime.”

“I believe ‘Ragtime’ was the tip of the iceberg. I believe it’s already happening because there is a socially conscious population of minority and majority students.”

Chandra Johnson
director
Cross Campus Ministry

The production was an important stride toward expanding the artistic abilities of black students to the rest of the University community.

“I already knew the African-American many people saw for the first time in ‘Ragtime’ were accomplished performers, because in what you would call ‘the black community’ they had a stage experience in high school, Black Images or Black Koffeehouse,” he said.

“However, no one else on the campus would’ve known about their talents without ‘Ragtime.’”

Another “Ragtime” co-star, sophomore Ashley Cook, also said the talents of the black community on campus were relatively unknown outside that community until “Ragtime.”

“Every ethnic group has its own show here, and that’s great because it strengthens the sense of cultural identity. But the problem is that your talents are displayed only to your racial group,” she said.

However, Floyd Rose said he had stayed within the black community until he participated in “Ragtime.”

“I’ve always been isolated in my own community, but when you branch out it’s really a wonderful experience because you meet so many wonderful people from all colors who really care about you and want to work with you to achieve something bigger,” he said.

Group-specific programming
Iris Outlaw, director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS), said it already existed on campus.

“I already knew the African-American students in my own community, but because you meet so many wonderful people from all colors, I don’t necessarily discuss ethnicity. Different groups from different racial backgrounds already participate in events that don’t directly pertain to their ethnicity, she said, citing past appearances of the Saint Mary’s Irish Dance Team and the black First Class Lady Sneakers in Latin Expressions, a celebration of Hispanic tradition.

Junior Michelle Mas, one of the masters of ceremonies at Latin Expressions, said there is a tradition of cross-racial collaboration in Notre Dame’s ethnic programming.

Under the umbrella of the MSPS, she said, a variety of ethnicities come together because “we understand the importance of each other’s cultural heritage, but more importantly, I don’t think these group-specific programs are targeted at specific groups anymore. Everybody is mingling simply because it’s the natural thing to do since those racial barriers from the past are being broken a little more every day.”

Mas said junior Anya Hershberger and senior Jason Johnson will choreograph certain acts in Latin Expressions, though neither student is Hispanic.

However, Outlaw and Johnson agreed there is a need on campus to promote cross-racial programming. That’s what Notre Dame could be in the future. A place where all could accept each other and respect each other’s gifts and come together as one.”

Floyd Rose
sophomore

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consumed. She also men-
tioned a survey in Women's Health magazine that said that black women are less likely to exercise. "Think about what you eat, how much you eat," Shavers said. "Just move, get some exercise."

During the question and answer session, Shavers advised women who feel busy with the demands of college to start taking steps toward making better health choices now, but to take things slowly and let themselves "sort of mess up without blaming yourselves." In another question from the audience, panel members were asked how they "cope" with the challenges posed by both their gender and race.

"Whenever I think I am having a tough time, I remember there is so much to be grateful for," Shavers said. "Even in challenges, there is so much opportunity to grow."

Focusing on another aspect of personal well-being, assistant professor of marketing Constance Porter examined financial issues faced by black women and financial risk taking. Porter, who never planned on entering the teaching profession, has worked as a banker and consultant.

Porter said in a recent study controlled for age and education, black women were investing their money too conservatively.

"I was shocked to find this out, barring age, barring education and barring income levels," she said.

Looking at issues involving black women and religion, Associate Director of Campus Ministry and Director of Cross Cultural Ministry Chandra Johnson spoke about spirituality, something she cultured in herself from family experiences that included both pain and love.

"As a spirit-filled woman of African descent, I depend on my ancestors to tell me what I need to know to sustain my relationship with God into the twenty-first century," Johnson said. "God has a relationship with each and every one of you in a particular way."

To Johnson, spirituality gives a sense of resilience. "Because we're made in God's image and likeness, there is nothing in this world that could destroy you unless you let it," Johnson said.

A similar idea of resilience was echoed in College of Business advisor Gina Shropshire's advice to take advantage of all available academic opportunities — even though she acknowledged it can be frustrating being the only black student in a given classroom.

Since women were still new to Notre Dame when Shropshire started at the University as an undergradu-ate, the thought of pursuing a career in higher education as a female never really crossed her mind. Now, she urges young black females to give the profession serious thought.

"We need the intellectualism, we need the fresh ideas," she said, commending current female black stu-
dents for improving the University from the past. "I see (female African American) students come to campus, and you own it."

As Shropshire admired the ability of black women to own their roles on campus, Director of Multicultural Student Programs and Services Iris Outlaw urged them to become more active in the community. She suggested seeking opportunities to mentor others or becoming involved in boards accomplishing this goal.

Taking an active role in the community can "help you see beyond just Notre Dame and you going out and getting a job," Outlaw said. "Also encouraging black females to take an active role outside of their immediate surroundings, political science and Africana Studies professor Dianne Pinderhughes recommended that black women consider a career in politics — a topic that she said is organized around her research. Pinderhughes said data on elected officials of color from 2001 showed, 'a little more than one third of total black elected officials were female.'

Every time there is a new election, she said, the proportion of black females elected becomes higher. Pinderhughes told audience members that they can be part of this.

"You have a role in that ahead of you," Pinderhughes said.

Pinderhughes, who suggested that black females consider the roles of elected officials, appointed officers and roles in administrative agencies, expects black women to play an increasingly important role in the future of politics.

"One of our hypotheses is that black women will be important in developing political coalitions," she said.

Law student Tina Ferguson, who helped establish Shades of Ebony in 2002, moderated the discussion.

Also encouraging black females to enter the political arena, student government president Valari Pinderhughes, who never thought she would attend a school as large as Notre Dame, advised women who feel busy to take things slowly and allow themselves to "cope."
Crime and punishment at Notre Dame

In some ways, much of Notre Dame life is structured around a complex bureaucracy whose sole purpose is to distribute punishments to all of the bad boys and girls on campus. Penal institutions like DoAdd, Ref's Bar, Bakers, Alt's, NoSIP, Bill Kirk and the North Circle in particular serve to warn the student body that just because college is a parentless sanctuary doesn’t mean that we all get to run around naked worshiping a pig’s head on a stick. Unfortunately, acting up here will get you far more than a spanking and a time out in your bedroom. Just ask Kyle McClary.

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Forty Dances to Falco

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't punish allergy sufferers

I would like to ask that The Observer submit Patrick Wolohan's Letter to the Editor "Sympathy for allergy sufferers," March 21 to the Office of Residence Life and Housing or be brought to the attention of someone who could rectify this situation. It is absolutely unreasonable for any dorm to have a pet if some of its residents may be allergic to that pet.

Wolohan makes an excellent point in that students with allergies are often placed in the newer air-conditioned dorms such as PE to prevent severe allergic reactions. These dorms specifically are much more likely to have residents who are allergic to a dorm pet because of this, and should not have to put up with the possibility of the hall staff suddenly getting a new pet they're allergic to.

Wolohan suggests that there be specific dorms for animal lovers. While this could be a valid solution it perhaps goes too far in that it would require selection of a dorm, which Notre Dame obviously has done away with. Instead there should be some sort of University policy that dorms are especially placed students with allergies in should not be allowed to have pets that a resident could possibly be allergic to.

People may not realize this, and I may not be fully aware of how the dog's presence affects the girls' allergies, but here at Notre Dame your dorm is supposed to be your second home. Voluntary transfers from dorm to dorm are not very commonplace here because of this. Thus, forcing students with allergies to either leave the dorm or deal with whatever allergic reactions they may have is the equivalent of a punishment for having an allergy and that's not right.

Joanna Lees
Roll State University

More faulty logic surrounding Saint Mary's policies

In the March 2 Staff Editorial ("New housing policy problematic"), the Editorial authors accused the Saint Mary's administration of "faulty logic" in their recent decision to require incoming students to live on campus for six semesters. I would like to respectfully note that, whatever the status of the administration's logic, The Observer's editorial itself suffers from faulty logic, which I see in two primary places.

The editorial begins by noting that no college student likes to be told what to do, and that therefore the Saint Mary's residential policy decision "will undoubtedly create problems for the entire College community." This statement's premise is an over-generalization; further, "undoubtedly" and "entire" are strong terms, which communicate that the authors presume to know how each Saint Mary's community member will respond to the policy after a reasonable examination of its pros and cons.

Then, toward the end of the editorial, the authors imply that freedom of residential choice is a plus in the minds of all current and prospective students. As one who (happily) chose to attend a liberal arts university with a six-semester residential requirement, I am not certain that the new policy will frustrate students and scare off some top applicants. Current students are able to choose how they will respond to the policy, and some prospective students may choose to apply precisely because of the enhanced community experience they think they will experience in the six-semester requirement.

I certainly agree that students' behaviors are not solely determined by proximity to a campus. I also agree that the policy's ripple effects likely have benefitted from a greater inclusion of student input. If this new policy is implemented (and I make no judgements as to its appropriateness), the reaction to the policy by current students (those not directly affected by the policy) will influence the attitudes of future students who will be affected as the two groups interact in the next three years. As we have recently been reminded, Saint Mary's students are proud members of their community; they should not allow this type of faulty thinking to influence their own independent decision-making regarding their campus and its policies.

Patrick David Kneip
Saint Mary's College

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Learn to live with others

Living, as I do, in an accommodating community and attending an accommodating university, I sometimes forget how unreasonable some people can be when it comes to their beliefs. I forget that there are people who can't stand the fact that others have different opinions about the eternal destination of their soul. I forget that there are people who don't know how to stand firm in their own system without imposing it on someone else. Unfortunately, it's never long before something comes along to remind me.

For instance, last week a religious group in Great Britain issued a list of demands asking Britain's public school system to ban activities that did not follow their religion. Among these activities are dancing, art that depicts human figures, music lessons, science lessons, sex education, swimming, required vaccinations and playground games. The group also demanded that all students be required to learn about the religion in question — but students of this religion would be allowed to leave the room when information about other religions was taught.

To top it off, this religious group — which will stay unnamed because if I name it I'll get nasty comments, and I can do without the stress — is a relative newcomer to Great Britain and is comprised mostly of immigrants. This adds insult to injury as they seek to impose their system on the nation which took them in. One wonders how well an English religious group would do in this group's countries of origin.

The bigger question, though, is why can't the people in this group — bear me out, now — just quietly assimilate? Stop screaming and let me explain. Immigration is when a person leaves his home country, behind and moves to a new country. The idea behind this is that conditions in the new country will be better than the conditions in the old country.

Nowhere is it written that the newcomer gets to make the rules. There's no reason immigrants can't keep their religion peaceful; plurality is part of what makes the West unique among world cultures — but there's every reason for him not to force it on his neighbors. Such action only breeds resentment and ends in bitterness and violence. Plus, it's just not nice.

One major indicator of a culture's development is its tolerance for other cultures. Personal maturity is likewise indicated by an individual's ability to stand firm in his own beliefs without feeling threatened by an opposing viewpoint. If someone moves to another country and feels his religion threatened, maybe his faith wasn't as strong as he'd thought. If a person is always cooched in a comforting blanket of like-minded people, he has no reason to examine his faith. Exposure to other ideas, however, can have one of two effects: it either tempers the man's faith like water on hot steel, or it shatters it.

The way to avoid shattering, of course, is to learn more about one's own faith and learn to stand as an individual. Unfortunately, some don't seem to have grasped this concept, choosing instead to silence those who disagree with them — a reaction equal to stuffing their fingers in their ears and shouting "I can't hear you!" when free discourse should be valued above silence.

Let's try that way.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

Whitaker dominates 'Last King of Scotland'

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Scene Critic

When a great actor seizes control of a career-defining role, he does more than mimic actions and words. He lives, eats and breathes that person's life.

Screen legend Marlon Brando was renowned for the depths to which he'd sink in pursuit of honing his craft. For his first screen appearance in the 1950 film "The Men," Brando spent a month in bed at a veterans' hospital to prepare himself for the role of Lieutenant Bud Wilozek, a bitter paraplegic and World War II survivor. Brando did more than play Wilozek. He became him.

Fifty-six years later, Forest Whitaker went the same lengths in his pursuit of brutal Ugandan dictator Idi Amin for "The Last King of Scotland." Whitaker mastered Amin's East African accent and learned Swahili. He met Amin's family and friends. He spent hours poring over books and watching documentary footage, studying the man and his methods. How much more does Whitaker go further and further into the deep, dark recesses of Amin's mind to bring his tyrannical, corrupt self to the screen?

"The Last King of Scotland"

Director: Kevin MacDonald
Will Poulter and Jeremy Brock
Starring: Forest Whitaker, James McAvoy, Kerry Washington, Gillian Anderson

"The Last King of Scotland" is adver-

...tised as a scary movie, it functions far better as an unraveling mystery movie, closer in vein to Christopher Nolan's "Memento." It certainly falls to a distant second when compared to the far superior "Memento," but even with its numerous fluffing flaws, "The Number 23" is still an enjoyable ride that brings both laughs and chills to the audience — it wanted to bring the chills but not the laughs.

By BRIAN DOXTATER
Scene Editor

Humans have 23 pairs of chromosomes. The earth is tilted at a 23-degree angle. Psalm 23 is the best-known Psalm. In Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," Caesar was stabbed 23 times. Michael Jordan wore the number 23, and Toppy Krets and McAvoy, but McAvoy's character never plays a second role to Whitaker's Amin in the overall plot of the film, which is both an asset and a distraction for director Kevin MacDonald.

The problem with this movie, ironically, is that Whitaker is too good. Having recently been crowned with a Best Actor Oscar for his work, Whitaker delivers the performance of a lifetime here. In multiple scenes, he transitions seamlessly from a booming, mighty laugh to a frozen, tense look when angered, his face contorting with rage.

Whitaker's Amin can never be ignored, and his absence in the film's midsection is palpable as the narrative drags without him. Sadly, Garrigan is a footnote in the director Kevin MacDonald's film. We're so enamored of Whitaker's Amin that we wait with baited breath for the lion's return, each time we're teased with Garrigan's misfortunes. Pierce, dominating and captivating, Whitaker's performance in "The Last King of Scotland" will outlive the film itself in the years to come. Like Brando and the great screen actors of old, Whitaker does more that play Amin in this biographical effort. He becomes him, stamping his fearsome visage upon Amin's face before our very eyes.

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"The Number 23" chills audiences despite acting, writing flaws

By BRIAN DOXTATER
Scene Editor

Whitaker dominates 'Last King of Scotland'

The Number 23

Director: Joel Schumacher
Written by: Jeremy Phillips
Starring: Jim Carrey, Virginia Madsen, Logan Lerman, Danny Huston

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James McAvoy has one of tho hardest tasks in the film as Ugandan dictator Idi Amin. For his portrayal of Amin, Whitaker won the Oscar for Best Actor.

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Human rights activist Nicholas Garrigan (James McAvoy), a young, idealistic Scotsman who arrives in Uganda to aid a rural hospital. When he's called upon to treat a minor injury to Amin, Garrigan impresses the newly appointed Ugandan president with his candor.

"23" chills audiences despite acting, writing flaws

The script, written by first-time scribe Fernando Phillips, is alternately clever and idiotic. Why he felt the need to give everyone ridiculous names is almost unfathomable. The wife's name is Agatha Sparrow, not Agatha (Sparrow, not Amin). The son's name is Robin Sparrow, the professor's name is Isaac French and the book on McAvoy's character never plays a second role to Whitaker's Amin in the overall plot of the film, which is both an asset and a distraction for director Kevin MacDonald.

The Number 23 has a lot of significance in numerology, and some of the coincidences pointed out in the film are interesting (9/11/2001, 9 + 11 = 2 + 1 = 23, for instance), but the film often stretches to make it all work.

Still, "The Number 23" clips along at a nice pace until its bizarre resolution. The scenes that occur within the narrative of the novel "The Number 23" are stylish and well-directed. On the whole, however, "The Number 23" is closer to "Phone Booth" than it is to "Batman and Robin" and that's a very good thing — Schumacher keeps his excesses in check, especially in the scenes set in reality.

It's obvious that Jim Carrey is trying to stretch out his acting muscles into more dramatic roles, an extension of his well-received turn in 2004's "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless
WASHINGTON HALL REVIEW

‘Oregon Trail’ revels in wacky ride to the West

By TAE ANDREWS
Assistant Scene Editor

A snappy script, a grab bag of slapstick gags and a whole lot of improvization combine to make "The Oregon Trail" the rootin'est tootin'est comedy this side Manifest Destiny. Written by A.J. Allegra and put on by the St. Edward's Hall Players at Washington Hall this past weekend, this#create your preview#comedy captured the fun of the computer game while managing to ridicule it at the same time, all in the spirit of the wild, wild west.

After loading up his wagon "like Wilkes Boice loaded up his Lincoln," frontman Ezekiel (Drew McMulligan) takes his family on a joyride out West in pursuit of a gold strike. For the ride are Ezekiel's wife Martha (Laura Godlewski), his swashbuckling, frontiersman son Judah (Mike Anderson) and flamboyant and scantily-clad drama king Jebediah (Nathan M. Lorch). In addition, the rootin'est tootin'est comedy this side Manifest Destiny is completed by the presence of wacky characters as they ford rivers, ride mules and play pranks.

The Oregon Trail's 19th-century adventure is a wacky and lewd讲述 of strange animals make it into the wagon's three-dozen oxen into gear. The show also used a myriad of costumes to keep the gags coming, as a near-naked Dancing Indian (James McMillan), the Statue of Liberty (Emily Ruhisaaru), a can of Spam and all manner of strange animals make it into the mix. For the audience, the main challenge of "The Oregon Trail" was keeping up with its wild and crazy cast as the jokes kept flying on this wild ride.

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Dave Matthews gives UK some American jam

In the United States, Dave Matthews is famous for his Albemarle brand of rock music that blends jazz-influenced jams with funky acoustic guitar. With his summer tours, Matthews has sold out amphitheaters and stadiums around the country — drawing thousands of college and high school students, revelers to parking lots and massive lawns all over the US. Due to his American successes, Matthews has won three Grammy awards and sold millions of albums. Yet in the United Kingdom, Matthews is able to walk into a pub anonymously. Just as British pop star Robbie Williams was never able to break big across the pond, so too has Matthews struggled to build a fanbase on the UK and Europe as a whole.

Despite this, he recently played a concert in a tiny theater that is a part of the Royal Festival Hall in London, England, playing to a small crowd of 1500 and a few dedicated American fans that made the trek.

The concert was listed as a solo acoustic, but he surprised the audience by having his long-time friend and guitar accompanist Boyd Tinsley for the entire show. Reynolds is notable for showing up the top billing with Matthews on the multi-platinum 1999 release "Live at Luther College" and for encouraging Matthews to start a band after teaching the young South African how to play the guitar during Matthews early days as a musician in Virginia.

The cast of "The Oregon Trail" displays the eclectic and random nature of the play, from the moving tree, far right, to Matt the general store owner, center in apron. The Observer

More nature in both appearance and sound, Matthews has grown visibly older since the heady days of his early career that revolved around sex and drugs. The magic of Matthews' music is still strong, though it seems to have lost some of its quirky songwriting seen on classics like "What Would You Say?" — songs like "Oh" and "Smooth Rider," although pleasant, are by no means anthems like past hits "Ants Marching" or "Tripping Billies."

It became clear during the show, especially during complex numbers like "Satellite" and "Lie in our Graves" that it was wise to bring Reynolds along to deepen Matthews own sound. Matthews reveled in playing his newer songs, especially those from his solo album "Some Devil." He also debut a yet-to-be-named song during the encore that could indicate a new DMB that is venturing into alternative territory for their next studio album, adding a little spice to the normal DMB formula. The other songs played were "Sister," a touching ode to his sister Jane and "Cost Stop," a slightly more upbeat tune that he played on his electric guitar instead of his signature acoustic.

The point of this tour is not to promote a specific record, although Matthews did play songs including the autobiographical "Old Dirt Hill" off 2006's "Stand Up," but to reach a new audience. Matthews, like most successful selling groups, set up shop with local patriots during his week on everything from selling British beaches he's visited to acting and playing piano with British television star Hugh Laurie during Matthews' guest appearance on Fox's "House M.D."

Before the show, Matthews, who now lives in Seattle, was in a Starbucks near Newcastle's town center, getting a cup of American coffee in a small corner of northern England. No bodyguard, no screaming fans — just a normal guy getting a coffee while British read their newspapers.

Matthews is building his British and European fan-base, albeit slowly, at his own pace, playing in tiny, off-the-beaten-path venues andeschewing expensive advertising. Talking to him briefly after the show, it's clear he likes it like that, giving the Brits some jam with their tea and bread — winning them over on their terms, not his.

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

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St. John’s beats Friars, ends Big East season
Louisville finishes second in the conference; North Carolina downs rival Duke; Clemson spoils Hokies’ ACC title run

NEW YORK — Qa’raaan Calhoun had 21 points to help St. John’s snap a 10-game losing streak to Providence with a 77-64 win Sunday in the Red Storm’s regular-season finale at Madison Square Garden. Anthony Mason added 17 points for the Red Storm (16-4, 7-9 Big East), who had lost their last three games.

Herbert Hill scored 27 points on 12-of-16 shooting for the Friars (15-11, 8-8). Dwanl Williams added 12 points and Shaquill Cary had 10.

St. John’s, which has not played in the conference tournament since 2003, will face Marquette in the opening round Wednesday at Madison Square Garden. Providence faces West Virginia.

Red Storm center Lamont Hamilton hyper-extended his left knee in a collision with Mason at 6:07 of the first half and did not return. An MRI is scheduled for Monday to determine the cause of the injury.

St. John’s went on a 21-14 run in the rest of the half behind Mason’s eight points, which included a pair of 3-pointers, for a 38-32 lead at the break.

Calhoun closed a 15-0 run to start the second half with a 3-pointer, increasing the Red Storm’s lead to 53-37 at 16:05. Eugene Lawrence and Mason added 3-pointers in the run.

Louisville 86, Seton Hall 71
A year ago, during Louisville’s tumultuous transition to the Big East, coach Rick Pitino wondered if the Cardinals truly belonged in one of the nation’s toughest conferences.

He doesn’t wonder anymore.

The 16th-ranked Cardinals capped their remarkable turnaround around season with a win over Seton Hall on Sunday, propelling Louisville (25-8, 12-4) into second-place in the Big East and erasing any lingering doubts Pitino had about his team’s toughness.

“We’re not a legitimate Big East team, and we weren’t last year,” Pitino said. “In just eight months, we’ve changed that whole mindset.”

It’s a mindset Pitino thinks will serve the Cardinals well in the upcoming Big East tournament, and one they showcased against a game Seton Hall squad that barely looked like a team playing out the string.

The Pirates (13-16, 4-12) nearly matched the Cardinals’ tempo. They played a game that saw plenty of pushing and shoving, four technical fouls and an early exit for Seton Hall coach Bobby Hurley.

Montrezl Harrell was ejected after picking up his second technical foul with 51 seconds remaining.

“We wanted to go down swinging, go down fighting,” Gonzalez said. “That’s what our team did all year. That was our identity.”

By the time Gonzalez began the slow walk to the locker room, Georges Anatole was shaking his head at the Pirates, who stayed close behind a career-high 29 points from Brian Laing and some red hot shooting. The Pirates made 43 points from behind the arc, including 9 3-pointers, but cooled off down the stretch, missing their last eight as Louisville relied on its depth to pull away.

“It was close, they tried to scrap it out,” said Louisville guard Brandon Jenkins, who scored 17 points.

Hansbrough crumpled to the floor with 14.5 seconds left, when Hansbrough crumpled to the floor. Blood poured from his nose and the Cardinals called a timeout.

Hansbrough was taken to the locker room in pain, screaming in the hallway.

“My knee just went,” Hansbrough said. “I didn’t see it happen. I just knew that I had a leg injury that looked worse than it really was in the closing seconds of the No. 9 Tar Heels’ win over the No. 14-ranked Duke on Sunday, clinching the top seed in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

Terry added 15 points in his final home game for the Tar Heels (25-6, 11-5), who swept the regionalseries with the Blue Devils for the first time in 11 years, avoided their first three-game slide under Roy Williams and gave the home team coach his 100th victory at his alma mater.

But perhaps the lasting image of the intense rivalry was Hansbrough’s bloodstained face, a scary spectacle that evoked memories of center Eric Montross’ bleeding, shaven head as the team’s star an 1992. The latest injury came with 14.5 seconds left, when Hansbrough leaped for a layup. After the ball left his hand, he was struck in the face by Gerald Henderson’s right elbow.

“He got our guys in the air, and I came down on him,” Henderson said. “It’s unfortunate that it turned out like it did, but I wasn’t trying to hurt the kid or anything. It just turned worse than it was.”

Hansbrough crumpled to the ground, his nose bleeding onto the floor and down his face, before he jumped to his feet momentarily and had to be restrained from Duke’s players while he was taken to the locker room. The officials reviewed the play and ejected Henderson, then later said in a joint statement that under NCAA rules he would be suspended for one game.

Clemson 75, Virginia Tech 74
Cliff Hammonds showed it could take the heat.

The Tigers withstood second-half pressure from No. 21 Virginia Tech on Sunday for a victory that prevented the Hokies from capturing a share of the Atlantic Coast Conference’s regular-season title.

“We’re not a clutch team, but we needed this win and we got it,” said K.C. Rivers, who led the Tigers (21-9, 7-9) with 22 points and scored the decisive 3-pointer with 18 seconds remaining. Rivers, whose season average is 13 points, was 5-for-7 from 3-point range and hit all three of his second-half attempts.

Cliff Hammonds added 17 points and six assists for the Tigers in the ACC’s regular-season finale for both teams.

“Given the couple of big plays down the stretch,” said Hammonds, who had three 3-pointers.

The Tigers shot 61 percent in the second half, including 75 percent from behind the arc. The Hokies (20-10, 10-6) shot 64 percent after halftime, but only 39 percent from 3-point range.

“This is a tough road win, as good a win as we’ve had all year,” said Tigers coach Oliver Purnell.

Zahlan Dowdell led Virginia Tech with 25 points. Jamar Gordan added 14 points. Both are seniors who were among five honored by Tech at the beginning of the game.

“It’s a fine line between winning and losing,” Hokies coach Seth Greenberg said. “We were in position. We just didn’t tough enough on one or two plays defensively.”

Except at the very beginning, the Hokies didn’t lead until Dowdell stole the ball and ran the length of the court for a basket to make it 66-65 with 5:48 remaining. Clemson took the lead back as Hammond hit a basket and a 3-pointer, and led 70-66 with 3:10 left.

Dowdell then had four points as the Hokies went on a 6-0 run to regain the lead at 72-70. Rivers made a 3-pointer to give Clemson a one-point lead with 2:11 left, only to have Dowdell respond with a 3-pointer of his own to give Virginia Tech a 74-73 lead with 47 seconds left.

The Tigers built a 26-11 lead, thanks to a 5-0 run, with 10:08 left in the first half. But Dowdell then got hot, scoring 15 points as the Hokies narrowed the deficit to 35-32 at halftime.

St. John’s forward Qa’raaan Calhoun takes a shot in the Red Storm’s 77-64 win over Providence Sunday.

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**ND set to take on Huskies**

By DEIRDRE KRASULA

No. 8 Notre Dame will look to finish its home indoor sea­son undefeated when it takes on No. 15 Washington today at 4 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Even though the team has gone 6-0 at home, posting wins over top­ranked teams including No. 22 Michigan, No. 12 Duke and No. 10 Florida State, Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss is focused solely on the match.

"I'm more concerned about Washington than what our home record is," he said. The Huskies, who have several left-handers on their roster, will challenge the Irish from the beginning. Seniors Alex Slovic and Daniel Chu are two of the left-handers likely to test Notre Dame on the courts at No. 1 doubles.

"They play great doubles," Bayliss said. "They serve big and they try to take away the middle of the court." Bobby Bayliss
Irish head coach

Bayliss is also confident in the rest of the singles lineup.

Sophomore Brett Holzogen and seniors Ryan Keckley and Barry King can all play at No. 3 singles and have alternated throughout the season. The only set player is junior Andrew Roth, who anchors the Irish at the No. 6 position. "(Roth) has really been our sparkplug this year," Bayliss said. "He's got more energy than anybody and he's been a pretty effective number six as well as playing good doubles."

Even though Bayliss expects the team to do well in both doubles and singles play, Notre Dame will still look to make a powerful showing against Washington. The Huskies are likely to challenge the Irish from the beginning, and Bayliss said his team has to be prepared to answer with strong rallies.

"We really need to hold our ground and try to be as aggressive as we can and push them around a little bit," he said. A win over Washington would mark the seventh win at home for the Irish in the indoor spring season—a task Bayliss said is vital to the team's overall success. "We would like to see a higher percentage of first serves, more aggressive net play and the ability to count­er on returns," Bayliss said. "It's important that we really conclude the indoor portion of our schedule with a strong win."

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**Irish lose to Big Red for third straight year**

By PAT O'BRIEN

Notre Dame will have to wait another year to defeat Cornell. After falling twice to the Big Red by one and three goals in the last two years, the Irish lost to Cornell 13-8 Saturday in Hewlett, N.Y.

Cornell (3-6-1) had the Irish down 12-3 in the third quarter on two 5­goal streaks. The last quarter and a half featured a Notre Dame (12-1) streak of five goals to the Big Red’s one, but it was a little too late.

"We came out flat and got outplayed in all aspects," Irish junior goaltender Joey Kemp said. "They generated a lot of offense from their midfield, and we didn’t do so as much." Attacks David Mitchell and Brian Clayton led the Big Red with four points apiece, while fellow attacks Eric Pittard and John Glynn added two goals and one assist. Midfielders Henry Bartlett and Chris Finn each netted two more goals in the win.

The Irish were led by fresh­man attacker Will Yeatman, who scored two goals and added an assist. Senior attack­er Brian Hubbard once again tallied two goals of his own in the defeat. Junior mid­fielder Michael Podgajny con­tributed one goal and an assist, while sophomore attacker Ryan Hoff, senior midfielder Lucius Polk and sophomore attacker Peter Christmas all aided with a goal each.

"This shows us a lot about what we need to improve," Polk said. "The loss is bad, but we now know how to get better."

Notre Dame continues its five­game road trip with a visit to Chapel Hill to play No. 10 North Carolina (3-1) Saturday. 

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**ND SWIMMING**

**Divers struggle on Day 2**

By GREG ARBOGAST  Sports Writer

In the span of a few hours, Notre Dame went from being two divers in the three-meter diving, held Saturday morning, sophomore score of 614.15 points that performances. dropped

Notre Dame kept rolling this weekend, soundly defeating two more top 25 opponents. The No. 2 Irish knocked off No. 23 Texas A&M 5-2 and No. 19 Texas 7-0, improving to 12-1 in dual match play.

Against the top-25 this season, the Irish are 9-1 and have now won 27 consecutive matches at home — a new school record.

“We played O.K. against A&M,” Notre Dame coach Jay Louderback said. “They’re a scrappy group and their tough to play at times, but I thought against Texas we played very well.

“We won a lot of close matches against a team that’s very good.”

Against the Aggies, the Irish had trouble grabbing the doubles point. No. 5 seniors Christine and Carrie Nixon played well enough for a 12th place finish.

“We made a lot of errors. We tried to overhit the ball instead of using a little bit more feel and throwing the lob in,” match said. “We did start doing it eventually.”

The Thompsons stocked back and captured six of the next seven games to grab an early victory, while Notre Dame’s third doubles team of freshmen Kalir Krisik and Carmen Gobanu clinched the doubles point with an 8-3 victory over Aggie junior Anna Blagodarova and freshman Michelle Simmons. Gobanu and Krisik ended the weekend with a 10-3 record in their doubles play for the season.

“Our one and two doubles teams are pretty strong and so when we play teams, we tend to see some pretty good No. 3 teams because they figure they can beat us,” Louderback said. “Opponents tend to load up at No. 3 doubles and [Gobanu and Krisik] play very well there.”

Buck and Tefft eventually lost their match 8-6 but Notre Dame still took a 1-0 lead. The Irish then continued their season long strong singles play against the Aggies. Notre Dame freshman Colleen Riley pulled off a hard-fought three set victory against Poster 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 to give the Irish their fourth point and the victory.

“Just started slow. The match before that she did fine,” Louderback said. “Once she gets going though, she can get on a roll and games go by pretty fast.”

“Year in,” said her doubles partner. “Called her doubles partner. “She came back in that match and that was big because at the time, we needed that.”

At No. 1 singles, Cartria Thompson relented to Lubinski in the third set after the match had already been decided and Tefft her match to Blagodarova giving the Aggies their two points.

Against the Longhorns, the Irish again captured two of three doubles matches to claim and early 1-0 lead. Tefft and Riley each dispatched of their opponents with relative ease to make the score 3-0 Cartria Thompson then clinched the victory with a 7-6 (3), 6-4 victory against Texas freshman Verona Lorincz.

Christian Thompson held off a surge from Texas junior Courtney Zaufi to win 6-1, 2-6, 6-3 to give the Irish a 5-0 advantage.

Back then won her match against Longhorn senior Batine Olson 6-2, 6-7 (4), 7-5 to improve to 8-1 this season.

Gobanu rounded out the scor- with a convincing three-hour long, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5) win over Texas freshman Stephanie Davison. Gobanu has now won all 13 of her dual matches this season.

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**ND WOMEN’S TENNIS**

**Irish take down two top-25 teams at home**

By CHRIS HINE  Sports Writer

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SOFTBALL

Irish win three of four in Jacksonville road trip

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Our Dame found its winning formula this weekend at the Jacksonville Tournament, taking three games and suffering only one close loss in Florida.

The Irish (7-7) started the tournament Friday with a 4-1 win over Virginia (8-8). Sophomore Erin Glascow connected with a two-run double and Cavaliers hurler Logh Tolhar in the first inning, giving the Irish all the runs they would need.

Irish sophomore Brittany Bargar gave up only one unearned run on the back nine innings. Bargar scattered six hits while going the distance for the win.

Notre Dame infielder Stephanie Brown continued her hot hitting, going 3-for-4 with a run scored.

The No. 13 Wolverines (19-1) did not arrive in Ithaca until mid-week. Michigan ace Lorilyn Bargar threw another complete game, going 3-for-4 with a run scored.

Michigan ace Lorilyn Bargar scattered six hits while allowing just one run. Fuemmeler was the closer, striking out 13 in the shutout.
**Records broken at Loftus**

By BILL BRINK

Sprint Winner

The men's 4x400 meter relay team set a school record Saturday at the two-day Alex Wilson Invitational, held at the Loftus Sports Center, with a time of 3:08.38.

The relay team's mark, which qualified it to possibly make the NCAA Championships this Friday in Fayetteville, Ark., was one of several school, meet and personal records set over the weekend.

"I just think the mile relay was the race of the day for us," Irish coach Joe Piane said. "It's a long time coming for those guys to get qualified for the NCAA."

The team, composed of senior Jordan Powell, junior Austin Wechter, junior Bob Kueny and senior Ryan Pastel, finished second in the race. Ranked No. 12 in the nation after Saturday's race, they find out tonight if they will compete in the NCAA Championships.

The distance medley relay also performed well, finishing in 3:35.71 — good for the ninth-fastest time in the country. Wechter, senior Todd Parack, junior John Cavanaugh and junior Jake Wilson placed seventh in the event Saturday.

"That was fantastic. They did a great job," Piane said. "And it ensures that they're going to be at the NCAAs."

Irish runners had success in the individual events as well. Fifth-year senior Molly Huddle won the 5,000 meters with a time of 16:31.54. This was only Huddle's second race of the year, since she was competing in Bulgaria on the women's 5,000 meters at the Oslo Indoor Games.

"It's obviously a good experience for me to see how I'm doing," Huddle said. "I've been injured for quite a while and now she's obviously healthy and ready to compete for the highest level."

Josie Puletti ran the 400 meters in 54.23 seconds, her best time on the season, and finished in sixth place. That time is the second-fastest in Notre Dame indoor track history and also qualifies him for the NCAA Championships. Sophomore Patrick Smith posted a career-best time of 8:01.32 in the 3,000 meters.

Having previously qualified for the NCAA Championships in the mile and senior Thomas Chammany will run the 800 meters at the Championships. In total, the meet saw 83 NCAA provisional qualifying times posted.

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**Fencing**

**Irish finish second at Midwest Conference**

By KEN FOWLER

Sports Editor

Notre Dame played bridesmaid once again. A year after finishing second in all six disciplines at the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships, the host Irish were runners up once again Saturday at the 2007 edition of the event.

Defending champion Ohio State took first place, while the Irish finished a close second.

Notre Dame's top team finish was a win in the women's epee with a 5-3 victory over the Buckeyes in the final.

The Irish finished third in men's epee, second in men's foil and third in women's saber, women's foil and men's epee.

Notre Dame fenced without senior sabreist Patrick Ghattas, who was competing in Bulgaria, on the national circuit.

Junior Ryan Bradley, who primarily took Ghatta's spot in the lineup, said he was glad to get in, even if he wished he had fended better to push the Irish to a higher finish.

"Obviously with Patrick gone, it was a good experience for me to force against some good competition," he said. "I really enjoyed it."

Other than the win in women's epee, Notre Dame's best performance might have been in the women's saber competition, where the Irish fell to eventual champions Ohio State 5-4 in the semifinals.

The Buckeyes went on to capture the title in that event and three others.

Notre Dame's victory in women's epee final and Northwestern's win in women's foil championship were the only blemishes on Ohio State's otherwise perfect record.

In Saturday's individual competition, the Irish took three of six titles.

Sophomore Adrienne Stearns dominated the competition in women's foil, surrendering only 18 touches in her final three 15-touch bouts. After topping Ohio State's Holly Meklin 15-2 in the first round, Stearns took Northwestern's Jessica Florendo 15-10 in the semifinals. Noti thrashed the Wildcats' Samantha Nemecik 15-6 for the title.

On the men's side, junior fimbist Jakob Jezdowski battled his way back from a 0-2 deficit to defeat Ohio State's Joe Stirch, 15-4, for the title.

Irish freshman epeeist Kelley Hurley also continued her winning ways, easily capturing the crown in women's epee, while Northwestern's sophomore Samantha O'Conner defeated Notre Dame's Alexandra Obrazcova 15-11 in the title bout after earning 15-11 wins in both the semifinals and quarterfinals.

Men's epeeist Karl Koska, fimbist Mark Kubik and sabreist Matt Sturm also shined in top performances, reaching the semifinals.

But the gutsiest performance of the weekend for Notre Dame might have been Valerie Provenda's silver medal showing. The senior batted back continuous throughout the week and emerged from pool play as the sixth seed in women's saber. She fought to reach the semifinals, where she faced Ohio State junior Ellen Grench in one of the day's most competitive bouts.

Grench took a 4-1 lead, but Provenda rattled off three touches in a row. Deadlocked four touches later at 6-6, Provenda landed three attacks in a row before Grench went on a 7-2 run for a 13-11 lead. Provenda then responded with four touches in a row to secure the victory.

While Provenda's semifinal was marked by dramatic momentum shifts, the Irish took out with a tit-for-tat. Provenda and Ohio State junior All-American Valeria Byrne alternated touches for the first 13 scores of the match. With Provenda clinging to a 7-6 lead, Byrne went on a 6-1 run to take a 12-8 advantage. Provenda responded with five touches of her own, but after she took a 13-12 lead, her cull began to cramp and she walked with a noticeable limp to the out-of-position. With Provenda exhausted, Byrne collected the final three touches for the win.

"Given that it was a 15-13, I'm happy I got second," said Provenda, who has been using an inhaler for her breathing. "I know that a lot more tired in my bout with Emily. I just tried to throw all I could at the final."

**Notes:**

Jezdowski beat Ohio State's William Jeter 15-13 in the semifinal.

Jeter, whose emotional outbursts earned him warnings at January's Notre Dame Duals, nearly received a black card — an ejection from the competition — for grabbing the mask of Ohio State's U/us Gross during Jeter's 10-9 victory over Cross in the quarterfinal.

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Irish pre-empted the visit. “I think he was going to get a lot offers,” Frank said of Cave. “I don’t know if he’s going to be a five-star guy, but he’ll be a four-star guy.”

Frank said he didn’t think it was a coincidence Notre Dame hosted juniors from around the country as the team’s former players prepared for the April 28-29 NFL Draft. NCAA rules prohibit the high school prospects from watching or participating in the workouts, but Frank said the presence of NFL personnel and former player is a boon to recruiting for the Irish.

While both commits were in-state prospects, Frank said the recruits came from Texas, California and Nebraska, among other states. Frank said the commitments are a testament to the efforts of recruiting coordinator Rob Ianello, personnel development coordinator Dave Pelquín and Ron Powloski, formerly the director of personnel development and currently the team’s quarterbacks coach.

“They are so much further ahead this year than they even were last year,” Frank said. “They are the guys who get them in the position where they can offer all these players.”

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FOOTBALL

Loftus plays host to NFL workouts

Brady Quinn throws for scouts at the first time since Sugar Bowl

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Brady Quinn finally let NFL scouts, general managers and owners get an up-close look at what he can do on the field.

Quinn, whose only workout at the NFL combine was bench pressing 225 pounds 24 times, took part in a half-hour workout Sunday at Notre Dame’s pro day, throwing a variety of passes with a representative from every NFL team watching on.

“We threw everything people wanted to see,” Irish coach Charlie Weis said. “We put him through every throw that any NFL organization would want to see — from moving in the pocket, to moving from the pocket, to three-step, to five-step, to seven-step. I think now they have enough information to make a critical evaluation, if they didn’t have enough on tape already.”

Quinn, who had fluid drained from his right knee at halftime of the game against Southern California and aggravated the injury in the Sugar Bowl against LSU, didn’t take part in any of the agility drills, like the 40-yard dash or the 60-yard shuttle run. He said he’d do that at Notre Dame’s next pro day on March 22.

“I want to be 100 percent. I’m not quite there yet, but I will be soon,” he said.

Quinn has been the center of much draft speculation, particularly over whether the Oakland Raiders will use the No. 1 overall pick to take him or LSU’s JaMarcus Russell.

Some draft analysts have said Quinn’s draft status has been weakened since the end of the season as NFL teams reviewed the way he played, particularly in the Sugar Bowl. Quinn said he can’t understand how people are saying his stock is going down.

“We haven’t done anything since then and people are sitting there saying, ‘You’re stock’s going up, you’re stock’s going down.’ It’s kind of comical in that sense,” he said. “You’re just working out, doing the best you can every day.”

NFL personnel on the pro day Sunday said they were impressed.

“I really made more throws here than you’d think about making at the combine. I think he threw around 60 balls here today and it takes a little bit of endurance to be able to do that and he did it pretty rapid fire successively,” Vikings coach Brad Childress said.

Cleveland Browns coach Romeo Crennel said Quinn had zip on his passes.

“The fact he could make all his throws, right and left, he’s a polished quarterback,” Crennel said.

Quinn threw 62 passes, connecting on 58 of them. Twice former Irish receiver Matt Shelton put his hands on passes but couldn’t pull them in. Kromo McKnight couldn’t catch a 35-yard pass or a 20-yard pass he dove for. Quinn overthrew tailback Julius Walker on a 25-yard pass.

“I thought there were four catchable balls and one crum­my throw to the right hand side,” Weis said.

Quinn said he was pleased with his performance, although he thought he could have done better.

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real catalysts for us." With strength behind the plate from Lilley and Pollack, the Irish jumped out to an early 5:1 lead in the first inning and never looked back.

Every starter for Notre Dame earned at least one RBI including big two-run plays from Matt Weglarz, Tony Langhoff and Ryan Connolly. Langhoff and Connolly each added two in the sixth inning to bring the lead to 13-5 — the highest scoring inning for the Irish, who racked up seven runs. "We really executed offensive­ly," Schrage said. "We were able to get our bunting and running game going a little bit and we got some clutch hitting. We put pressure on [Nebraska] and they made some mistakes against us and that was a big factor in the win."

Sophomore pitcher David Phelps gave up one earned run in his five-plus innings — Jake Opitz’s three-run homer over the rightfield fence. Phelps’ win was his second victory over a ranked opponent — he led the Irish from the mound as they defeated No. 12 Texas Stetson’s 8-1 victory Saturday.

"We played a great game Friday night and it was a tough heartbreaker to lose," Schrage said.

The Irish posted four runs in the first inning Friday with doubles from Lilley and Ross Bresovsky, but that was the only action Notre Dame saw from behind the plate. Stetson remained steadfast and earned one run in each of the first three innings before finally posting two runs in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Notre Dame struggled again the next day against Iowa, falling 8-1. "We came out flat on Saturday after that tough loss [Friday] and we talked a lot about resiliency and how to battle through adversity even though you lose a tough game and they responded in a great way [against Nebraska]," Schrage said.

Iowa scored in five of the first six innings before the Irish could rally to post a single run in the sixth. Iowa took the lead back up seven runs in six innings with an 8-1 win after the game was called early due to heavy rain.

While Schrage was satisfied with the way the team played from behind the plate, he said he would like to see more consistency on both ends.

"Hopefully we’re getting our bats rolling a little," he said. "But we need to show up with a defense a little bit better yet. It would have been good if we could have gotten into a groove."

The Irish will semiback on a seven-game road trip over spring break.

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end of Saturday's game.

DePaul for the entire game. Early in the second half, the Blue Demons dominated play, outscoring Notre Dame 20-4 over a seven-minute span. DePaul spread the ball around during the run with five different players scoring points. Blue Demons guard China Threatt led the offense during this stretch, knocking down both of her 3-point attempts. Threatt delayed any Irish comeback attempts with her threes. Her second triple extended the Blue Demon lead to 30 points as DePaul appeared in complete control of the game.

But even though the Irish were floundering, they did not sink. Notre Dame responded to DePaul’s run with one of its own, scoring 10 straight points over the next two minutes, led by freshman Ashley Barlow and junior Ashley Allen.

“I thought Charel came through for us at that point,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “Ashley Barlow got a couple of rebounds. I thought it was mostly rebounding.” Barlow made the most of her 5-foot-9 frame, fighting for rebounds during the Irish run in order to get back layups. Barlow finished with nine points and seven rebounds, but entered the locker room with 10 seconds on the shot clock.

“I think she prefers to come off the bench," McGraw said. "In the first half she was real­ly out of sync and I thought in the second half she played more like she’s played all season long.

At the tail end of Notre Dame’s 10-0 run, the Irish failed to convert on two chances owing momentum in their favor. Allen was sent to the line twice for the Irish — once with a chance to take the lead and once to tie — but made only one of two foul shots.

"I was disappointed," McGraw said. "I thought if we had gotten the lead it would have been a much different game.”

McGraw said. "It would have put more pressure on us, but when it’s a tie game you don’t have that same pressure.”

The Irish played a tough game man-to-man defensively against DePaul and freshman Brittany Penn. "Brown. Gray. Gray has been Notre Dame’s top defensive player all season, and tracked down loose balls and forced turnovers throughout Saturday’s game.

“[Brown. Gray] was the biggest part of our defense was to continue playing hard. We never wanted to give up," Gray said. "Wherever the ball was, I was there and so were the rest of my teammates."

Although Notre Dame forced 19 turnovers, at times it played too aggressively and was in foul trouble throughout the game. Notre Dame finished with 21 team fouls and had both of its point guards — senior Tulyah Gaines and junior Rachel Lechlitner — foul out late in the second half.

With the loss, the Irish are eliminated from the Big East tournament and are now awaiting the NCAA Selection Committee’s decision March 12 on whether they will be in the tournament.

DePaul current­ly finds itself in a similar position up to the Irish on the bubble for the NCAA Tournament. The Blue Demons lost 63-55 to Rutgers in the second round Sunday night, hurting their chances of impressing the committee enough to secure a spot in the bracket. Both teams will have to wait until next Monday before they learn their post­season fates.

**Notes**

• Allen was named to the all-Big East first team this season. She was Notre Dame’s only player selected to the team.

• Center Erica Williamson and guards Barlow and Lechlitner were all named to the Big East all-freshman team.

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only previous appearance during his senior year.
"My freshman year they beat us 20-0 and then at the Big East tournament my sophomore year we kept up with them all the way. It's a fun game to play." he said.

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and then just wait on me," Nosarev said. "You know, you come in first, see what happens."

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Oddy def. Chris "Cougars" Cugliari
Perez's power led him to a unanimous victory.
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145 lb.
Lawrence "The Boston Massacre" Sullivan def. Mike "I'm On the Poster" Hennig
Sullivan won one of the most exciting fights of the night in a unanimous decision.

Hennig's upper-body movement was far better than Sullivan's, but Sullivan capitalized on the opening every time Hartstein threw a punch. In the second round, Sullivan landed some punches in the beginning of the third round, but Perez's power was too much for him. Perez was too quick defensively, but Hennig should have been able to land some hard punches.

Both fighters were exhausted in the final round, but Perez was able to just throw a punch, but Sullivan had more stamina. Both fighters wrapped up, forcing most of the punches in the round to be thrown from close range.

Sullivan said conditioning played a larger role in the match, and thought his training with the Marines might have helped.
"Running with the Marines every morning is good — it leaves you in a good shape to get your road work in, which helps me," he said.

Falls has scored more than 20 points in 16 games and has scored in double figures in each of the last 12. He is averaging 24 points per game and leads all first-team votes for most valuable player.
"I'm not sure he could have won the award if he had had two or three games where he didn't have double figures, finishing with six points, but the freshman made up for it by scoring 12 of the 20 and 30 points he made a run and cut it to five at 62-57 with less than six minutes remaining in the game.
"Seizing the lead slipping away, Notre Dame went on a 6-2 run and raced to victory. "They kept making runs at us, but we kept coming back," said. "We just kind of ground out this one."

Thursday in Madison Square Garden, Big East quarterfinals against the winner of Syracuse and Connecticut, who will play on Wednesday. The first round byes give Notre Dame an extra day to prepare for the tournament. "We're going to soak up the city and the environment and get ready to play at the Garden," Sullivan said.

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150 lb.
Tommy "One Two Three" Forr def. Josh "Thor's Hammer" Lavery
Forr's superior height and reach were large factors in his victory. The first round of the fight displayed Forr's size advantage. His height and reach kept Lavery from landing many of his short hooks. Lavery's round started quickly and fiercely and gave Forr a chance to establish himself inside the body with his uppercuts. Forr's power also kept Lavery at a distance.

The third round again started fast and slowed, and neither fighter was able to pressure the other significantly.

155 lb.
Dan "You're In The Lion's Den" Smith def. Doug "Super Heavyweight" Stypula
Rodgers also has a long hard right hook, which again was the key to this win by unanimous decision. Rodgers put on a show in the middle of the first round with a hard right hook, which dropped Shapot back up, smiling, and the fight continued.

Rodgers had a slight height advantage over Shapot, meaning most of Shapot's best punches were body shots. It also meant Rodgers landed more shots to the head than Shapot did, who landed some strong rights to Rodgers' face in the second round.

Rodgers landed two successive hard rights to Shapot's head in the early third round. Later in the round, he would take advantage of his opponent's overreaching and land some hard rights over Shapot's low guard. The referee stopped the fight and looked like he was going to call it, but at Shapot's insistence, he let it continue.

Despite his insistence on going the distance, Shapot was unable to make up any ground on the score sheets.

Parfait Mwez def. Ryan "Seoul Man" Smith
Mwez won the split-decision victory, but saw many changes in momentum and no domination by either fighter.

Mwez's combinations were working well in the first round. Although Smith hit Mwez hard in the second round, Mwez's jab became a larger factor and helped his combination punching become even more effective. Smith continued to be aggressive, taking advantage when Mwez lowered his guard.

Smith came out hard in the third round and threw his hooks hard and often, striking Mwez with a good number of punches. Mwez was exhausted at the end of the round and had trouble throwing a punch, but had done enough in the earlier rounds to catch the judges.

The deciding factor of the fight was scoring a lot of points early and taking that first round," Mwez said. "I felt like I was able to throw many high impact punches when both of us were fresh and as result I found myself in a position of maintaining a lead as opposed to playing catch-up."
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13 Dandrew Krisnel
15 Reside
16 Himalayan priest
17 Road sign #1
19 Genesis garden
20 Across Verdugo of "Marcus Welby, M.D."
21 Writer's agreement
22 Item scrambled or poached
23 Whip's subject
26 Road sign #2
27 Santa's helper
29 "... harem" (medicinal root)
31 Road sign #3
37 M-1's and AK-47's
40 Glender nails
41 Life story, in brief
42 "The stage" ___
43 Child's request
44 Road sign #4
46 Cogging and others
48 Racetrack, to a better
50 Road sign #5
53 Road sign #6
55 Yin's opposite
56 Road sign #7
58 Something, with or poached
60 Road sign #8
65 Road sign #9
68 Road sign #10
69 Prefix with byte
70 Observed
71 Songstress Delta
72 Whom you might see in your rearview mirror if you ignore the above signs
75 Cork Hall, our new health sciences building
76 This is St. 
78 It is the only place to meet for girls
79 It is a great place to meet for girls
80 This is our Health Sciences Building
82 -hood
84 Faux goodbye
86 The "fire" rule of if they get caught with a recovery
87 A: A
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2 Flattened circles
3 Doctrine
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5 Wanted soldier
6 Stitch again
7 Cloudless
8 Fatherland, affectionately
9 Hearty brew
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11 Alpha's opposite
12 Long-lingmed
14 "Home of the Lady and Her Music"
15 Takes care of the food for the party
16 Musician Brian
17 Lodge member
18 Grind, as teeth
19 Little lies
20 "Pinocchio" network
21 Han ___
22 Show silently
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25 That was me laughingly at you if you want me to back off or else
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27 Road sign #6
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39 Regulation: Ad
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Horoscope

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Maro Hamilton, 21; empty jeans, 30; Jason Newsted, 44; Tim Kazurinsky, 57.
Happy Birthday: Don't let your personal life stand in the way of your professional pursuits. You will be torn between following your heart and your head but, if you do what's truly best for you, the end goals will turn out well. Learn to live on your own. Your mother is more than a bit hard to please.
AMOS (March 21-April 19): You may have a lot of explaining to do so you don't give your best effort. Travel the distance to turn some wiring into a right. Someone from your past will make a difference. 3 stars
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Someone you must rely will help you jump into a new position. You will feel stifled if you are not free to fly. There is no big deal about what you are supposed, you will realize the advice you are given is worth listening to. 5 stars
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone is likely to give you a hard time today. If you feel you are being played on, listen to the hint. A short trip to be with people you are non-receptible with will be good. 2 stars
CANCER (June 21-July 22): What a perfect day to gather everyone together and have more fun with you. If you prefer, have friends help you with a project you've been putting off. 5 stars
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Try something a little different. Travel to an exotic destination or get involved in activities that will open your eyes to a different way of living. You learn today will help you immensely in the future. 3 stars
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emotional matters will rise to the surface whether you like it or not, so set your balance into balance. Improving your financial situation, that's OK. It will give you a chance to walk away, knowing you did the right thing. 2 stars
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't waste the day thinking about the things you'd like to do - get moving. You will be able to do things with friends, having fun along the way. If you've been searching for someone, it's someone who isn't necessary to be in order to get things done. Don't spend money on anything that isn't necessary for your well being. 2 stars
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may have to rely on someone you trust in order to get things done. Don't spend money on anything that isn't necessary for your well being. 2 stars
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotional matters will cloud your day if you stick to the same activities you do. Don't let someone from your past put a damper on your day. 2 stars
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Money, financial deals or personal papers should be put in order. It's better to get it over with than to try to deal with it. You will realize the advice you are given is worth listening to. 5 stars
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may feel as if you are being pushed and pulled in different directions because of emotional issues. Try to get to the bottom of things before you move. 3 stars
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion
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WHAT AN "UPPITY" WRITER IS BOUND TO GET.

Friday Answers: JACOPO: a), JACOPO: b), MUSA: a), MUSA: b)
Saturday's Jumble: SQUAB EXACT FORBID HAZING
Answer: The couple was always in debt because they couldn't "BUDGE IT"

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Weis nabs two Indiana recruits over weekend

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame landed its second and third verbal commitments of the Class of 2012 at the team's junior day Sunday. Both Fort Wayne wide receiver John Goodman and Mishawaka offensive lineman Braxton Cave said they would play for the Irish on the day.

Goodman is a 6-foot-4, 185-pound junior at Bishop Dwenger High School. He caught 44 passes for nine touchdowns and more than 800 yards last season. His frame, agility and combination of some of former Irish receiver Jeff Samardzija. "The comparisons already start — its Jeff Samardzija all over again," said Mike McGraw, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for IrishEye.com. "He's got a very, very similar type of game that Jeff had. He's a guy who's faster than a lot of people think he should be. He's really quick. You also don't often see a guy his size move side to side the way he does."

Cave, a 6-foot-4, 290-pound center at Penn High School, also had an offer from Michigan. Frank said Cave had scheduled a trip to Florida, where the Gators likely would have offered him a scholarship to play in Gainesville, but the

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Bedeviled

Irish make quiet exit in first round; NCAA bid no longer a given

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

HARTFORD, Conn. — With 5.5 seconds remaining and DePaul leading by three, Blue Demons guard Allie Quigley sank a pair of free throws to ice a 76-71 win Saturday over Notre Dame in the first round of the Big East tournament in Hartford, Conn.

"Taking it to the basket, I felt confident knowing that my teammates were going to be there to get the rebound and move the ball around," Quigley said of her play at the end of the first half. "I think we executed our game plan pretty well and we were aggressive."

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On the other hand, the Irish have dropped their last two games, notably against Rutgers at the Louis Brown Athletic Center in Piscataway, N.J.

As far as Notre Dame's Big East tournament position was concerned, Saturday's game was meaningless. Just a few minutes before tipoff, Villanova defeated Syracuse, giving the Irish No. 13/12 in the Big East and a bye in the conference tournament in the end of the season.

"That's just the way it worked out," Goodman said.

The win was not without its blips, however. Freshman A.J. Pollock, back in the lineup at the No. 2 spot, hit only 3-of-4 with a walk, three runs scored and an RBI. "(Lilley and Pollock) were on base all the time — running the bases well," Notre Dame coach Dave Schrage said. "They were open but the defense was playing well and they were making plays and we score nine runs."

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BENGAL BOUTS

Bouts champs are crowned

By BILL BRINK and FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writers

Tommy Forre, left, winds up for a hook during his victory over sophomore Joseph Leary at the Joyce Center Saturday night.

Navare avenges 2006 loss to Izaguirre with split decision victory

Navare, who lost to Izaguirre during their state championship bout in 2006, took a split 17-16 decision to win the state title.

Sagar Navare took the first fight of the night Saturday in a split decision against Chris Izaguirre.

Navare picked up the win in his first round victory, while Izaguirre lost in his first round loss.

The fighting was over in the second round, with Izaguirre landing a few combinations. Navare took in that round, and Navare landed a few combinations. Izaguirre struck back with a body-to-head combination that culminated in a left hook to Navare's head.

The third round became much more intense — Navare landed two successive shots to Izaguirre's head, and Izaguirre struck back with several solid hooks and crosses. The two fighters fought last year in the quarterfinals, so Navare felt he had a better idea of how Izaguirre would attack.

"Last year, he'd let me come in and I was able to try to get a trip to the head, but Izaguirre's hit game is much better than last year," Navare said.

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All Business

Strong bodies fight to nourish the weak for 77th year
Despite missing frosh Bouts, Stypula still captain

By ERIC RETTER
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Senior captain Stu Stypula’s friends didn’t box his freshman year.

As a result, neither did he.

"It kinda went away and decided not to do it," Stypula said. "I didn’t really want to do it alone because I didn’t know anyone doing it.

But the boxing season rolled around the next year, Stypula was ready to put on the gloves.

"I always thought about doing it freshman year," he said. "I decided to go for it just for the heck of it, see what it was all about.

But that one-year interim, Stypula was also able to recruit some of his buddies, including Steve Hansen among others to whom are also now captains — to at least check out the program.

They all liked what they saw.

"When we started going over it, turned out to be pretty awesome. I stuck with it," Stypula said.

That year, Stypula advanced to the quarterfinals before falling to graduate student Doug Bartels in his second fight.

"He reminded me of Drago from Rocky, and he took it to me," Stypula said. "It was a tough loss off that fight on being pretty much the only opponent of Bartels that he was ever pushed harder than his finals fight against champ Pat Lansen.

Since his opening fights, Stypula has worked extensively on his defense.

A self-described "brawler" in his novice years, Stypula has focused his efforts on improving his presence of mind in the ring.

"It's a lot more mental technique and trying to become a bet­ter boxer. I'm trying to become more se­curely a stronger boxer or a faster boxer, but you would call a smarter boxer, being able to pull off combinations and have a repertoire of punches.

Toward that end, Stypula feels that he has made serious strides.

"Sophomore year, I was throwing punch and kind of hope not to get hit as much as the other guy," Stypula said. "Now I feel like I can plan out my fights a little bit and go into the ring with my sleeves of things I want to work on during the fight.

One of those tricks was for Stypula — a natural lefty — to teach himself right-handed.

In his quarterfinal bout against Andrew Lorenz, Stypula briefly switched to a right-handed paw style and fought from a tradi­tional stance.

"I actually feel I have a stronger jab right-handed," Stypula said. "If I can switch [stances] quickly and get some punches off, they’ll have to take some time to re­adjust their entire defense and be a little bit helped by that time, I can switch again.

Stypula feels that the major advantage of Hennig’s immense efforts has come in practice. Being left-handed, he would get turned around while trying to demonstrate proper technique to righties.

"It turned out that the biggest advantage for me was when I was working with other guys," Stypula said. "I could hold targets in a right-handed stance, and it helped me not get quite so confused.

Among other things, holding mitts and working with younger boxers is one of Stypula’s roles as a captain.

He feels both of those things have helped him grow as a boxer.

"It poses a sort of challenge, but at the same time I’m exposed to a lot more, as opposed to being a lit­tle more isolated as an individual boxer," he said.

The work has helped him improve over last season, when he advanced to the semifinals before losing to eventual champ­ion Jeff Galen. This season, he feels his confidence.

"I sort of got stuck in the middle of losing the fights I was supposed to lose and winning the fights I was supposed to win, so I never really broke out," he said. "[Monday] night was my first fight where I felt good about.

In addition to getting his daily workout in, which is often upward of three hours, Stypula spends another hour doing administrative work. As a result, the captain said he doesn’t do much else outside of school and boxing.

"I was going to do Swing-Club, but I ended up not getting to as many meetings as I wanted to — a la zero," he said. In a way, his singular focus has helped Stypula prepare for his ultimate objective — advancing to his first Bengal Bouts final and winning the tournament.

"It’s a pretty big deal for me," he said. "I’m excited about a chance to get to the finals, and I think this is probably my best chance, and obviously it’s my last chance.

A contingent of his family plans to be on campus this weekend, and Stypula anticipates fighting in front of them Saturday evening in the ring.

"It’s sort of a lot of pressure, but I like the challenge," he said.

In striving toward his goal, a part of Stypula wishes he had ven­tured to the Joyce Center alone as a freshman to begin his boxing career.

"I don’t regret that [not boxing], but I feel like if I had done it, it would have been a lot differ­ent," he said. "I feel like I definitely would have benefited from competing freshman year, at least my progression would have gotten me to the point where if I was Jasper year, I feel like my senior year would have been a lot stronger.'"

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Former hockey player Hennig vents aggression in the ring

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

His arm reared back, ready to strike, and the end result was a blow of such force that the victim needed stitches.

Two-year-old Bobby Hennig had just been hit by a launched toy car, and the thrower, older brother Mike, was in a lot of trouble with his parents.

Nineteen years later, senior co-captain Mike Hennig is throwing punches instead of pogo tiles, but the tenacity and aggression that caused Hennig to fight with his two younger brothers on really bubble will still present more than ever.

Initially, Hennig found an outlet for his aggression in another sport with high levels of physical contact — hockey. A figure skater growing up, Hennig’s mom enrolled her son in figure skating when he was two. From the moment he saw other kids playing hockey, Hennig realiz­ed he was only meant to be on the ice if he was holding a stick.

In high school, Hennig played for his school’s team all four years, and he also was a member of a club AAA team from his sophomore through his senior year. Many members of his AA team proceed to play one year in juniors before obtaining a scholarship with a Division I school.

Hennig appeared ready to follow a similar route as he searched for a Division III school that would allow him to continue his hockey career, but he ultimately decided to sacri­fice hockey for the opportunity to attend Notre Dame.

"It came down to hockey at a Division III school, or going to Notre Dame, and it really wasn’t a hard decision," Hennig said. "Notre Dame gives you so much more opportunity.

"With hockey no longer in the picture, Hennig needed to find a new scratch for his competitive itch. The answer came during his freshman year, when Hennig attended Bengal Bouts and real­ized the emotion inherent to the competition.

"It was really intense and exciting, and you could tell the guys were com­peting with all their heart," Hennig said. "That’s ultimately what I love about it.

With a new outlet for his aggression in hand, Hennig set out to learn a sport in which he had never partici­pated and become the second punch thrown between sib­lings. Hennig joined Bengal Bouts the next spring along with close friends and now fellow captains Stephen Hansen and Stu Stypula.

Although a rough and unfin­ished product the spring of his sophomore year, Hennig man­aged to make the finals in the 140-pound weight class before falling in a split decision to junior Mike McCann. Hennig credited his success that year to his "natural tenacity.

"Watching the Bouts my freshman year helped me realize how much of it is natural tenacity," Hennig said. "Swearing the success people had just being aggressive made me feel a little more powerful than I wasn’t the best technical boxer.

"One of the main ways that Hennig was unconcerned with the techniques of boxing. His loss to McCann left him hungrier than ever to improve his tech­nique with the goal of taking his success one fight further.

For the next year, Hennig transformed himself into a smart boxer to complement his tenacity, competitiveness and aggression.

He learned to dictate the pace of the fight by conserving his energy rather than throwing as many punch­es as he could. This change left Hennig fresh rather than exhausted in the final round.

The end result was a smart, hung­ry and technically sound boxer, and the results were seen the following year. In his junior year, Hennig dominated the 140-pound division and won the Bouts, easily winning every fight by unani­mous decision.

"In the fall of his junior year, he really broke out," Stypula said. "[Monday] night was my first fight where I felt good about.

While Hennig admits to feel­ing more pressure to perform this year, the titl esos will not even be his fondest memory of his participation in Bengal Bouts. That honor instead goes to the closer relationships that Hennig has formed with his fellow boxers.

"Bengal Bouts has been my best experience at ND, and other than the money that goes to charity, the training is the best part of the Bouts," Hennig said. "I think pushing yourself and pushing others working toward the common goal of improving yourselves really pays off you all closer togeth­er, and I have met some of my best friends through boxing.

The solidarity that Hennig feels with the other boxers will keep him involved with Bengal Bouts after graduation. Living in Chicago next year, Hennig said he hopes to return to Notre Dame during next year’s Bouts to give advice to the new class of Irish boxers.

Hennig also talked of finding a gym in Chicago that would allow him to continue boxing in his senior year.

For someone with the attitude of Mike Hennig, that’s just an en­couraging step.

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Senior Bengal Bouts captain Mike Hennig celebrates his 140-pound championship last year.

Wrestling writer Arlen Higgs

Bengal Bouts Friday, March 2, 2007
An unlikely president

McGill disobeyed his father to join the club he now heads

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

Driving away from Zahm's freshman orientation, Andrew McGill's father's last words were about the Bengal Bouts. They were an admonition to his son not to compete in the boxing tournament.

"One of the last things he said to me was when he was leaving campus was that he didn't want me to join Bengal Bouts," the senior president and captain recalled. "He thought I would join the club and break my nose, hurt myself all the time — that it wouldn't be good physically for me." McGill had already expressed an interest in the Bouts thanks to a fellow Erie, Pa. — Rob Joyce, who had boxed at Notre Dame before McGill enrolled in the University.

At the first activities night, despite his father's stern warning, McGill decided to join the boxing club.

"A couple of my friends and I decided we would sign up and join the club, but we never really planned on actually boxing in the tournament," he said. "I originally wanted to get in shape and learn how to box, but I thought I'd actually just get beaten up by all the people who were part of the program.

McGill now finds himself leading more than 200 amateur boxers through grueling workouts, fighting techniques and fundraising activities as well as organizing the event with other leaders. He wouldn't have it any other way.

"I realized these guys weren't that much better than I was," McGill had played soccer and golf and skied prior to his Bengal Bouts experience. But nothing prepared him for the first punches and that inaugural trip into the ring.

His freshman year was an eye-opening experience, as he joined the squad to get in shape and learn to box as a workout, not as competition.

"Once we started throwing punches (in practice) and learning how to block them, I realized these guys weren't that much better than I was," he said, recalling his first boxing practices. "They have more skill, but I could compete with them — and if I committed myself to the program, I would be able to do well in the program." McGill threw himself into training.

"That was the turning point when I decided that I was going to do it and would work to winning (the tournament) eventually," he said.

After months of work, McGill entered the tournament seeded third in the 140-pound weight class after a first-round bye.

His opponent was a veteran fighter who had already won his preliminary fight.

"Getting in the ring, stopping in there under the lights, hearing the crowd and knowing that every single pair of eyes is looking right at you ... it really changes all the dimensions of the fight," he said.

Adjusting from tennis in the basement with your teammates to fighting in front of arena crowds was difficult — a common experience for beginners.

It's really exciting but it also makes you incredibly nervous to be in that environment and experience watching you," McGill said. "You have a tendency to forget what you've learned — a lot of guys will just try to get it in the ring and get overwhelmed with their emotions.

McGill lost to his more experienced opponent in a split decision. His opponent is a senior in the weight class, but that didn't concern McGill. Looking back, he said he was frustrated that he forgot his style of boxing once he got into the ring and didn't fight as well as he could have.

"One of the big obstacles I learned wasn't how to lose, but to let the whole environment take over," he said. "You've got to step into that ring and acclimate yourself to the environment but also remember that you've learned. You've got to take that rush and use it to build the adrenaline.

Those months of training had gone for just a few minutes in the ring. For McGill, it was disheartening at first, but eventually, he used the fight as motivation to train even harder for the next year.

"I had worked so hard to achieve something like that," he said. "As a sophomore, McGill made it to the semifinals before losing, again to the eventual champion. Finally, after his senior year, however, his focus wasn't just on fighting and winning again. He was named president, and that brought a whole new set of duties into his ring.

"As president, your tasks increase enormously," McGill said. "Boxing — especially with Bengal Bouts — is not only a sport as captain and president, it's really about motivation, leadership, fundraising.

"You have to be really committed to the program and to the training. You may win a match, but you won't win the tournament.

"In the long-term goals of Bengal Bouts especially revolve with its fundraising aspect. This year's tournament, according to McGill, had raised over $100,000 before expenses. McGill has been involved with various service organizations for years. In high school, he was in Key Club and did other volunteer work.

As president of the Bengal Bouts, recognizing the thousands of people who box as part of the Bengal Bouts is willing to go completely out of their way to help you out," he said. "Joining that community is such a great group of people, it's neat to be a part of that.

Two alumni have been particularly influential to him: Tom Suddes, who travels to campus from his hometown of Dublin, Ohio, to help; and Terry Johnson, a lawyer from Chicago who helps finance and organize the tournament.

"They really support the captains and take a lot of the workload off," McGill said. "Without these two guys, the Bengal Bouts would definitely not be as successful as it has been.

When McGill took a job with British Petroleum in Chicago, he knew he would be able to come back for the Bouts — something he was said was a factor in the decision. For McGill, the memories of Bengal Bouts are something he will take with him forever, and he looks forward to coming back and helping as an alum.

"I couldn't even really tell you what classes I took or who the professors were for each class, freshman year," he said. "But I can tell you minute-by-minute, the first time I stepped into the boxing ring and how that felt and the emotions that were involved with that. I look down the road ten years from now, and I know these memories, these stories at Notre Dame and that I challenged myself physically, emotionally, the most; my fondest memories will be going out down in the gym and stepping into the ring a lot.

And what about his dad, who will be in the stands with other family members:

"It's come to be you very comfortable and a lot of fun boxing other boxing guys," McGill said. "Agrees that joining Bengal Bouts is the best thing I could do. I've done at Notre Dame with the pool table. And I've been in the Bengal Bouts, and I've been in things I've been able to accomplish."

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129-pounds

LORENZO PAT O’BRIEN

LORENZO Bill Brink

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Izaguirre received a bye in the first round and defeated Nathan Serazin in the quarterfinals in a topsided fight. Next up was defending champion Lorenzo Hartstein in the semifinals. Perez has been known to target both the head and the body, and effectively counterpunched. When his opponents dropped their hands, Perez made them pay.

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135-pounds

PAT O’BRIEN Paul Oddy

Oddy LORENZO REYES

Oddy BILL BRINK

Oddy recorded two knockouts in his first two fights. Oddy’s go-to punch is his forceful right hook, followed by his thunderous uppercut. Although he lacked speed in his first fights, he vastly improved his defense and counterpunching in the semifinal match.

Cugliari recorded a split decision over Glen Gutierrez and advanced in the quarterfinals due to a walkover. Cugliari used his excellent technique and footwork to come out on top. Cugliari has a very tactical and precise style, accurately using his jab to target both the head and the body. Watch for Oddy’s power against Cugliari’s sound defense.

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145-pounds

PAT O’BRIEN Lawrence Sullivan

Sullivan LORENZO REYES

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Hennig used his speed and agility to dominate his way through his first two fights. His punches land with such quickness that opponents are rarely able to defend themselves.

Sullivan knocked out Jim Duffy in the first round, but had more of a struggle in defeating Steven Sashinsky on Monday. The two fighters dealt punches back and forth that almost made it a draw. Sullivan bounced back to earn a unanimous decision over Phillip Hicks in the semis.

Sullivan will try to slow the tempo of this fight, but Hennig’s speed may not allow him to do so. If Sullivan can slow the pace, Hennig may get frustrated.

150-pounds

PAT O’BRIEN Tommy Forr

Forr LORENZO REYES

Forr BILL BRINK

Senior Tommy "One Two Three" Forr is one of the most feared fighters in the Bout. He won in the preliminaries in a one-sided match stopped by the referee in the second round. His next fight featured more of the same as the official had to pause the match numerous times after the right-handers landed huge haymakers in the late rounds.

Sophomore Joseph “Thor’s Hammer” Leary pounded his opponents so far, winning all of his early fights. His second fight was the most impressive as Leary took down senior Kevin Hederman in three rounds. Leary’s combos were too much for Hederman’s single punches. Forr will have to use his power to attempt to stop the multiple blows from Leary.

155-pounds

PAT O’BRIEN Dan Rodgers

Rodgers LORENZO REYES

Rodgers BILL BRINK

This fight features two freight trains on a collision course.

Rodgers did not see the second round in the first two fights. His preliminary and second-round fights had to be stopped early due to Rodgers’ speed and punching ability. The shocker came when Rodgers beat Bengal Bouts president Andrew McGill in a split decision Wednesday.

Junior southpaw Bret Shapot has done much of the same in the Bouts this year. He hammered his opponents in two unanimous decisions and a match stopped in the second round.

This could be the best fight of the finals.

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160-pounds
PARFAIT MWEZ VS RYAN SMITH

MWEZ
SMITH

Carter knocked off Jeff Skirrup and Matt Decker on his way to the finals. Carter's strengths include his footwork and his agility as well as his quick combinations. His defensive tactics are also sound, creating opportunities for his counterpunches. Smith unanimously defeated all three of his opponents—Rubinkowski in the semis, while his blocking tactics seem to come second to his offensive attack at times. His punches are accurate and some of the hardest in the tournament. Mike Lee has a strong left cross with superior footwork, he boxers smart and waits for his opportunities to attack. Lee, more of a free swinger, will face a tough defense, but Mcinerney may have to abandon his conservative style to counter Lee's hooks.

165-pounds
PRESTON CARTER VS MICHAEL SMITH

PAT O'BRIEN
CARter

Hansen depends on his power, specifically his hook, to throw off his opponents and take control of the fight. He can attack, then wait until his opponent throws a shot to capitalize. Mike Smith has displayed a powerful right hook and a technically sound style. He put an opponent on the mat earlier in the bouts by taking advantage of his momentarily low defenses. Both fighters hit hard; expect a third round full of solid head shots.

170-pounds
MIKE LEE VS ANDREW MASSARI

PAT O'BRIEN
LEE

Ward has a long reach and good footwork, effectively keeping his opponents in the outside part of the ring. His punches are quick and accurate. Rubinkowski has a strong left cross with superior reach, that wreaks havoc on opponents who try to get inside. Since Rubinkowski is left-handed, his jab comes from the opposite side, which prevents opponents from effectively using their own jabs. Ward will control the ring, but if Rubinkowski can land his cross, Ward will be in trouble.

175-pounds
MIKE LEE VS ANDREW MASSARI

PAT O'BRIEN
LEE

Burns has a size advantage over Stypula and if he can keep up with Stypula's ring antics, he should press him well.

180-pounds
DAN WARD VS LEO RUBINKOWSKI

PAT O'BRIEN
WARD

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Super Heavyweight
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Ward worked out in Hempstead, N.Y. after freshman Bouts

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Chris Calderone came to Notre Dame as a wrestler, but those days are long gone.

Calderone, one of five senior captains for this year’s Boxing Club, was ranked No. 2 in the 163-pound weight class.

He took the title at 155 as a sophomore, and advanced to the finals as a junior. He will be in the spotlight again this year.

Now he’s an administrator-boxer, working on a second consecutive crown — a far cry from his grappling days on Long Island.

As a senior captain, he spends an extra hour or two a day in the gym to take care of the business and charity aspects of Bengal Bouts. He even found himself in the depths of the Joyce Center late on a Saturday night squeezing in a workout whenever he could.

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Calderone finished second in New York in his wrestling weight class as a high school senior.

When he came to Notre Dame, he joined a team that was ranked No. 2 in the country.

Now he’s the only one standing. Changing his approach was key.

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He also felt it was the closest thing to what he was doing in the base experience.

“I tried to full advantage of that,” Calderone said.

In essence, he studied the offensive, defensive and mental aspects of Bengal Bouts. He worked out on campuses for the two months following Bengal Bouts, and then joined a gym half an hour from his home in Floral Park, N.Y.

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“Now, we also got a girlfriend, which is pretty much another three credit class in time commitment,” he joked.

As a result, Ward has had to wisely spend his hours, but at the same time, he couldn’t have had a better schedule. He’s still not too busy.

“I’ve kind of been out of the mind-" he said. “I’m sitting around the house watching TV over the past four years, the only time of year that you really think about it, you’re doing something wrong,” he said.

This is the only time of your life where you have the opportunity of an adult but the freedom of a kid, and I’m of the mind that you should take full advantage of that.”

Next year, Ward will head to Vandenbergh Air Force Base next year, where he will be the only one standing.

He has tried to follow wrestling if Notre Dame fielded a team, and as a result may never have set foot in a ring. Still, Ward finds that the comparison between the sports has its limits.

“Boxing is different than any other sport,” he said. “You could be in great shape, you could be in marathon shape and come to a boxing workout and be dead in a half hour just because the workout’s different.”

In his first year as captain, Ward has found satisfaction in leading those workouts for the younger boxers.

“I like helping guys develop and seeing the progress they’ve made and watch them build a stronger sense of confidence,” he said.

Still, Ward found the role to be initially daunting.

“When you have a bright-eyed bustly-tailed freshman ask you how to throw a punch or what type of diet you should be getting ..., you can say ‘I don’t know’, even though you may not know, he said.”

He has tried to find the right way to do it.

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Ward experienced the sweet science early in life

Former Boxer James Ward showed his brother, senior Dan, the ropes in impromptu home battles

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When Dan Ward’s older brother, James, was a student at Notre Dame, he would come home looking to practice the boxing he had learned.

More often than not, the elder Ward, who participated in the Bengal Bouts for three years and advanced to the semifinals his senior season, would turn his attention to his brother — who was three years his junior.

"He would want someone to practice on, and so he would beat up on me," Dan said.

As a result, Dan Ward was exposed to boxing in high school, and he felt drawn to the sport.

"I really liked the physical aspect of the sport," he said.

"And I needed a means to defend myself from my brother, so a combination of the two [i.e. me boxing]," Dan said.

Since that initial exposure, Ward has made quite a name for himself in the Bengal Bouts. After not boxing freshman year because of a scheduling conflict, Ward won the tournament as a sophomore, and advanced to the finals as a junior. He will compete in his third championship bout Saturday night.

Since those brotherly rumbling years ago, Ward has had a long way.

Ward is known for his studied approach to the sport.

"I’m much more a student of the sport than I used to be," he said.

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Hansen bounces back from sophomore illness

Captain sat out 2005 with mononucleosis

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After months of training for his first Bengal Bouts tournament in 2005, only one thing could keep Steve Hansen out of the ring — mononucleosis.

"Two or three weeks before the tournament they told me I couldn't fight, so that was a huge letdown," he said.

Hansen joined the Bengal Bouts squad as a sophomore after playing football and club rugby in high school.

"I was looking for an activity and a good workout, and a few of my friends were doing it too, and then from there it just kind of escalated," Hansen said.

After recovering from mono, the senior captain was 1-1 last year, losing in the semifinals of the 165-pound weight class, and won his preliminary match this year at 170.

"I'd definitely say it's motivation, having lost last year," he said. "You definitely want to come back and definitely want to win the tournament this year for my weight class."

But for Hansen, it's not just about winning — it's about the entire Bengal Bouts experience.

Hansen was particularly moved by a speech one coach gave at the beginning of the season, when he pointed out that half of the people in the club would train for months and fight only a few minutes in the tournament.

"You should realize that the journey that you're going on is one of the rewarding aspects too," Hansen said.

The Milwaukee native native said he enjoyed the training for Bengal Bouts.

"I love being in practice and getting in the ring with my teammates," he said. "Sometimes I feel like I could spar all day long. The physical aspect of it and the sporting competition aspect is my favorite part of it."

The relationship with his teammates in Bengal Bouts is also a draw for Hansen. Some of his friends got involved when he did sophomore year, and he found that competition and working with teammates was part of what kept him coming back into the ring.

"I've made some of my best friends through boxing," he said.

Hansen also has taken on a leadership role as a senior captain — which means more than just being featured on posters around campus. As captain, he works with younger boxers.

"The first time someone goes into the ring they don't do very well — they kind of get beat up," he said. "That's why we like to encourage people to get in for the first time with the captains, so the captains can help them improve."

Taking on a leadership role has also meant more of a time commitment for Hansen. The mechanical engineering major has learned both leadership and time management through his role at the Bouts — something he has said has come up at job interviews.

"People are pretty impressed," Hansen said. "It's kind of like having a sport on your résumé and you're still able to hold good grades — they know you're able to manage your time well."

Hansen has already accepted a job with General Electric and will be working with MILL scanners near Milwaukee. The comfort of having post-graduation employment means that he can relax and devote more time to training for the Bouts.

"I still do my coursework but I've decided that I really want to put a lot of time and energy into boxing," he said.

For his senior season, he will have a cheering section of both family and friends at the Joyce Center.

"My mom and dad are coming down for most of the fights," he said. "All my housemates come and watch. I've got some family flying from D.C. on Wednesday and coming in from Pittsburgh."

"That's quite an entourage, but this is Hansen's final year of fighting, and he said his family has been very supportive. "I would say more people are coming out this year since it's my senior year and I'm a captain — my family fan-base is a little bigger," he said.

Looking back, Hansen said some of his best memories are of his work with the Bengal Bouts.

"I really enjoyed the workouts and it was for a good cause," he said. "It caught on as a great way to release energy and an exciting way to compete with other people."

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