Professor believes SATs, LSATs are gender-biased against female students
By COLLEEN McCARTHY

Affirmative action is beneficial to all Americans, and standardized tests such as the SAT and LSAT are not accurate predictors of a student's potential, according to Lani Guinier, professor of law at Harvard University.

"I believe that democracy is what is at the heart, the stake, of affirmative action," Guinier stated in the opening remarks of last night's lecture.

She went on to compare the current struggle regarding affirmative action to the goals of the civil rights movement in the 1960s, saying that the goal of the both movements is to force America to live up to the morals of democracy.

Guinier cited the fact that the civil rights movement aimed not only to make America a better place for people of color but also for people of other races and women. This, she indicated, is also what affirmative action should attempt to do.

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Me and the Leap Year Kid

When I get in "the mode," there is absolutely nothing stopping me. Sometimes I press the accelerator to the floor so hard that I experience leg cramps for days. I grew up in Indianapolis. Home is the house, the streets, the houses in the sidewalk by heart. Upon departing for Saint Mary's almost for the first time, I found myself separated from the city with the thought that it would be only a few short semesters before I returned for good. To stay. To work in the downtown area. To meet friends in the Barstool pub and bistro. To someday get married in my home parish and raise my children in the same beautiful, diverse, and beautiful neighborhood in which I grew up.

I am coming up on five weeks into freshman year, which challenged almost all of my previous lifelong expectations. Sometime between Saturday night and Sunday morning, when February 29 would ever come again that year, that person, my best friend, will turn 22. Ryan McLean, the leap year kid. An extraordinary birthday for an extraordinary person. Ryan has taught me and guided me through several tumultuous college years. Among the most important.

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So I did. I am 1 plan to continue.

Thanks to Ryan, I have found myself in places I had only vaguely knowledge of, doing things I never assumed I would be doing. Eating fish tacos in LaJolla. Walking on the Balboa Island shore to Earth Brooks, and liking it. Watching the Electric Parade at Disneyland. Eating Cuban deli sandwiches in Milwaukee. Doing my 21st birthday in Newport Beach saloons.

Of course, I doubt Ryan ever anticipated being an avid Sushi eater, a fan of the Grateful Dead, or sailing on a lake in the middle of Indiana. These are the things that I was able to introduce to him.

It is not without the friends with whom I come from all over the country, there have been a plethora of other experiences and trips as well. As you can imagine, from the commute of Wisconsin, to parties on Chicago's Navy Pier. Hiking the Appalachian Trail in Virginia. Doing zip slides across a living room floor at the Little Michigan house. Driving to the Evil House of Cheat, with my 21st birthday in Newport Beach saloons. Along the way to the Evil House of Cheat, students often lose their money and occasionally any chance of a passing grade. This Web site and several hundreds like it are a part of the ever-growing industry of plagiarism on the web. A technological step up from fraternity house essay files, the Internet is a developing resource for high school and college students who wish to download other people's work from competing with each other for grades. Painless, sanitary and inexpensive, mehndi provides an alternative to those who are having trouble deciding if that fire-breathing dragon tattoo will look as cool at 80 as it does at 20. Though henna has long been used in Western culture as natural hair dye, it has only recently become prevalent in hair salons and tattoo and piercing parlors as coloring used to create temporary tattoos on the skin.

"The henna plant (lawsonia inermis) is a small shrub grown in the dry, hot climates of Northern Africa and Western Europe. It has been used as a natural hair dye for hundreds of years. Today, however, it is used primarily for its temporary effects. Henna comes in many colors, but the most popular are red, brown, and black. The most common uses for henna are temporary tattoos and hair dye. Henna is safe to use on the skin, and it can last for up to a week."

When Erito Wiggers, a conservative woman in her 50s, greeted her husband at the door, she held out her arm to show him her new red heart-shaped tattoo with his name written across it. Seymour Wiggers thought his wife had gone mad. Midsife crisis? No, mehndi, the Haitian word for henna tattoo, is the latest trend in body decora-

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Students also might be more apt to contest the grades given to them because "most people come in with a 4.0 GPA from high school so even a B is tough on some students," said a freshman Kevin Chistal told The Times.

Associate Dean Joyce Reed agreed that grades are maturing more to students and faculty members and she conceded that "students are more aggressively seeking to do well or turn a grade around."

Reed suggested that the heightened concern reflects social pressures, that it is "a symptom of stress and eco-

nomic issues, especially the problem of getting jobs." To a student, the difference between an A and a B is crucial because it is a matter of surviving in the most competitive of societies, she said.

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The movie "Higher Learning" provided a context for discussions about race and diversity at Saint Mary's College last night. The evening was the last event in the month-long series "Spirit of Blackness."

The movie dealt with important social issues in the context of a college campus, implying that social aspects of college are just as, if not more, important than the classroom experience.

"Singleton [the producer of the film] took a slice of America and set it on a college campus," said Martha Moylan, a member of the Sisters of Nefertiti and a senior at Saint Mary's. Discussion topics sparked by the film included the lack of diversity at Saint Mary's and the effect homogeneity has upon the students.

"The problem at Saint Mary's is that we expect everyone to be the same," said junior Tysus Jackson.

"Everyone to be the same," said Moylan.

Junior Marshawn Moore came to a similar conclusion.

"We need to step to the edge and try to meet different people," she said.

Jackson expressed students' reluctance to venture from their comfort zone.

"You try to place yourself where you feel you belong," she said. "She commented that people with common interests or common backgrounds tend to congregate together. She concluded by expressing her belief that everyone is trying to find their place in society and that people cannot let differences hinder their development.

The Sisters of Nefertiti and Student Activities Board co-sponsored the event.

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CSC sponsors welfare lectures

Six scholars and policymakers will examine the past, present, and future of welfare laws in a series of lectures that will begin March 2 through April 22 at the University of Notre Dame. Entitled "Welfare to What? Poverty and Policy Reform in America," the lecture series is sponsored by the Notre Dame Alumni Board of the Center for Social Concerns and the Southern Poverty and Policy Reform Institute. All lectures will be held in Room 124 of the CSC.

The Notre Dame Award was established in 1992, in celebration of the University's sesquicentennial, to honor persons "within and without the Catholic Church, citizens of every nation, whose religious faith has quickened learning, whose learning has engendered deeds, and whose deeds give witness to God's kingdom among us."

The award has been given previously to Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter, Mother Theresa of Calcutta, Jean Vanier, founder of the international Arche communities for the mentally handicapped, Helen Suzman, South African and Sarah's partner politician, John Hume, peace advocate and leader of Northern Ireland's Social Democratic and Labour Party, and Brother Roger, the founder and prior of the ecumenical Taizé Community in France.
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G uinier also talked about the way in which the profession of law has been and will be changing over the years to come.

Law, according to the former nominee for U.S. Attorney General, is a profession in which litigation is slowly giving way to negotiation techniques.

The game, traditionally played by men in the courtroom, is becoming a last resort in today's world. Listening and problem solving techniques are the skills which will be useful in law in the years to come, she said.

"This traditional model of litigation may be dysfunctional as a collaborative effort model," she said.

Guinier, who will return to Harvard law school in the fall as the first African American Woman as a tenured professor in the law school.

"If you give people the opportunity to succeed, they will succeed," she said. "The opportunity to succeed is the strongest predictor of success.

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The senate unanimously approved the amendment by Student Senate President Patricia Hill Collins, who will be become a member of the law school student government.

The new two-year terms will be Brian Swett and James Jesse, both sophomores.

Several amendments to the Student Senate constitution were passed in a unanimous vote.

These changes were made by Student Senate President Rajit Basu, who proposed changing the name. "Du Lac has a pretty negative image. Maybe if the name was changed, students would look at it differently." said Keenan senator Matt Mack, a member of the committee.

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Clinton visits tornado victims

U.S., Mexico unite against drug cartels

ASSOCIATED PRESS

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Cory Kelly should be among the scores of construction workers descending on tornado-ravaged neighborhoods in central Florida today.

Instead, as President Clinton set out on a helicopter tour of the damaged area Wednesday, Kelly was at an emergency shelter, a blue brace on his broken right shoulder. A tornado that devastated the Ponderosa Park Campground early Monday blew Kelly out of his tent, slamming him into his car.

Times are tough for Kelly, 46, and his 22-year-old son, Cory Jr., who eats out a living working construction.

"We don't make enough money to do much different from what we were doing. And now we don't even have that," he said. "I haven't had the best idea I'm going to do. You can't work construction with one arm."

While many of those in the campgrounds were winter residents who can help themselves, Kelly and dozens of neighbors need help to restart their lives.

Clinton was expected to walk through Ponderosa Park, where the government plans to announce a $3 million Labor Department grant for people who temporarily lost their jobs.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said:

Two of the four hardest-hit counties — Osceola and Seminole — had estimated damage at $43.5 million.

Kissimmee Mayor Frank Atkinson said the city was working by declaring the region a disaster area.

"I've got four words for the president: Show me the money," Atkinson said.

Thunderstorms pumped up by El Nino spawned six to 10 tornadoes with wind up to 210 mph that killed at least 38 people, the state's deadliest swarm of twisters on record. The state said two people were still missing today, although Osceola County said it had three unaccounted for.

State authorities say 1,700 buildings in four counties were damaged, if not destroyed.

The twisters killed more people than 1992's Hurricane Andrew, which left 32 dead in Florida, Louisiana and the Bahamas. The hurricane also destroyed or damaged 35,000 homes and caused $25 billion in losses.

Searchers with dogs spent Tuesday combing through debris flung more than a quarter mile from the campground, with fading hope of finding survivors.

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MEXICO CITY, Mexico

With Mexico's most violent drug lords under indictment and law enforcement officials working more closely together, U.S. and Mexican authorities are cooperating rather than criticizing each other on the eve of today's drug certification process.

The two countries are especially pleased with their success in the Tijuana-San Diego area, where they have turned up the heat on the Arellano Felix brothers, leaders of Mexico's most violent drug gang.

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno praised Mexican law enforcement officials Tuesday for sending more fugitives back to the United States for prosecution.

There is now a good working relationship between the two nations, Reno told a Senate hearing in Washington on the Justice Department's $20.9 billion budget request for the 1999 fiscal year.

"I'm personally aware of the success the U.S. government has had in working with its Mexican counterparts," Reno said.

The government of Mexico has substantially increased extradition over the past two years, Reno noted. In 1997 alone, Mexico extradited 30 fugitives to the United States and deported 10 more in lieu of extradition.

Reno would not say what her recommendation was to the State Department as the March 1 deadline on certification nears.

Mexican drug czar Mariano Herran Salvati said the Associated Press that authorities hope to duplicate the improved cooperation in the San Diego-Tijuana region in the El Paso, Texas-Guadalupe area. Herran Salvati said the drug fight became both easier and harder with the July 1997 death of Carrillo Fuentes, Mexico's No. 1 cocaine trafficker.

It is no longer a fight against one or two large cartels, as it may have been in the past, but against several smaller organizations, Herran Salvati said.

While Mexican law enforcement agencies are busy with drug-gang shootouts after Carrillo's death, they have also benefited from the scramble for control of his Jareaza cartel.
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U.S. students fall short of foreign peers in math, science

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

American high school seniors scored below their counterparts in most other countries in an international test of math and science, according to results released Tuesday.

Even those Americans who took tough physics and advanced math courses performed worse than most students taking equally rigorous courses elsewhere, according to the Third International Mathematics and Science Study.

Although students from 21 countries took the test of general math and science knowledge toward the end of the 1994-95 school year, Americans scored below the international average.

They outperformed only students from Cyprus and South Africa. Asian countries did not participate in the 12th-grade study.

A comparison of the high school elite — those who took physics and advanced mathematics — showed Americans close to the bottom of the 16 nations where those comparisons were made.

"For some time now, Americans have wondered if we are successful when we sit down with our students and try to compare with similar students in any country in the world," said William H. Schmidt, a Michigan State University professor and national research coordinator for the study. This year's test, said, "has hurled another myth."

"There is no excuse for this," President Clinton told the National Council of Jewish Women in a speech pushing his proposals to recruit more teachers, cut classroom size and target aid to poor city schools. He said adults have failed in their duty to educate the next generation.

Education Secretary Richard Riley blamed easy graduation requirements and a lack of teachers with college majors or minors in math and science.

About half of college-bound seniors have not taken four years of science, and many stop taking math and science after the 10th or 11th grade, he said.

"How can we expect our students to test well in math and science internationally when we do not even ask them to take challenging courses and rigorous tests throughout their middle and high school careers?" he said, repeating the administration's call for national math and reading tests.

Schmidt said students in other countries begin learning elements of algebra, geometry, physics and chemistry in middle school while math and science teaching in this country often is repetitive and unchallenging.

Previous versions of the international tests for fourth- and eighth-graders found the relative strength of American science was stronger in those grades.

Teaching here usually is done layer-cake fashion, devoted to one subject per year, while the curriculum elsewhere blends disciplines, Schmidt said.

Some American high schoolers agreed that their preparation could be better.

"It could have been better if in middle school or in elementary school I got the training I was supposed to be getting," said Camille Brown, 17, a senior in Miami.

Brown, visiting Washington, says she "focuses on what she does well, which is writing and analysis." So she's taking American government, economics, honors English, television production and other subjects.

"Science is like a basic review of algebra for children," she said. "I should have gone to something harder." She plans to take physics as a senior after her PSAT scores showed the price for not taking chemistry or physics.

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

Test your knowledge

American high-schoolers' math and science scores are well below those of their counterparts in Western countries. Some blame teaching methods.

A few sample questions:

Mechanical

1. The figure shows a common plastic bottle filled with water (1L) with three holes in it, so that the water runs out of the holes. Explain what is wrong with the figure.

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

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2. b. 52 cm
2. c. 65 cm
2. d. 71 cm

Math

3. Stu wants to wrap some ribbon around a box as shown below and have 25 centimeters left to tie a bow. How long a piece does he need?

U.S. average: 32%
International average: 45%

Sources: Third International Mathematics and Science Study, 1994-95

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

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 Deadly weather

Storms slammed on El Niño left most of California under a state of emergency.

El Niño storms damage coast

Associated Press

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif. — Mud ooed down the canyons of this seaside enclave like lump-chocolate pudding, smashing through homes and sweeping away residents as they scrambled to stay above the high-water mark.

"It was a washing machine as far as I knew," I was just rocking and rolling, and just desperately crawling my way to the top of the hill," said.

Lou Quilter and others escaped with their lives as the wall of mud came thundering toward their Laguna Canyon Road homes early Tuesday. But as the sun rose, rescuers found the body of Glenn Flook, 25, in the mud. A search for more victims was to resume today.

At least nine people were killed as the season's most powerful El Niño storm struck the West Coast, killing people from Tijuana, Mexico, to northern California. It moved out Tuesday after leaving hundreds homeless, severing roads and rail lines and closing 35 miles of pristine Los Angeles County shoreline.

The storm was apparently the last in a series of rigorous weather systems that have repeatedly punished the state since late January, causing more than $475 million in damage and resulting in 36 of 52 counties to declare states of emergency.

As Los Angeles recorded 13.7 inches of rain for the month — to declare states of emergency.

Associated Press

Thursday, February 26, 1998

The music you love to hear

The elections preoccupying the village: "Democracy is false. Politicians are all looters."" Threatening the worst insult in Hinduism, another painted slogan is expected to be seated by mid-March.

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Three years ago, farmers attracted by cotton profits of nearly $600 per acre abandoned their traditional crops of chili, corn and wheat. Most worked five acres or less, and borrowed heavily to finance the change.

The illiterate farmers couldn't cope with the paper work to take a bank loan, and turned to money lenders charging an average 38 percent annual interest, while banks took 15 percent.

When the cultivation scare came, unscrupulous salesmen peddled spurious pesticides, driving the farmers even deeper in debt.

Laksmaya Jaggu was only the first to die. As the suicide rate mounted and public anger grew, the state government announced a compensation package of $2,570 and free housing to around 400 farmers in debt.

But that declaration sparked a macabre epidemic. The number of suicides tripled from 58 by January, as indebted farmers killed themselves so their families could repay the loan with the compensation.

This month the government inaugurated a cotton research institute with a laboratory to test pesticides, soil and to guide farmers. The central bank instructed state-owned banks to defer loans repayments for seven years, reduce interest rates, and extend more credit.

But the government's handling of the crisis has become a hot issue. The elections preoccupying the village: "Democracy is false. Politicians are all looters."
NORTHERN IRELAND

Bombs injure postal workers

Associated Press

BELFAST, Northern Ireland A letter bomb marked "returned to sender" wounded four workers yesterday inside Northern Ireland's postal headquarters.

The bomb was found yesterday, closed in its package in hopes of finding the sender's address, Radio Ulster spokesman Paul Corrigan said.

The employee was in fair condition at a local hospital. A second man and two women suffered superficial cuts or shock and were able to walk to ambulances.

No group claimed responsibility.

Catholics who were apparently chosen were at random received also two letter bombs last Thursday.

Both bombs consisted of explosives hidden inside videotape shells, but caused no injuries. One blew up when a man in north Belfast, suspicious of the videotape's heavy weight, tossed it into his backyard.

Yesterday's small explosion on the fifth floor of the post office on Tomb Street, in downtown Belfast, prompted the evacuation of all 1,800 employees. The building is the central sorting point for all mail within Northern Ireland.

"We feel extremely vulnerable," said John Morgan, a representative for the employees' union. "In this last three weeks we've had something like 30 death threats against postmen in certain areas. That's the fifth bomb scare in this building in a week."

The bomb did not explode. Police said the building was in the path of an IRA bomb attack. The IRA has hit several targets in the area recently.

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E. coli surfaces at day care

Associated Press

SPokane, Wash.

An E. coli outbreak at a day care center appeared to be contained Tuesday after seven children became ill.

Health officials said there were no similar outbreaks anywhere else in Washington.

A survey of day care centers throughout the state on Tuesday found no other clusters of cases, said Dr. Paul Stepak of the Spokane Regional Health District.

"We are the only place we know of where E. coli cases occurred in more than usual numbers," Stepak said. "We don't think we're looking at a widespread outbreak."

The number of cases of E. coli illness remained at seven Thursday, health officials said.

But 15 people who have ties to the downtown YMCA day care are still being evaluated to see if they had the disease, Stepak said. Stepak said sanitary conditions at the center appeared adequate.

The most severely stricken child — a toddler just short of 2 years old who spent a week in the intensive-care unit at a Spokane hospital — was upgraded Tuesday from critical to serious condition.

The other six children — ranging in age from 18 months to 6 years — did not require hospitalization.

The day care center remained open Tuesday. Five of the seven victims regularly attend the center, which serves 154 children.

The other two infected youngsters have relatives at the center, though only one's illness has been definitively linked to the day care outbreak.

Symptoms of infection include abdominal cramps, diarrhea and fever, though some people can carry the disease without showing any symptoms, Thorburn said.

In extreme cases, the bacteria can cause hemolytic uremic syndrome, which can lead to kidney failure and death.

The E. coli bacteria strain involved appears to be the same one that sickened 600 people and killed four — three in Washington state and one in California — in a 1993 outbreak linked to undercooked fast-food hamburgers.

That case prompted new federal safeguards intended to protect consumers from tainted meat, the most common source of E. coli bacteria.

The bacteria can also be spread through contact with the feces of an infected person.

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Missouri executes convicted murderer

Associated Press

POTOSI, Mo.

A man convicted of killing two brothers in a drunken brawl was executed by injection early today after arguing that he didn't receive an adequate defense from an attorney who became his lover.

Reginald Powell, 29, was pronounced dead at 12:04 a.m. at the Potosi Correctional Center in southern Missouri. His final words were "I love my family."

The case drew national attention because of the affair between Powell and his original trial lawyer, Marianne Marxkors, a relationship that she said clouded her judgment. She blamed herself for putting him on death row.

"Had he had a fair trial, and the jury decided to kill him, that would be one thing," Marxkors said. "But I took that away from him. This verdict is colored by my lack of objectivity and my mistakes."

It was an unlikely love affair. Powell was a borderline mentally retarded black teen-ager from a rough St. Louis neighborhood.

Marxkors was an educated white public defender nearly twice his age.

Marxkors admitted she began falling in love with Powell soon after she was appointed as a public defender to handle his case. After his conviction, they had their first sexual encounter in a holding cell near a St. Louis courtroom. The relationship lasted for years.

During the trial, prosecutors offered a plea bargain of life in prison in exchange for a guilty plea. Marxkors turned it down and never put Powell on the stand during the penalty phase. She said later she thought she could somehow get Powell off on a manslaughter conviction.

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Iraqi Student Pleads For Peace, End to Suffering

Will I see my parents again?

After a long and eventful journey from Iraq I reached this country to study for a degree at Notre Dame. As an Iraqi now living in the U.S. I want to share a few thoughts with you, the reader, on the threatened bombing or "showdown with Iraq." I have tried for the last few months to define what peace is, to explore if it could be made attainable and lead towards that end. I now feel helpless—helpless because the fate of my family and friends resides with the allied governments over whose actions I have no control, and anxious—anxious because I do not know if, when, or where there will be a strike almost wish that The Observer will be available to all members of the Notre Dame/Mary's community and its readers. The expression of seeing appears through terms is encouraged.

Defining peace is difficult because it has been fleeting and scarce in my lifetime. It almost wish that The Observer could be made attainable and to attainable and to be power­less in the pursuit of peace, in these days, is the worst feeling of all.

Glorious planes and "accurate," "smart" bombs are still fashion­able here on this side of the world. What can I do? I have started praying. Almost the same prayer as before—almost.

Please don't let my parents and friends suffer. Either leave them alone or promise your support .

Do not let my family and friends die. We want death to finish them all, but don't let their deaths suffer like that. Please all of you who read this pray for me and for my family and friends and pray that more bombs don't fall on the Iraqi people.

Anonymous
February 21, 1998

Editor's Note: Because of the nature of tensions between the U.S. and Iraq, The Observer chose to allow the author to remain anonymous.
Mary Beth Ellis

Is Mooning a Male Art?

I tackle only the big questions in this column, and today what I want to know is:
1) Why do men occasionally find it necessary to partially disrobe and display their rear ends to each other?
2) And why don’t women feel a need to do this?
3) And how is it possible that “Stop By Step” is STILL on the air?
4) And is there a connection between Questions one and three?

We are all familiar with the concept of a drive-by mooing, in which one exposes one’s posterior in a 40 mph blurred rush. Followed by muffled acceleration and screaming self-congratulations, as if one has just single-handedly sealed perpetual world peace. But growing up without a brother or a boyfriend, I was 18 years old before I discovered that men often employ the moon in order to display their rear ends behind their backs. Our butts, however, are our own business.

Our butts are our own business. Here’s my butt— "Here’s my butt— "Here’s my butt— "Here’s my butt— "Here’s my butt— "Here’s my butt—a LOT more interesting:

... that?

From: Thursday, February 26, 1998

To: T

Subject: Is Mooning a Male Art?

I realize that the page is meant to promote the variety of life and the potential for growth in our own campus and in society at large; however, sexual segregation is not the answer.

Maribeth Krzywicki
Junior, Paasquerilla West

February 20, 1998

In Iraq We Must Practice Restraint

It is a rare occasion when an article in The Observer elicits any emotional response from us, as our senses have been dulled by the ceaseless drivel over the "two types of men" at Notre Dame and the sad state of relations between our "sisters" at SMC and the female population. However, upon opening the paper today, we were directly confronted with a very disturbing thought of overt sexism, which is really necessary to have a separate "Women’s Page"? Or does such a page signify that the observer elicits any emotional response from us, as our senses have been dulled by the ceaseless drivel over the "two types of men" at Notre Dame and the sad state of relations between our "sisters" at SMC and the female population. However, upon opening the paper today, we were directly confronted with a very disturbing thought of overt sexism, which is really necessary to have a separate "Women’s Page"? Or does such a page signify that the observ

Fr. Bill Wack, C.S.C.
February 25, 1998

Celebrate Women Swimmers

We’re No. 1! We took the Big East tournament! We did better than expected in almost all events! But how many students and faculty know about it? It was the Big East swimming championships. The women won their second straight championship last weekend—an incredible achievement. On top of that, Linda Gabriele and the MVP swimmer, Anna Coughlin, Weathers won "Coach of the Year" honors again, for the second straight year! The men were very close to taking home the championship title in a very competitive conference (not as "disappointed" as the paper erroneously printed).

I’m sure that the coach who called this 'a dream for us,’ and the teams are to be commended for their dedication and hard work. As unofficial team chaplain, I am privileged to be here at Mass before their meets, and I know how hard they train and how much they put their hearts into being the best they can be. Unfortunately, not many students on campus get to see that. They didn’t receive a lot of press in The Observer, and when they did, it was tucked away in the middle of the sports section. Come on, Irish! Celebrate your champions! God bless our athletes.

Mary Beth Ellis

In Iraq We Must Practice Restraint

I am not defending Saddam Hussein, but he is not Hitler either. He is more like a ripped tiger with his tail between his legs. America should have more class than to stoop to his level. He probably doesn’t even play his game. Will an apple fall upwards if you curse it or dare it? Even if he is harboring deadly weapons, do you seriously think that the rest of the world will give him the chance of creating another mess like Hitler did? Since President Hussein is constantly under a spotlight of world attention, the world will not hesitate to retaliate.

Colleen Dolan
Junior, Off Campus

February 25, 1998
Let It Come Down

What do Bob Davie and James Iha have in common? They have both lived in the shadow of some legend. While Davie got his calling on the football field and finally last fall with the retiring of head football coach Lou Holtz, Iha is just now taking the attention away from Smashing Pumpkins' bandmate and lead singer/guitarist Billy Corgan. Although Iha had two of his own songs appear on the Pumpkins' last album, many people will fail to recognize the songwriter's name, let alone his own work. The first solo album from Iha called Let It Come Down just might be enough to establish some credit to the forgotten Pumpkin. The majority of the songs, such as "Sound of Love" and "Lover, Lover," deal primarily with love. Throughout the album, Iha speaks of the love he has been searching for, and the jubilation he feels when he finally attains it. Other songs, such as "Be Strong Now," serve as motivational laments to those who are weak and afraid. The lyrical content on this album is a far cry from the depressive themes used on many Smashing Pumpkins' songs. Iha seems much less tortured than his friend Corgan. I guess it's the whole stardom thing that makes Billy feel blue.

Iha's music also offers a refreshing, softer alternative to the harder edge brought by the Pumpkins. The sweet sounds of acoustic guitars predominate on this album, and Iha is backed up by a great group of musicians that includes two keyboardists, some backup vocalists, and a string section. On "Jealousy," Iha employs the talents of a horn section to add some brashness to guitar solos found on any Pumpkins' albums will not be found here.

The one aspect of the record that might hurt Iha is the accusation that he might be too happy. Iha's various tales of beautiful girls do get tiresome, and one might find the need to slap him after the pointless "Country Girl," in which Iha speaks of his empty infatuation with the new girl in town. Those people out there experiencing recent breakups might want to steer clear of this one.

Living up to someone else's standard is a tough mountain to climb, especially when you are an unknown to begin with. James Iha conquers Mt. Everest with Let It Come Down, hopefully offering a glimpse of future treasures to come from this delightful musicianship. Maybe James could even rub some of his charm off on Billy the next time they get together.

by Geoff Bahie

Saturnzreturn
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fter his highly successful first album, Goldie returns with another assortiment of electronic offerings which showcase his versatility. There is real value in the cost of the purchase because it is a double album lasting well over two hours and consisting of two distinct movements. The principal track on the first CD, Mother, is a long, slow orchestral arrangement with sparse vocals, a combination which is both surprising and eloquent. "Truth" is similar and contains vocals by David Bowie, one of many stars to jump onto the Goldie bandwagon.

More variety is found on the second disc, a varied selection of tracks ranging from hip hop to ambient to deep dub vibe. 90s' One guests on "Digital," a frenetic and slightly awkward track that is perhaps the lowlight of the album. Things improve later on with the fluid grace of "Chico," a fast jungle beat stretched over an ominous baseline in the best Aphex Twin fashion. The ubiquitous Noel Gallagher makes an appearance on "Tempor Temper," another raging tablet of noise containing distorted vocals and fragments of verse. "Fury" is appropriately titled in that it complements earlier tracks by offering a mixture of fast and slow rhythms, echoing its predecessor but adding something new to the general theme of the album.

Overall Goldie has done well here. It is a difficult task to follow up a hit single such as "Chemical World," but the Chemical Brothers have shown, it is not impossible. For those not into this type of electronic music, Saturnzreturn may not be the best introduction as it suffers mildly in comparison to the aforementioned Aphex Twin, but for the initiated this second release is a welcome addition to the collection. Sometimes Goldie's lyrics are out the most original, and occasionally his beats have been heard somewhere before, but the way in which the parts come together makes the album definitely worth a listen.

by Julian Elliott

The Lowdown

Let It Come Down

Goldfinger supporting its major label debut. It Means Everything.

Celine Dion may have accomplished a lot as a singer, but she has never had one of these big breaks... until now. Thanks to the British duo Max and Griffin, a dance remix of her song "My Heart Will Go On" from the "Titanic" soundtrack will be arriving in stores in the next few weeks.

More than 100,000 America

Leader singer Perry Farrell has

Online users helped determine the winners of the 1997 Online Music Awards. The Spice Girls won for "Album of the Year," while Baby Spice was adorned as the "Favorite Spice Girl." Marilyn Manson won for "Best Album for Torturing Your Parents" and "Artist Most Likely to be Damned to Hell." That was certainly not a compliment. The Pumpkins' bandmate and lead singer/guitarist Billy Corgan and Porno Addiction frontman is already working on a new project named Gobbeliie. The new group will feature a rotating group of musicians that will likely include Porno Addiction frontman James Iha. Perry Farrell has officially pulled the plug on Porno For Pyros. The former Jane's Addiction frontman is already working on a new project named Gobbeliie. The new group will feature a rotating group of musicians that will likely include Porno Addiction frontman James Iha.

For the first time since 1994, Phish will be playing a series of shows in the month of April, traditionally a time of rest or recording for the band. Two shows (April 2-3) will take place at Long Island's Nassau Coliseum, while another on April 4-5 the band will be playing at the Providence Civic Center in Providence, R.I. Following the four-show stint, Phish will return to the studio to continue working on its ninth album.

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Minutes Live

Plastic Castle

Sauce — Yeah, It's That Easy

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8.) Lisa Loeb — Firecracker

7.) G. Love & The Special Sauce — Yeah, That's Easy

6.) Various — Scream 2 sdtk.

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2.) Various — Little Plastic Castle

1.) Various — Scary Movie sdtk.
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Roni Size Reprazent
Ben Harper
Leftover Salmon
Mary J. Blige
The Skatalites/Let's Go Bowling/Skakopee
Violent Femmes
Eric Clapton
Radiohead

Trainspotting #2

Trainspotting #2 is a release designed to coincide with a limited edition director's cut of Trainspotting, the film used to the "Green Edition" for an ad campaign that revives the visual宋newliness orange style for an equally ominous green. However, it is not available for purchase yet in the United States due to a conflict between Great Britain's video cassette formatting and America's and true VHS.

The CD soundtrack with nifty green styling, though, is ready and waiting at your local purveyor of finer labels. The remaining tracks are songs "that inspired the film makers or has been inspired by the film" according to the liner notes. The notes also detail why certain tracks were included on this album, but not in the movie, which is certainly important, since this reviewer has no clue what Fun Boy Three's "Our Lips Are Sealed" was doing on this album.

However, this does not account for several tracks. These seemingly inexplicable tracks are mainly remixes of the exceptionally popular songs from the first album, designed to lure in fans of the first album with the seeming promise of music in a similar vein. These particular remixes, however, do little. The DJs who decide to change what worked about the song need to brush up on a few basic principles of logic here. But, for the most part, Trainspotting #2 succeeds in capturing the euro-club feel of the movie and the first album. It's instant beats that invite a primal urge to dance in the listener combined with the refinement of a techno edge to appeal to the higher sensibilities run rampant through this album. However, it cannot escape the fact that it is mainly comprised of music not considered good enough to make the original motion picture or the original soundtrack.

The album fails to appeal to mass audiences as the first soundtrack did. It lacks the smoothed out feel that stems from a comprehensive soundtrack. While individual songs, such as "Underworld's Dark and Long" and PP-Film's "Choose Life" (featuring Ewan McGregor's now infamous "choose life" sound byte) are grand club shaking, bass boosting, dance tracks, they feel disconnected from the rest of the album (to say nothing of the "Coping" from Carnie's "Georges Bizet must be rolling over in his grave.") David Bowie's "Golden Years" didn't make the movie — for a good reason. It ought to go the way of the dinosaur and leisure suits. Heaven 17's "Temptation" — although included in the movie — perhaps would have been better off remaining anonymous.

While certain tracks are very danceable and listenable for anyone into the euro club music scene, or looking for something more worldly than "Mo' Money, Mo' Problems" for their next party, the rest of this album seems to appeal only to die hard British post-punk generation, or those with precious little taste in music.

by Dominic Caruso

Hellcat Records Presents... *** 1/2 stars out of five

Give 'Em The Boot

A ska continues its inevitable ascent as the champion of UK punk. Its presence in the recording industry has strengthened. Many small labels devoted to ska and her minions have come into existence, as bands like the Toasters, Bl'm Skalh Blm, Skankin' Pickle, and Less than Jake have all expanded the face of ska with their respective labels.

Tim Armstrong, of Rancid (and formerly Operation Ivy fame), has combined his efforts with the successful punk and reggae envelope to assemble perhaps the most formidable stable of bands in existence. Hellcat records released its inaugural compilation Give 'Em The Boot this past summer, and the listing of bands on the disc reads like an all-star list of the ska and punk community. Hellcat, the Slackers, Skinnerbox, the Skatalites, Stubborn Allstars, Bim, Voodoo Glow Skulls, The Pintasters, and the Dave Hillyard Rocksteady 7 — this is a definitive listing of the music you will be hearing over the next few years.

As with any new enterprise, it takes time to perfect the product, and Hellcat seems to suffer from this same quandary. Despite the quality of bands, producer Armstrong has difficulty with an age old problem — the product, and Hellcat seems to suffer from this same quandary. Despite the quality of bands, producer Armstrong has difficulty with an age old problem — the product, and Hellcat seems to suffer from this same quandary. Despite the quality of bands, producer Armstrong has difficulty with an age old problem —

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Lightning flashes a streak of fine play over Capitals

Associated Press

WASHINGTON. U.S. Olympic coach Ron Wilson's miserable month got worse Wednesday night as his Washington Capitals lost 4-3 to the visiting smelling Tampa Bay Lightning on Alexander Seminov's goal with 7.4 seconds left.

In the first game since the Olympics, Seminov put the puck in after Sylvia Gade failed to clear after a face-off at the Capitals end.

The Capitals did rally from a 3-1 deficit in the third period, mostly because of the goal by Richard Zednik with 15:51 to go and play Craig Berube with 7:44 remaining, but Washington's inability to clear the puck cost three goals — including the game-winner.

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Three more penalties brought a power play goal for each team in the second period, as the Capitals once again paid the price for poor puck-handling.

After Peter Bondra couldn't get it out of the zone, David Wilkie took a shot and Paul Ysebaert flicked in the rebound from a tight angle to the right of the net at the 1:11 mark.

Toronto 2, Buffalo 2

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

Donald Audette had given Buffalo a 2-1 lead with 4:09 left in regulation when he slipped in his 16th after the Sabres had two man advantages following Toronto penalties 26 seconds earlier.

If it weren't for Hasek, the Sabres could have been beaten by at least four goals. Instead, they extended their unbeaten streak to 10 games.

In the third period, Bondra opened the scoring on his first shift for the Sabres since being trad- ed to Buffalo from the New York Rangers in the off-season.

Hasek stopped at least six good scoring opportunities over the first two periods before Todd Warrior beat him with 1:28 left in the second when he flipped a backhander over the fallen goaltender.

Hasek then stopped two breakaways and no fewer than four other good chances in the third.

Dallas 4, New York Islanders 1

Ed Belfour stopped 21 shots as the Dallas Stars beat the New York Islanders 4-1 Wednesday night in the first game for the two teams since the Olympic break.

Pat Verbeek, Jere Lehtinen, John Lind and Mike Modano scored for the Stars, who own the league's best record (20-3-3), and kick off a tough overall record (37-13-8).

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Hasek had been growing frustrated in his financial holdings, and the deal collapsed.

With the teams tied at 2-2, the Islanders ended a tie in the second period and heaved with the Panthers' zone during a Devils power play set up Pederson. His slap shot from the far side circle went through John Vanbiesbrouck's legs for the go-ahead goal at 12:51.

Backup Mike Dunham (3-4-2) started in place of New Jersey's regular goalie Martin Brodeur (32-11-4), and recorded 23 saves. He made a big game save on Ray Whitney's slap shot with 5:30 left in the second period to preserve the victory, his first since Dec. 10.

The Panthers took a 2-1 lead at 16:16 of the first period on Tim Piegard's 17th goal. The Devils tied it on Petr Sykora's short-handed goal at 1:05 of the second period.

Vanbiesbrouck, who has started the past 16 games, but played just one minute while barring up Mike Richter for team USA in Nagano, had 26 saves.

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Gluckstern, who is the head official bought by New York Sports Ventures, was formerly a half-owner of the Phoenix Coyotes.

Pickett kept the team out right in 1978, after serving as an original minority owner under Roy Boe. And after rec- turing the team from near bankruptcy and serving as owner during New York's four consecutive Stanley Cup chal- lenges from 1980-1983.

Pickett started to lose interest in the team. He moved to Virginia and distanced himself from the Islanders, and the team started to collapse.

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David Cone showed no real sign of a sore shoulder, but David Wells is still a bit saddled by sore ribs.

The New York Yankees hurlers are having opposite experiences at spring training as they try to shake off their injuries and the team tries to shake out its rotation.

Cone mixed it up and was problem free during an intrasquad contest in Tampa, Fla., on Wednesday, his first game since last year.

Wells tried to throw but was bothered by strained muscles between his right ribs, an injury that may keep him from his first scheduled spring training start Saturday.

"He tried to throw and he had a little problem," said Yankees manager Joe Torre.

"It's been nagging him the past four, five, six days and it has prevented him from a lot of throwing."

Cone threw 37 pitches — 20 of them strikes — in two innings, using all four pitches in his repertoire. He allowed one run, one walk, and three hits. While his control was occasionally off, his performance went rather smoothly. "I've been waiting for a game to come along all winter and today was the day," Cone said. "I had no problems with my shoulder and that's really the key for me. I was a little new and a little anxious to get out there. I wasn't so sharp as I'm going to be or would like to be."

Cone remains optimistic he will be ready by the regular season's initial week. He makes his exhibition debut Tuesday against Houston at Kissimmee.

New York trainer Gene Monahan said Wells ailment is "not a major injury" but added Wells will not throw the next few days.

A decision on whether the Yankees will make offers for free agent pitchers Ricardo Timbales and Orlando Hernandez could be made Thursday when team meet with owner George Steinbrenner.

In other news:

* Former baserunner Darin Erstad, the first overall selection in the 1995 free-agent draft, agreed to terms on a one-year contract with the Cleveland Indians last year, said he's "eager to get back on the mound.

* "We've got a great young team, a great group of guys, it's just a good situation for me," McDowell said Wednesday. "You look around at people who have a need for something and where you can fit in, where you have a chance and the Angels fit as well as anybody."

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The United States soccer team lost Wednesday for the third straight time since posting one of the biggest wins in U.S. soccer history.

Nico Vanekerckhove scored two goals to give Belgium a 2-0 win in a pre-World Cup exhibition match.

Since beating Brazil 1-0 in the Gold Cup Feb. 10, the U.S. team has lost to Mexico, the Netherlands and Belgium, not scoring a goal in any of the three games.

The losses to Belgium and the Netherlands, by identical 2-0 scores, are particularly troubling for the U.S. team, which will play European powers Germany and Yugoslavia in the World Cup in June.

Watched by 16,000 in the King Baudouin Stadium here, the game came alive in the 23rd minute when Vanekerckhove broke loose on Belgium's left flank, chased the ball hard into the goal mouth and tipped it through the legs of U.S. goalkeeper Kasey Keller.

The U.S. responded later in the half, but Alexi Lalas and Eric Wynalda could not finish off scoring opportunities.

The Belgians took control in the second half when Vanekerckhove scored his second goal in the 54th minute. Vanekerckhove scored off the inside of the post on a rebound after Luc Nil's free kick left Keller out of position.

The Belgians kept up the pressure. In the 64th minute Mauro Kurzagoni sent Keller way out of his goal—allowing a high and fast lob off scoring opportunities. The Belgians scored on the second half in the 79th minute when Brian McBride caught a high pass on the chest in the goal mouth yet could not get it past goalie Filip de Wilde.

It was the United States' third game against Belgium. It won in 1930 to advance to the World Cup semifinals and lost an exhibition game 1-0 on April 22, 1995.

The loss to Belgium leaves the Americans with a 4-3 record at the end of a seven-game stretch over the past 33 days.

The United States had beaten Sweden, Cuba, Costa Rica and Brazil before the losses to Mexico, the Netherlands and Belgium.

Two more games are scheduled in the next three months (Paraguay at San Diego on March 14 and Austria at Vienna on April 22) before final World Cup preparations start in May.

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memory for Manner, too, who ended a three-game 0-for-17 shooting slump by hitting three of his four shots for 6 points.

"I was looking at my parents before we were introduced, and to see them there smiling it was very special," he said. "You can't shake his own smile that he wore from the court to the locker room. "The fan support was nice, too, to hear them clapping and cheering. I felt it was my duty to make a layup for them. (The first) felt real good, and I thought I should make a couple after that.

Irish coach John MacLeod also recognized the positive performances Manner and Garrity put out in what may their final game in the white jersey.

"You couldn't ask for a better night," MacLeod said. "It was a hard-fought game. It was a close game. Nobody left, everybody stayed at the end. This was a game where both Derek and Pat were able to show their character and their ability to persevere. It was not an easy game, you could see that it wasn't easy for either team. Both teams went after each other and it was great to see Patrick and Derek finish on a positive note at home."

But MacLeod suggested that the impact of the two seniors' contributions will carry on beyond last night's close victory.

"As we mentioned the other day, they have been stalwarts in this rebuilding process," MacLeod continued. "They have made major-league contributions that will be recognized for years to come. Some of those contributions may have appeared last night. Garrity answered a lot of his post-game questions with praise for his teammates, who helped the Irish to what was probably their best team-effort victory.

"I couldn't hit baskets in the first half, but Martin (McFadden) and Phil (Hickey) helped me out and stepped up," Garrity said. "Guys like Antoni Wyche, Jimmy Dillon and Phil getting the rebounds and putting them back really picked up the slack."

It was Inglesby who took a pass from Dillon and hit a three-pointer with 5:21 left in the game to give the Irish a 63-62 lead they would hold on to for a minute.

And then it was Dillon who took a pass from Inglesby and turned it into another three-point basket that gave Notre Dame the lead for good with 2:46 remaining.

Inglesby finished with 15 points. Wyche and Hickey each scored 13, and Dillon sank 8 of 10 from the free-throw line, five of those coming on both three-pointers and two free throws with less than a minute to go in the game.

So what last night's game may turn out to be a smooth transition, the passing of the torch from the exiting seniors to the young nucleus that will benefit from next year's arrival of MacLeod's best recruiting class at Notre Dame.

But if the Irish play the rest of their games the way they did last night, we may have the chance to see a few more.

Or, as Manner suggested, maybe not.

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LENT ME YOUR EAR
Jim Lies, C.S.C.

Earlier this month would have been my parents forty-seventh wedding anniversary. In fact, they only had fifteen years together before my father died at the age of forty-two. My mother was expecting her tenth child when he died, and the oldest was fourteen. I was near the tail end of the brood, the eighth child, (my twin was ninth, a detail of which I often remind him) and four years old when my Dad died. I have long said that I did not lose a father in the same way that several of my older siblings did. They knew him, I didn’t. I never felt as though I lost my father because I don’t ever remember having one. (I realize psychologists would have a field day with that line!) What I did have, were those through whom God made up all the difference, my mother and my siblings.

We live our lives sometimes convinced that we must certainly have it worse than everyone else in the world, but there are other times when we know ourselves to be so very much blessed, perhaps feeling in that moment of revelation, more blessed than anyone else in the world. What’s the constant? What’s the one thing that allows us to ride the waves which are for us, sometimes the best of times and, at times, the worst. Dare I presume to be the one to say? I am no mystic, I can’t even claim to be a theologian, but I am a Christian; and I do believe that that which undergirds all that I am and all that I do is God. Even in my most unhappy moments, I am sustained by a deep undercurrent of surety and even joy at the knowledge and experience of a God so great and so loving. Admittedly, there are times when that presence seems more evident than others, but on the whole, it is what sustains me.

We have entered into a liturgical season when all of us can take time to consider, more deeply the ways in which God is active and present in our lives, in the joy and in the sorrow, in the delight and in the pain. Lent affords us an opportunity to consider the ways in which that undercurrent has weaved its way through the meanderings of our lives and refreshed and sustained us along the way.

In the Catholic tradition we are particularly blessed with a multitude of ways to enter into this holy season, many of which will be publicized on this page throughout Lent. Our tradition is rich with symbols and with self-sacrifice, beginning yesterday with Ash Wednesday. Throughout Lent we have ample opportunity to renew our journey of faith, through daily Eucharist, the Stations of the Cross, daily prayer with the Rosary or simply in the quiet, and many other forms of prayer and piety. Only to the degree that we enter into the richness and self-sacrifice of this season, will Easter be for us all that it remembers and celebrates even now, the resurrection of Jesus.

When my Dad died, some suggested that perhaps my Mom should consider splitting up the children among relatives because of the great financial and emotional burden that she would undoubtedly bear. She would hear none of it. She was trained and had worked as a nurse before she was married, and six months after my little sister, Susie, was born, she went back to nursing. She worked, appropriately enough, in obstetrics, an area about which she had come to know a great deal over time! For fourteen years, she chose to work the 11pm to 7am shift so that she could be home to wake us, feed us, and see us off to school, and so that she could be home upon our return.

Mom’s life wasn’t then, and isn’t now, some thirty years later, only about her. It’s about us. It’s about her children, her grandchildren, and her many friends. It’s about family and church. It’s about faith and hope even in the face of death and despair. It’s about the very thing which we absurdly propose to commemorate during this Lenten season, that in God, life is found in death.

It’s not always easy to trust in God, especially when life sometimes seems to offer us only pain and fear. But, as Christians, we believe that there is redemption in the suffering, that in some way we have entered into the sufferings of Jesus, so as to enter into His glory. Let this Lenten season be a time for us to enter into the mystery which is life and death and life again.
Irish open home season with win over Chippewas

By BRAD PRENDERGAST
Editor-in-Chief

Forget the warm climate of sunny South Bend, the Irish baseball team will take February baseball in South Bend instead. Coming off a three-game sweep at the hands of the seventh-ranked Miami Hurricanes last weekend, the Irish opened their home half of their schedule with a 7-5 victory over the Central Michigan Chippewas yesterday.

Freshman relief pitcher Danny Tamayo retired 10 of the first 11 batters he faced, effectively shutting down Central Michigan’s offense and allowing Notre Dame to overcome a 4-3 deficit when fellow freshman Alex Porzel hit a two-run homer in the sixth inning.

Tamayo’s performance was a complete reversal of his only outing against Miami, when in Saturday’s 2-7 loss he gave up two grand slams in one inning. Tamayo, a native of Miami, was part of a pitching staff that surrendered 62 runs on 58 hits and 22 walks in the three-game series.

But yesterday, Tamayo (1-1) provided almost impeccable pitching control, striking out seven and walking none.

"Here’s a kid who went back home to Miami and got shellacked. But he came back today and pitched a great game," head coach Paul Mainieri said. "He was able to throw three pitches — fastball, curveball, and changeup — for strikes. When you throw three pitches for strikes, you’re going to win."

Tamayo sought to redeem himself after his performance in Miami. "Against the Hurricanes, I didn’t pitch as well as I wanted to, so I made it a point to pitch well the next time I went out," he said. "Today I was hitting the spots well. My changeup had a lot of movement."

In the seventh inning, with the Irish holding on to a 5-4 lead, Tamayo faced the second, third and fourth batters in the Chippewas line-up — and retired them in order, ending the inning with a strikeout.

After facing the heart of the Hurricanes’ batting order, it’s not so intimidating to face the two-, three- and four-batters in any other lineup," Mainieri joked after the game. "The Irish began their scoring on an RBI ground out by second baseman Chad Frye and a two-run homer by center-fielder Allen Greene in the second inning. But the Chippewas scraped back, taking the lead in the fifth inning on two RBI singles and knocking out Irish starter Aaron Heilman.

The damage would have been worse if not for Irish catcher Jeff Wagner, who caught pinch runner Chris Suggit stealing in the sixth inning. Greg Jones, a hard-hit ground ball for a base hit. Porzel followed with a two-run homer to left field on a 0-0 fastball that was belt-high.

Porzel was at the heart of the Irish offense yesterday, scoring two other runs and driving in Brant Ust on a double in the sixth inning. Like Tamayo’s outing, Porzel’s productivity was a far cry from his performance in Florida, where he went 1-for-8 with three strikeouts.

"[Against the Hurricanes], I didn’t pitch as well as I wanted to, so I made it a point to pitch well the next time I went out," he said. "Today I was hitting the spots well. My changeup had a lot of movement."

Mainieri added. "I took a different approach to hitting during Tuesday’s practice and today’s game." Porzel said. "In Miami, I found myself just looking to make contact. But today, I was at the plate, he said. "People were hitting him because he didn’t throw those pitches where he wanted them," the coach said. "We were aggressive."

The freshman duo of Aaron Heilman (pictued) and Danny Tamayo gave the Irish the firepower on the mound to seal the victory.

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Biolchini brothers leave mark

By TOM STUDEBAKER
and DAN LUZIETTI

The Bengal Bouts tournament carries with it a deep tradition of excellence, and who better to understand this history than his family. Tom Biolchini's family has been involved in the Bouts for 40 years.

Biolchini's father was a member of the Bengal Bouts during his four years at Notre Dame. He graduated in 1962 as a two-time champion. Biolchini, brother Doug was the next to participate in the tournament during his four years, he won three titles.

Toby Biolchini followed suit, but unfortunately did not see as much success as the prior members of the family. However, he was the club president and left many of his fellow boxers inspired by his work ethic.

Biolchini looks to this illustrious family history in the tournament as he approaches his final appearance on Friday.

"My family has had quite an impact on my personal boxing career," Biolchini commented. "But I don't really feel any pressure from them. They are supportive no matter how I perform. My brothers are always in my corner when I fight."

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"What worked were my jabs because he was a little bit shorter than I was," Biolchini commented about his unanimous decision. "I just stayed with my jabs because I was connecting with them and basically I stayed away from him because I did not want to risk anything."

Endurance is the key to success in this year's Bouts and Biolchini looked strong throughout the entire competition. While DeSplinter seemed to tire at the end of the second, Biolchini had enough energy to go the distance.

"It [endurance] is good. I was actually testing it in the third round," Biolchini said. "I fight Chip [Farrell] in the finals. I'm really going to have to go three times the speed so I was really trying to test it."

The 163-pound class has yet to provide a challenge for Rich Molloy. Molloy's semi-final opponent, sophomore David Remick, almost made it three rounds before falling victim to a stunning punch in the third. Molloy landed a vicious barrage of punches against Remick. The ref called the fight with 38 seconds remaining in the third.

Molloy will face senior Jim Sur in the finals. Sur advanced by default, due to a Robert Miyakawa injury to his arm in his quarterfinal match. After last year's loss to captain John Christoforetti, Rans appeared ready to inherit the title. Thus far into the bracket, Rans appears somewhat surprised in the ring by the amount of talent which he has faced. His semi-final opponent Alter posed quite a challenge for Rans. Alter relied heavily on his jab and landed a few straight rights. Initially, he appeared to be somewhat of a brawler which caught Rans off-guard.

Rans came out aggressive looking to erase the memory of his slow start in the first round. He dominated the ring in the first round but Alter rallied. Rans used his trademark jab to secure himself his second-straight appearance in the finals.

Senior Norm Beznoska has dominated the bottom half of the bracket. His quick starts and aggressive style once again earned him a win. His opponent Travis Alexander couldn't get any offense started.

"I just tried to throw a lot of different stuff," Beznoska said. "I went both right and left-handed and it worked well. It confused him a little."

Beznoska's style left Alter stunned. Beznoska advanced by TKO with 43 seconds remaining in the third.

With the three weight classes remaining in the finals, those craving an upset might just get what they are looking for.
Brian Gaffney delivers a lethal blow, sending Keith Parendo to the wires, in the 175-pound semifinal.

Big blows from the big guys
By ALLISON KRILLA
Sports Writer

The stars came out last night for the 68th annual Bengal Bouts semifinal round. A handful of legendseers in the 175-pound through heavyweight divisions saw stars as the heavy-hitters pulled out all the stops with a trip to Friday’s finals on the line.

Brian Gaffney’s second fight of the week ended in much the same way as the first — a TKO just one minute and 29 seconds into the fight. Keith Parendo managed to throw several uppercuts finished him of body blows kept Parendo on the defensive before a few well-placed uppercuts finished him off.

“Every fight I’m able to see things that I’ve never seen before — little openings, sweet spots,” said Gaffney. “The fight goes exactly as it did before, but my mind’s starting to catch up and I’m able to read things faster.”

In the final, Gaffney faces Chris Dobranski, who posted a unanimous decision victory over freshman Brian Hobbs. The tempers first round gave way to an all-out brawl won by the experienced Dobranski. The senior had fire in his eyes in the third round, landing an abundance of hooks and adding a body shot after the second of his two punches landed near the ropes. A late third round jolt sent Hobbs staggering and nearly ending the bout.

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

“Fighting Smith was too much fun,” said Romanchek. “We were out there smiling at each other and laughing. We were talking the whole time on deck just about how much fun we were going to have. We really had a good time.

Romanchek worked the taller Smith inside, landing solid body-head combinations to wear Smith down. Friday’s 180-pound final may turn out to be the best of the night, pitting Rom’s Mike against Dan Prince, a unanimous decision victor over Joey Leniski. Prince and Leniski slugged it out in one of the evening’s bloodiest battles.

“Monday night and tonight were both a couple of brawls out there,” said Prince. “I just knew I had to go out there throwing and fighting.”

Prince and Romanchek both have a similar fighting style, being short and sticky, but Prince hopes his new-round-high leg kick on the jab will provide an edge. Romanchek will focus on more upper body movement and the mental toughness to throw straighter punches.

Junior Dave Butz and senior Andy Hebert made up most of their first fights of the year, earning TKOs in the second rounds of their respective bouts. With a mix of hooks, crosses and jabs, Butz punkmeled Matt Dobranski, who lasted 23 seconds into the second after two standing eight-counts in the first. But it was Jim Neagle who saw stars after the hard-hitting Hebert landed a round of combinations.

“I was just going after him with the combinations and knocking it up when he was moving back,” said Hebert. “The Hebert vs. Butz bout promises to be a greater test for both fighters.

“Butz is a heavy puncher,” said Hebert. “He’s got the knock-out punch, so I’ll have to look out for that one. And hopefully I’ll last three rounds.”

Defending champion Dave Monahan earned a split decision victory over Andy Krieger in the heavyweight division, setting up a final bout with freshman phenom Pete Ryan.

Ryan’s quickness and pure strength enabled the freshman to keep Mike Romano on the defensive. The blistered Romano landed few jabs, while absorbing a flurry of body shots from Ryan.

“I was a little bit nervous when I started,” said Ryan. “I didn’t expect to have to throw any body punches, so it took me a whole round to adjust.

“I think my biggest advantage is that I got lucky enough to be heavy, to get in with these guys who are a little bit slower.”

And the other finalists hope Friday night will be another star-studded event for the opposition.

Cardona, Wiltse test the ties of friendship
By MIKE DAY
Sports Editor

The boxing ring is no place for friendship. That’s what Adrian Cardona and Mike Wiltse found out on Wednesday night.

A cruel twist of fate pitted the two friends and training partners in the ring together in the semifinals of the 68th annual Bengal Bouts. Despite the unusual circumstances, Cardona and Wiltse engaged in perhaps the night’s most entertaining fight.

“It was really hard because we had trained so hard together, and we are good friends out of the ring,” said Cardona. “Once you get into a ring, you tend to forget about being friends. You’re thinking more about giving him a busted lip or a broken nose.”

And their brawling like streetfighters for three action-packed rounds, the outcome came down to a split decision. Cardona, the No. 2 seed in the 155-pound division, ended up on the winning end by the slimmest of margins.

“That’s the best fight I’ve ever been in,” he said. “I’ve got a bad lip to prove it,” said Cardona. Cardona will now meet top seed Mike Laduke, who advanced with a split decision victory over No. 5 Jeffrey Dobose.

The competition wasn’t nearly as fierce in the 150-pound division. The top two seeds, Fred Kelly and Stefan Molina, rolled to unanimous decision victories over Jeesvar Subblish and Tom Owens, respectively.

After struggling somewhat in his quarterfinal match against freshman Dennis Beldehlour, Kelly bounced back in convincing fashion, dominating Subblish for the entire three rounds.

“I just tried to keep my cool in there tonight,” said Kelly. “The other night going in there against a southpaw, I really wasn’t sure how to handle it and kind of had my doubts. I wanted to keep my nerves in there this fight, and I think I did.”

In the other semifinal match, Molina, the brother of 135-pound finalist Lucas, used his aggressive, charging style to upset Owens. Molina and Kelly will square off on Friday in what promises to be one of the night’s biggest matchups.

Following the theme of the night, the top-two seeds in the 145-pound division advanced to Friday’s finals. Second-seeded Dave Murphy tangled with No. 3 Dennis Joyce, and after three hard-fought rounds, emerged with a split decision victory.

In the other half of the bracket, J.R. Mellin managed to avoid being rusty after sitting out Monday’s quarterfinals with a bye. The top seed won by unanimous decision despite a strong effort by No. 5 Matt Nelson.

“(Bann) was a lot stronger than I thought he would be, and he was coming on top of me the whole fight,” said Mellin.

I would have been smarter to step back and punch, but I decided to stick in there and punch which is probably not a wise thing to do. But in the end, I guess it comes down to who hits who the most.”
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BENGAL BOUTS

Rematch ‘ready to rumble’

By BETSY BAKER
Assistant Sports Editor

The anticipation has been building since the controversial decision was announced nearly a year ago. Regardless of the time that has passed, or the talk about not looking past their first fights, Tom Will and Lucas Molina know that their rematch in the 130-pound class will be the premiere event of the 68th annual Bengal Bouts. Last year, Will defeated Molina in a split decision in which both fighters had thought they won. Last night, both Will and Molina looked in top shape in their victories over Camilo Rueda and Matt McBurney. After both fighters received first-round byes, Will and Molina were able to evade the rustiness often felt from not fighting in the quarterfinals.

Will used his experienced and patient approach to wear down the freshman Rueda. Rueda put up a good defensive against Will and was quick in his movement around the ring, but unfortunately for him, he was left moving around the ring, away from the charging Will. Molina, on the other hand, came out of the blocks swinging, using his speed and power to overcome McBurney. Despite a few quick jabs McBurney was able to land in the first round, Molina went straight to his body, eventually stunning him, forcing the referee to stop the fight.

"After the first round I just felt being able to outsmart or overpower his opponent," Molina commented on his opponent. "I wanted to work on my jab a lot more because I’m definitely going to have to use it a lot in the 130-pound class, and if I’m going to win, I have to be able to use my jab tonight. I was able to work right in and do a power punch. I didn’t get to work on what I wanted to, but I’ll take the win any day."

Will knows that there will be pressure on both fighters in the rematch, also acknowledges that there is added pressure on him to hold on to his crown. Still, he expects the fight to be down to wire again, and is looking forward to it.

"Lucas is so strong and well-trained," Will said of his opponent. "I don’t think there is going to be pressure on both of us, but I think it is going to be a great fight."

In the 125-pound class, senior Matt Peacock saw four years of hard work pay off, as he came up with his first win in four years and is heading to the finals. Peacock beat sophomore Jamie O’Shaughnessy in a split decision after three rounds off eluding his long reach and going up and under to the body. Peacock was the more athletic of the two fighters, and although O’Shaughnessy came back in the second round with a series of sharp jabs to his face, round three Peacock tied him off.

At the top seed last year, Peacock was defeated in the 130-pound bout by senior Seerveld, leaving his goal unfinished. And while he is excited to be in the finals, nothing would make his four years more worth it than the title. "This great. This is what I’ve wanted for the last four years," Peacock explained. "Unfortunately, I couldn’t have used my jab tonight, I was able to work right in and do a power punch. I didn’t get to work on what I wanted to, but I’ll take the win any day."

Tommie Will gets advice from a coach Pat Farrell en route to his unanimous decision win.

Freshmen fight for finals

By SHANNON RYAN
Sports Writer

They’re few. They’re impressive. They’re young. Of 18 freshmen, only three advanced through in last night’s semi-finals of the Bengal Bouts. The highlight of the surprise final round bouts came in what the emcee dubbed the “battle of the freshmen.”

Adrian Cardona and David Wilte probably knew what to expect from the other in the 155-pound weight class considering they’re both friends, O’Neill residents, and training partners.

Although the two seemed equally skilled in right-wise and skill-wise it was Cardona who came out on top after three rounds. After a Monday night destruction of senior Brendan Reilly, Cardona carried his powerful punch with him to defeat Wilte by a split decision.

In the feisty fight where punches were thrown equally as wild, it was the Cardona combination that took care of business.

"I went to get in punching," said the Texas native who kept his feet dancing the entire match. "I try to go in there and pump up and not let up." Cardona poured it in the third round, attacking Wilte and wowing the audience with his right hook.

The elated Cardona was more shocked than anyone of his surprising success.

"I’m amazed that I got this far," he said. "I went in just for the training, I didn’t imagine I’d win the first fight, and I’m really happy to win the second." The smiles may continue Friday if “El Machetero” can compete with the ups over junior captain Mike Monahan.

LaDuke has the experience, the right advantage and the skill. However, Cardona claims to have the desire that it takes. "He got up and tried to really beat him up," he said. "I don’t have the skill, I’m just going to punch and try different things.”

With longer rounds, Cardona plans on using every second to his advantage.

"I want to get in every punch that I can in the time I have." That seemed true in the 130-pound weight class, as Jeremy Leatherby bombarded Martin Garcia with his combination swings after a bye in the quarterfinals.

Despite a bright disadvantage, Leatherby used the body punch to his gain.

"I got some good punches in," the first senior man said. "I took it to the body and then gave him the hook.”

In the final round, Leatherby’s right hook sent Garcia into the rings. From then on, the freshman carried his power punch to win by a unanimous decision.

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

Keenan freshman Peter Ryan seemed to be going at it just as successfully in the heavyweights. After a bye in the quarterfinals, Ryan walked off the mat with the heavyweights after allowing the last name intimidate him.

Leanne Ryan relies on his uppercut and power punch to win the split decision.

"I was surprised I had to go to the body," Ryan said. "I’ve never really had to in practice before. I’m usually taller and have to punch down.”

But even with little experience, Ryan had no trouble working out first match jitters. "I got a first tournament so I was nervous," he said. "I just let my instinct and training kick in.”

Even though skill and intuition worked against Ryan, Ryan may not have the confidence to pull out a victory over last year’s heavyweight champion David Mendez.

"I’m scared," Ryan admitted. "We practiced in practice and he broke my nose.”

Whether noses will be broken or bleeding, the three advancing freshmen are just anxious to get in the ring again. The inexperienced three have caused a few eyebrows to raise so far, and Friday promises a few surprises as well.

But these youngsters don’t want to rely on beginner’s luck-they want to earn the title champion.

"I’m willing to try whatever works for a win," said Cardona with his eyes fastened on a Friday night undercard championship.
Belles look to end season with homecourt advantage

By JANICE WEERS
Sports Writer

It was a long ride home for the Saint Mary's basketball team Tuesday night, and not just because they were on the road for three hours. In the last regular season contest of the season, Saint Mary's was beaten by Sierra Heights College, 62-84.

Coach David Roeder had plenty of time to mull over the game on the way home. He does not believe that his team was playing with the ability that they have and feels it was an off night.

"We didn't shoot very well and we played poor defense," said Roeder. "We've got to have better efficiency on defense. We need to rebound more." It was not only the offense that was shooting poorly, or the defense that was not defending, it was the two combined that caused a big problem for the Belles.

"Sienna Heights did a good job disrupting our offense," said Roeder. Senior Darcy Nikes added, "The other girls were taller. When you're faced with tall girls and you don't have weak-side help, it shows. Although only 33 percent of the Belles' shots found the net, four players managed to score in the double figures. Nikes delivered 21 points, freshman Julie Nyman contributed 19, senior Julie McGill tossed in 12 and senior Brenda Hickey added 10 to lead the Belles' effort.

The inaccurate shooting is a problem. But so is the lack of excitement on the court. We were really lacking energy in the beginning," said junior Charlotte Albrecht. "Usually somewhere you hit a spurt of energy and start to catch up. We never had that spurt. We were flat the whole game."

This week in practice, the Belles will be working on playing the game the way that they can. And have.

Saint Mary's hosts Aurora University this Friday. It will be the last entry in the 1997-98 Saint Mary's basketball diary, and it is the final game for the seniors.

Nikes, a senior starter, expressed both excitement and sadness about the coming game. "I don't know what to feel," she said. "I have butterflies but yet I'm excited."

The seniors will play in their final collegiate basketball game Friday night at 7 p.m. in the Angela Athletic Facility.

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

With their backs against the wall, the Irish came through with the big win as its record now stands at 13-12 and 7-10 in the Big East with just one regular season game remaining.

"You don't want to say it was a do or die situation, but we needed that W," said MacLeod. "This was a big win for us.

After a 20 point loss to the Hoyas earlier this month, the Irish had to figure out what they were going to do.

"It was a huge rebound for last game, but we didn't execute like we did last time," Hickey said.

Freshman Martin Ingelsby was simply all over the place as he scored 15 points on 5-for-6 shooting including 3-for-4 from three-point land. Ingelsby also racked up seven assists and five steals while only committing one turnover.

I came out with a lot of confidence and my shots were falling the first half, so that helped me out the rest of the way," Ingelsby said.

The Irish overcame a sluggish first half as Garrity shot 1-for-7 in the first half. The squad found itself down 14-17, but Ingelsby did his best Pat Garrity impersonation as he put the team on his back. Ingelsby's sharp shooting kept his squad close scoring 12 straight Irish points before a Garrity free throw tied the game at 25 with four minutes left in the half.

"Martin Ingelsby, for the first time in a long time, showed that he has his confidence back in that stroke," MacLeod said.

The end of the first half also saw some last second activity between Hickey and Georgetown's Boubarac Aw.

The players were tangled up in the post and were called for double fouls.

Hickey gave Aw an earful and then Georgetown's senior captain shoved Hickey in the face drawing the attention of official Ted Valentine.

"I think it was just a case of two kids battling real hard," Georgetown coach John Thompson said. "The Four Horsemen and all those sorts of people would have been proud of Hickey.

Valentine called three technical fouls, including the flagrant one on Aw that means an automatic ejection. A technical was also called on Garrity in the second half.

Tuesday night Valentine had a run-in with Indiana Hoosier coach Bobby Knight who was ejected after three technical fouls. Knight later called the officiating "the greatest travesty" he had ever seen as a coach.

But the Hoyas and the Irish continued to fight as neither team would go away and both squads were able to match each other's big shots.

Notre Dame shot a scintillating 51 percent from the field and 79 percent from the charity stripe, led by Garrity who was 15-for-19.

"There's nothing like shooting the ball in the basket and we did that tonight," MacLeod said. "We shot much better at the free throw line, particularly down the stretch."

Led by Shernard Long and Trez Kilpatrick, Georgetown shot 46 percent in the game and were 6-for-9 from long range. Long gave the Irish defense fits as he went 11-for-20 for a game high 26 points and Kilpatrick added 17.

Garrity overcame 4-for-13 shooting by continuing to battle in the post and earn his chances at the free throw line. "He may have been laboring a bit there, he did not get a breather," MacLeod said. "But he did what good players are supposed to do, he made a lot of those free throws."

Getting a good player to get the buckets or get to the line and Garrity got to the line tonight," Thompson said.

Garrity also hauled in nine rebounds, just missing his fourth double-double in five games. Garrity now finds himself just 17 points behind David Rivers for third on Notre Dame's all-time scoring list. Notre Dame also featured a three guard line-up as Ingelsby, Wylche, and Dillon were on the floor at the same time against a small quick Georgetown team.

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

"We had been working real hard but it hasn't been fitting together and tonight it did," MacLeod continued.

"It was a huge win for us and hopefully we can get some confidence going to the last game," Hickey said.

"With a little bit of confidence hopefully it can extend our season."

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Job Search Beyond Campus Interviews: This workshop will cover the methods one should use to identify and contact prospective employers outside of campus. Also included will be information on the networking of sending correspondence, appropriate follow-up, and the cover letter. This information is valuable for students preparing to conduct a search for permanent or summer employment. Thursdays, February 26, March 5, 9:00 p.m., 1048 Roesch Hall. Contact Dr. Paul Reynolds, Associate Director of Career and Placement Services. Sophomores and Junior Business Majors are encouraged to attend and other students are invited.

Arle Knowlowski will lecture today at 12:15 p.m. on "Zones of Peace in the Third World: South America and West Africa in Comparative Perspective" in seminar room C-103 at the Institute of International Studies. Applications are available in 102-B O'Shaughnessy Hall for the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship. The deadline is April 1, 1994, stop by if you have questions.

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**Irish deliver knockout punch to Big East foe**

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

Those blows came in the form of back-to-back three-pointers from Jimmy Dillon and Pat Garrity, and clutch free throws down the stretch sealed the contest. It was an excellent college basketball game, both teams went after each other," head coach John MacLeod said. "This was a game where there was not much of an edge either way." It was great basketball tonight," center Phil Hickey said. "When both teams are on fire like that it makes for an exciting game.

The contest defined the term "see-saw game," with nine ties and nine lead changes. The Hoyas biggest lead was only six, while a 16-2 run in the final minutes by the Irish gave them their biggest lead. The win was just the second for the Irish this month and hopefully they can build on this momentum. "We've let a couple of games slip away at the end," freshman guard Martin Ingelsby said. "It helps our confidence to know that we can win a game like this. Hopefully we can go into Providence and play well there." Last night Notre Dame fans saw something that has been absent practically all year long, a great fight, the Bengal Bouts will go the most hungry appetites. Pat Garrity takes it to the hoop for two of his 24 points.

**Bengal Bouts**

Senior captain breaks both hands in semis

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Assistant Sports Editor

Some people will go hungry until Friday night — all those who have craved an upset in this year's Bengal Bouts have yet to satisfy their appetites.

Perhaps the person who will go the most hungry will be senior Ryan Rans. Rans advanced by split decision over Robert Alter, yet, he will not fight on Friday. Rans broke both his hands in his semifinal bout last night and will not compete in the finals. The captain for the past two years, finalists for the past two years, the person who dedicated the majority of his senior year to ensuring a successful Bengal Bouts, will not be allowed a chance to win his first championship.

All the favorites advanced in the 160, 165 and 170-pound weight classes last night in the Bouts semifinals. With little surprise, senior Chip Farrell advanced with ease over sophomore Timothy DeFors. The top-ranked Farrell showcased his powerful jabs and his ability to control the ring for the entire fight, but perhaps Farrell's strength lies in his conditioning, as he managed to pack as strong a punch in the third as he did in the first. He won by unanimous decision despite losing his contact lens in the third round.

I felt like I was able to move around the ring well and controlled my opponent," Farrell said. "I felt that I could move him where I wanted." The senior already is anxiously anticipating his fourth appearance in the finals.

"I am going to keep with my same style," Farrell said. "The finals are a whole different ball game. You become a little more nervous and tire easily because it is in the big dance."

Farrell will face a first-time finalist, sophomore Tom Biischini. In his fight, Biischini started off quick by almost instantly backing junior John DeSipiteri into the ropes. DeSipiteri tried to counter-attack, but few, if any, punches connected.

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

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**Bengal Bouts**

Senior captain breaks both hands in semis

By DAN CICHALSKI
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Derek Manner would like last night's 79-69 victory against Georgetown to be his final home game for the Notre Dame's basketball team. He did not actually say it that way, but he meant it. "We'd like to turn the table in the Big East tournament and that's what we're planning to do," Manner said after the game. "We beat all the top teams in the conference, now we need to beat the others. That's the good thing about the conference tournament. It gives us a shot at going to the NCAA's. If you concentrate on the NCAA's, you've got a good chance to go to the NIT, too."

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In order to go to the big dance rather than the NIT, the Irish will likely have to win at Providence Saturday and sweep the Big East tournament in New York next weekend. But a trip to the NIT will probably mean more games at the Joyce Center for Manner and Notre Dame's national player-of-the-year candidate, Pat Garrity. "I wasn't thinking of this game as our last home game," Garrity said. "On the line was our ability to play home basketball games. We're playing for survival. It's very satisfying. This should be a good memory."

And it should be a good memory.