Snite celebrates Cuban culture

By MARIBEL MOREY
News Writer

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

Snite Events

The Snite will celebrate Cuba's art history with several events this week.

- Tuesday: "The B a r n a n d a l Visita Social," a poetry reading, from 4-6 p.m.
- Wednesday: "The B a r n a n d a l Anzeni Auditorium," a lecture at 4 p.m.
- Thursday: "The B a r n a n d a l Sommeritaup," a talk by Rafael Tarrago, a Cuban writer, at 4 p.m.

"No where on campus has anybody brought this type of exhibition yet. We hope to do these types of shows that explore the history of art - not just Western European art," said Gina Costa, marketing specialist at The Snite.

This week's celebration will be followed by a poetry reading on Thursday at 4 p.m. at the Exhibition Galleries, headed by Orlando Menezes, son of Cuban parents and assistant English professor at the University of Dayton, Ohio. A reception will follow in the museum atrium. The lecture-gallery talk at 4 p.m. Friday is sponsored by the Institute for Latino Studies. Food will be served and Cuban music will flow throughout the museum.

Saint Mary's elects new class boards

By NICOLE HADDAD
News Writer

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

With 51 percent of the freshman class voting, Kristen Matha and Kim Jensen won positions as sophomore class president and vice president, along with their running mates secretary Molly O'Shea and treasurer Kristie Maurer. "We're really excited about this year's election," O'Shea said.

"We want to do these types of shows that explore the history of art - not just Western European art," said Costa.

Saint Mary's...
Parenting our parents

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

Are they the kind? Haven’t they always been the baby of the family? Sure. That’s certainly what I’m used to! I couldn’t get past the obstacles of logic as I dressed and fed my father; made phone calls to his business and ran the house. I’ve heard enough of the disheartening role reversal that occurs as our parents age, but I was entirely unprepared for it.

Mine is not a heart-wrenching story, really. Luckily, my father did not suffer a stroke or other misfortune that would severely alter his capacities for the rest of his life. No, my dad was just a bit paranoid and slippier on ice. breaking his left wrist (he’s left handed) and sprain­­ing his right wrist and shoulder. We can laugh about it, blaming the family dogs or lack of sunshine or poor quality of our shovel for the falls. It’s not permanent. I have watched the factors say some of the damage may be.

For me, the injury brought new meaning and terribly inconvenient. He can’t use silver­ware, write, or even button his pants. I guess we tend to take things for granted. The situation was equally frustrating for me, but that’s because my dad is a terribly stub­born. Rather than ask for my help with some­thing he’d try it himself, faust his hand, and yell at me for not offering help. In his anger, he’d try to handle gracefully what most would con­sider a burden. I could never do it. And for my father, I still wonder who will.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Amanda Greco assistant Viewpoint editor

Demonstrators arrested at UCLA law school

U. Arizona student avoids paper

LOS ANGELES

Sixteen protestors were arrested at the UCLA law school Thursday after taking over an office for more than five hours, demanding the dean address their concerns about increasing racial diversity.

Following a "Rally to Prevent Re Segregation" outside the law school that included a keynote address from State Assemblyman Antionio Villaraigosa, 16 protestors — mostly UCLA law stu­dents — invaded the records office shortly after 1 p.m. with a lawyer and negotiator present. Some from the audience followed the protestors into the building and crowded around the office chanting phrases such as "UC Regos, we see racism," and "giving speeches.

One of the seven African American students admitted in 1997, the year after Proposition 209 passed, tear­fully expressed her views to the crowd.

"When I walk up the steps to this law school, this does not feel like a friendly place to me."

Nancy Freeman

UCLA law student

6-year-old aces Stanford classes

STANFORD, Calif.

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

Chapman, who was still in diapers when current Stanford freshmen were entering high school, has been taking college-level courses online through Stanford’s Educational Program for Gifted Youth for about a year. This month, he made headlines when he officially enrolled in a class at the University of Rochester, becoming perhaps the youngest college student in histo­ry. "I love learning," Chapman said. "It just comes at a faster pace for me."

Chapman, who lives in upstate New York, officially registered for a University of Rochester history course this semester. He has earned grades of "A" and "B" on all of his assignments so far, including a paper about Babylonian creation myths and "The Bible." Rochester administrators say Chapman is the type of student who comes along once in a lifetime.

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Little Sibs Weekend boasts high attendance

By MOLLY McVOY
News Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"We've gotten lots of positive responses from people," Wilson said.

However, a few older siblings said a little something was missing.

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

Nobel Laureate to speak Friday

Special to The Observer

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

A native of Belfast, Williams was living and working there in Northern Ireland when she joined the faculty of Florida Atlantic University, where she teaches in the departments of Women's Studies and Peace Studies.

"To call the deaths of children accidents of war and to get children caught up in war as well is unacceptable," Williams said recently. "For years, we've been guilty of sending our sons to join armies, and we've been guilty of thinking that our heroes were men with guns. But for me, the hero is the guy who worries whether his neighbor down the street has a loaf of bread to eat."

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entertained in the backseat of a car and not bother the parents in the front seat. The only way it will work, though, is if the kids are wearing their seat belts," Mahoney said.
Mahoney also said that he was surprised with his award.
"I was a little shocked because I am just an English major and most people there were industrial design majors," he said.
Additional awards for aesthetics were given to Lori Mergler for her chair aiming to reduce motion sickness and to Fulton for his vertebral column. "I am just an English major and most people there were industrial design majors," he said.

New book explores religious violence

Published by Rowman & Littlefield, "The Ambivalence of the Sacred, Religion, Violence, and Reconciliation" was commissioned by the Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict and emerged from a conference cosponsored by the commission and Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. The book's forward is by Father Theodore Hesburgh, president emeritus of Notre Dame and for more than a half century a leading figure in worldwide efforts to reconcile international conflicts peacefully.

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

Appleby, a professor of history and director of Notre Dame's Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, is one of the world's leading authorities on religious fundamentalisms. Beginning in 1988, Appleby and Martin Marty of the University of Chicago codirected The Fundamentalism Project, a major interdisciplinary, cross-cultural study of worldwide religious resurgence.

The project sponsored 10 public conferences and Appleby and Marty coedited five scholarly books presenting the findings of the study. They received the American Academy of Religion's 1996 Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion for their work on the project.

A 1978 Notre Dame alumnus, Appleby earned his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Chicago in 1979 and 1985. After chairing the religious studies department at St. Xavier College from 1982-87, he returned to Chicago as a research associate when he and Marty began work on The Fundamentalism Project.

Appleby's publications include "Church and Age United": "The Modernist Impulse in American Catholicism." "Religious Fundamentalisms and Global Conflict" and "The Glory and the Power: The Fundamentalist Challenge to the Modern World," which he wrote with Marty.

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

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Ice strands 1,000 fishermen

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

BANGKOK
Six schoolgirls drowned after walking into a pond during a hike teachers told them to make blindfolded. Thai newspapers reported Sunday. The reports said the reason for blindfolding the children was unclear. The girls, aged 10-12, were on a Red Cross youth training outing where the accident occurred.Officials in Singhak Nakhon district in the southern province of Songkhla, according to the Bangkok Post newspaper. Eight girls walked into the 33-foot pond, although it was unclear from the accounts if they were told to enter it. The Post reported that the girls panicked and only made it out safely. Another newspaper, The Nation, reported that the girls’ teachers, who were not identified, were too afraid to jump in and rescue them.

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

BETHESDA, Md.

Nothing seems to slow the 90-year-old grandmother who has trekked 3,200 miles through 12 states in the name of campaign finance reform: not arthritis, blistering desert heat or a fool’s errand, but I think there are more people who care about the issue.

I never made it a secret that I think that Madeleine Albright could one day in the future, play a big role in Czech politics,” Zantovsky said.

Czechs consider Albright for president

WASHINGTON

Madeleine Albright, America’s Czech-born secretary of state, returns next week to her homeland, where there is talk she might seek the presidency of the East European nation after her tour in Washington ends.

Some Czechs are speaking of her as a possible successor to President Vaclav Havel, who must retire in 2002. Havel, a playwright-turned-politician helped lead the "Velvet Revolution" that in 1989 persuaded communist rulers to resign.

He has openly talked about the possibility of Albright succeeding him. Michael Zantovsky, former Czech ambassador to Washington, said Sunday in Prague that he met last week with Havel and discussed, among other things, the possibility that Albright might run to succeed Havel.

"I never made it a secret that I think that Madeleine Albright could, one day in the future, play a big role in Czech politics,” Zantovsky said.

He stressed that the idea is not new and that it would not dominate Albright’s agenda in the Czech Republic next week.

In Prague, Havel’s chief policy adviser, Pavel Fischer, told Time magazine, "It is not impossible that they will talk about this"

The secretary of state has not publicly discussed her future plans. In its new issue, Time quoted unidentified sources as saying she "has begun to consider the possibility of running.”

However, Albright spokesman James Rubin denied the notion.

"From time to time senior Czech officials have approached the secretary about this possibility. She has dismissed it although she is certainly flattered that Czechs would consider her for the post of president of their native land,” Rubin said Sunday. "She has never given this any serious consideration.”

Albright’s March 5-8 visit coincides with the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of national hero Tomas Masaryk, who served as the first president of the Czechoslovak Republic after the collapse of Austria-Hungary in 1918.
Authorities probe death of Amish baby

Associated Press

DORNSIFE, Pa.

The pathologist saw blood in the brain and hemorrhaging in one of the dead 4-month-old Amish girl. As a result, the coroner ruled the child’s death a homicide.

Days later, an expert on Amish illnesses said the ruling was wrong. That Sarah Lynn Glick died of a vitamin K deficiency and a rare liver disease.

Two months later, authorities still are trying to unravel the truth.

Whatever the eventual ruling, Sarah’s death is one more example of the sometimes blurred line between illness and child abuse, as when a rare disease mimics the bruising, bleeding or fractures of shaken baby syndrome.

Last year, Minnesota officials took 3,147-day-old Wyatt Hines from his parents for three months after finding fractures in the boy’s bones. His parents insisted he had osteogenesis imperfecta, or “brittle bone disease,” a hereditary, degenerative disease that the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation says may affect 20,000 to 50,000 people in this country.

In another case, a woman was taken from her parents in Denver in 1991 before doctors diagnosed her with glutaric aciduria type I, a liver disorder. In Nashville, an infant with the liver disease Vigilante’s syndrome was briefly sent to a foster home in 1993.

Doctors are required by law to report suspicious cases to social workers.

“If it’s disease, the worst you have is an angry family. If it’s abuse, the other kids are in deadly danger,” said Dr. Randall Alexander of the Center for Child Abuse at Atlanta’s Morehouse School of Medicine.

In Sarah’s case, the first to question the pathologist’s findings was Dr. Holmes Morton of the Clinic for Special Children in Strasburg.

When you see a child that has blood in the brain, you must think child abuse, because unfortunately that happens in our culture, but you must also think of other disorders that mimic it,” said Morton. He said he was “amazed” that Sarah’s parents remained under suspicion in the little girl’s death.

Dr. Michael Kenny, the pathologist at Geisinger Medical Center who treated Sarah, said he was “surprised” that Sarah’s parents remained under suspicion in the little girl’s death.

The Medical Center where she died, is expected to report on his case the next week.

Neither Kenny nor Tony Roins, Northumberland County’s district attorney, returned calls for comment.

“We’re on hold,” said State Police Cpl. Carey Latsha, who oversees the investigation.

Sarah’s parents, dairy farmers Liz and Samuel Glick, found her unconscious on Dec. 21, after the infant had been left with someone for the first time.

When she died two days later, declaring it abuse, child services put the Glicks’ other seven children in foster care until Feb. 17.

“Liz is a very quiet, calm person,” neighbor Lisa Williard said. “This really has boggled my mind.”

Morton explained that, earlier this century, doctors frequently saw babies with symptoms caused by vitamin K deficiencies. Today, babies need vitamin K shots and baby formula, but Sarah, delivered by a midwife and then breast fed, got neither.

“Without it, her blood did not clot properly,” Morton explained.

Compounding Sarah’s problem was a genetic liver defect. Morton said even if she had been getting the vitamin, her body would not have been able to break it down.

The illness is not widely known, but Morton still criticized the handling of Sarah’s death.

Reports of similar cases involving vitamin K deficiency have appeared in several medical journals.

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Cops warn Mardi Gras tourists

NEW ORLEANS

After 360 tourists got bustled looking for exposure during the Mardi Gras season, police are warning this year’s crowd to keep their clothes on or face even more arrests.

And as the holiday parades begin, police warned hotel and restaurant owners that they will close down bars if people toss beads or other trinkets from them. The beads are handed out as rewards to people below for flashing flesh.

On Friday, the first big parade night kicking off Carnival, the 11 days leading up to Mardi Gras, police arrested three women and one man for exposing themselves.

Not everyone thinks a buttoned-down Mardi Gras is a good idea.

“My constituent told me she’s against a general Mardi Gras,” said Rep. Stephen A. specialties on the Mardi Gras French Quarter.

That’s what Mardi Gras is all about — having fun and cutting up,” said Randy Avara, a member of a crew installing cable for new streetlights.

It used to be that the exhibitionism was confined to Carnival in New Orleans, with mostly drunken women baring their breasts to get strings of plastic beads in the French Quarter. But these days, just about anything will do.

Annie Koenig of Salem, Ore., and her husband, Bill, got an eyeful two weeks ago.

“They were taking that top off the streets were packed. Guys were begging the girls,” Koenig said, shaking her head.

Eleven people were arrested that weekend for indecent exposure, said Lt. Marlon Defillo, a police spokesman.

The debauchery is getting exposure far beyond vacation albums. The Playboy Channel plans shows from the French Quarter this year. MTV’s “Real World” has come down to the French Quarter and asked merchants and businesses to display them before Mardi Gras, which falls on March 7 this year.

If uniform and plainclothes officers will be vigilant in the French Quarter and Wll.

The appropriate action if the law is violated ... just ask the 360 people who were arrested last year for lewd conduct,” the placards say.

Last year’s arrests more than doubled from the 163 obscenity arrests during Carnival 1998. Defillo said. Of those arrested last year, 324 were out-of-state tourists, while the rest were mostly from other states who were in town for the Super Bowl.

“Many visitors believe it’s legal to do this,” he said.

“Rather than go out and just start arresting, we want to make sure visitors know that it is illegal.”

Violators can get six months in jail and a $1,000 fine, though that is unlikely for first-timers.

Polly Richer, who moved to New Orleans in 1979, didn’t see any reason to be upset by nudity in the Quarter.

“Police have more important things to do,” the arresting scam artists and thieves, she said. “If you don’t want to see bare breasts and nudity, go to Metairie.”

Even in suburban Metairie, where the revelry is more family oriented, there’s a crackdown, though not on bare flesh.

Jefferson Parish Sheriff Harry Lee announced Thursday that his department had increased its labor costs, cameras along the parade route to keep an eye out for illegal activity and lights.

Last year, 25 people were arrested after a melee that 50 for illegal activity and lights.

Maria Perez, who has three children and a fourth on the way, said the nudity of New Orleans is one reason she sticks to the parade in Metairie.

“Even if they’re going to be ruthless, she asked. “It’s going to be kind of tough. They’re outnumbered.”

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Farrakhan aims to unite Muslims

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan was in give his annu-

sional 2000's Day speech before

thousands on Sunday in a closely

watched event that could make or break his

fledgling
career among orthodox Muslims.

Rival W. Deen Mohammed, an orthodox Muslim
turkey and son of late Nation of Islam head

Elijah Muhammad, also planned to

attend.

W. Deen Mohammed has already made clear what multitudes of orthodox Muslims nationwide expect: "a different Farrakhan."

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

Elijah led the Nation of Islam for decades, but after his death in 1975, his son led the move that he said was proof of the existence of the state of Israel.

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WASHINGTON

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

The Pentagon learned about the flaws five years ago but did not consider the problems crucial and needed the gear for U.S. peacekeeping troops in Bosnia, criminal investigators say. Not until late last year did a second study on the same suit judge identical flaws grave enough to warrant a global warning, the investigators said in an interview.

Farrakhan broke away to revive the Nation of Islam name.

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The defects included "cuts, holes, embedded foreign mater-

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Unexpected floods strand hundreds in southeast Africa

Associated Press

SAVE RIVER VALLEY

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

A new storm system began building off the coast Sunday.

Many more people gripped whatever high ground they could find as waters continued to rise in the Save and Limpopo rivers of this southeastern African country, one of the poorest in the world. They have been stranded for a week and desperately need food.

"These people went to bed last night with no sign of water," Michele Quintaglie of the World Food Program said of Chokwe residents. "At 5 a.m., they woke up by hysterical screams telling them to get out. By early morning, the city was engulfed by water. By lunch, it was completely submerged."

Groups of people huddled on tiny patches of land stretched out their arms for help from one of only two rescue helicopters in the Save area. A lone man on the roof of a straw hut pointed his fingers to his mouth and rubbed his stomach. Officials refused to speculate how many people already have been swept away in the vast area along the banks of the Save (pronounced sah-VEY) in central Mozambique.

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

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

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

The known death toll in Mozambique and neighboring South Africa and Zimbabwe reached 200 from flooding in the last week. Police said Sunday that at least 33 people died and 20 were missing after a bus was swept off a flooded bridge two days earlier in northeastern Zimbabwe. Twenty passengers had survived.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mozambique
**Puerto Rico**

*Associated Press*

They can't vote in presidential elections. They have no vote in Congress. But in Sunday's Republican Primary primary, the people of Puerto Rico exercised a right they have been denied on the national stage.

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

But the vote's relatively low profile underscored America's ambivalent relationship with its Caribbean territory of 4 million Spanish speakers, U.S. citizens all.

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

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

Michael Gómez, an adviser to the Bush campaign here, said a convincing victory should underscore the Spanish-speaking U.S. charisma of his father.

On Saturday Bush swept all 12 delegates chosen at caucuses in three other U.S. island territories — the Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa in the Pacific — giving him 79 delegates compared to McCain's 124 needed for the Republican nomination.

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

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

"Bush is the candidate that I like and who can bring statehood to Puerto Rico," Dina Maria Perez said. Perez, 64, as she cast her vote in San Juan.

Nancy Nuñez, 34, praised McCain as "a military man (who) knows how to make decisions." The vote comes at a low point in relations between Puerto Ricans and the Republican Party, for reasons beyond its control: statehood.

Many islanders recent Congress' decision in 1996 to eliminate special tax breaks that helped Puerto Rico climb out of devastating poverty over the last four decades.

Residents are also angered at Republican opposition to their demands that the U.S. Navy close a bombing range on the island of Vieques. The push to expel the Navy has generated a rare consensus among the island's political leaders.

Residents are also fearful that a future Republican president might overrule President Clinton's January directive — reached after months of negotiations — under which the Navy must leave by 2002.

**SENÉGAL**

Contentious elections test Dakar

*Associated Press*

DAKAR

Under cool and sunny skies, Senegal's lawyers and millionaires voted in a presidential election Sunday as rebel attacks and political unrest threatened one of Africa's most enduring democracies.

As the contest pitting President Abdou Diouf against seven challengers in the country's most contentious in decades after 40 years of rule by the Socialist Party. Results weren't expected until at least Tuesday.

If Senegal plunges into violence similar to the December military takeover in nearby Ivory Coast, another traditional bastion of African stability — Western diplomats worry it could trigger a flight of dollars and trade away from the continent.

There have been sporadic suicide car bombs in the past week, with at least one brawl between ruling party and opposition supporters in the capital's Bissau neighborhood just hours before the voting.

Rebels fighting for independence in the Casamance region launched at least two attacks Saturday, including a rocket assault on the town of Tambacounda in the south.

In two days, 20 E.U. registered voters regular ballots with a choice among numerous parties.

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

Eight all presidential aspirants, including Diouf, were offering voters a better life for all. Only four are seen as serious contenders. An outright winner fails to emerge, the top contenders will square off in a second round.

In a stark contrast, opposition candidates have left in the past seven years because his government has been in power.

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Israel

French PM puzzles Israelis, Arabs

Associated Press

BIR ZEIT, West Bank

The reactions were predictable: Israelis praised France's prime minister for calling their enemies "terrorists," while Arabs said Jospin's apparent reversal of what had been a decades-old French Middle East policy that carefully courted the Arab world.

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Shatter silence of alcohol deaths

Katie Dodd
The Cavalier Daily

Too often universities fear negative publicity — especially during the prime months of admissions — and that fear outweighs the best interests of the students.

At Texas A&M requires sensitive treatment of the universities. The university is no longer connected to the fourth-year fifth tradition — also helped prompt a campaign against the unofficial event.

In the Duke case, a student died of a relatively unknown condition. Many students don't realize that aspiration is a threat after a night of binge drinking and that it requires immediate treatment. It is scary to think that, had Duke continued to withhold the information surrounding this case, more students could have suffered the same fate. Duke officials argue that they were simply protecting the privacy of Bath and his family by not making public the role of alcohol in his death. And there is no doubt that the incredible tragedy at Texas A&M requires sensitive treatment of the administration and media.

There is a larger concern that outweighs the respect for the deceased. Alcohol-related deaths claim the lives of too many college students each year. In 1998 alone, five Virginia college students died in alcohol-related incidents. And while students are responsible for their actions, universities have a duty to monitor social attitudes on campus. If universities expect their students to be open and direct about the social culture and the role of alcohol on campus, the administration must do the same. Keeping secrets will only serve to widen the emotional gap between students and those “adults” who inhabit the big offices. And the less students feel they can speak frankly about alcohol, the further the administration will be from the source of the problem — and possibly the solution.

The word “secretsome” is used in a conjunction with the deaths of college students. It is appropriate. There seems to be no rationale, no justice in the taking of such youth and promise. By speaking out honestly about student deaths, and making students aware of the dangers of alcohol, college officials have a chance to derive something positive even from the darkest tragedies, preventing them from happening again.

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I had never been inside the administration building until this year. Something has been bothering me ever since I walked through the hallway on the second floor. Has anyone noticed those huge depictions of Columbus in various scenes regarding the "discovery" of America and related events. In fact, they don't just depict Columbus, they glorify him to the common American. It simply shows the Native Americans bowing down before Columbus, holding a cross. It's pretty scary.

Surely, now, one still believes that there is anything about this man to be proud of or glorified. Hopefully, we all know that Columbus hardly discovered the New World, and the land before the arrival of Columbus and those who were to follow him.

The Arawak tribe which first greeted Columbus and his crew by offering their gifts, food, and women, for their illnesses were treated to a prepared pharmacology called "Sacred Requirement" which all Spanish conquerors resorted to the uncontrollable diseases. It is clearly to improve you to recognize the Church. God used to the Pope take the King as lord of this land... if you do not... I will make war upon you and your sons and your daughters. Let me return you to your personal and professional lives, are living out the mission of the University in a realized or virtual sense. Let me proclaim to the world what you have been doing. The seniors that I listen to, including those who may not choose to continue in the post-graduate student service program but explore other ways to integrate social concerns into their personal and professional lives, are living out the mission of the University in a realized or virtual sense. Let me proclaim to the world what you have been doing.

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Zahn is life, not just a dorm
Mike Revers

When you arrived on campus as freshman, they told you Notre Dame has no fraternities. They lied.

Located obtrusively behind the Golden Dome and North Broadway Hall, a certain stone edifice stands proudly erect for all to admire. Since 1937, thousands of dormers past and present have hailed that building structure, which is usually reserved only for Lou Holtz and football players. While some who attend this school call Notre Dame their one true home, there is a proud Zahnite who says the hall is all home for the ball of Zahn.

From the outside, inhuman passersby may only conjecture as to the goings-on that transpire behind Zahn's soundproof walls. Residents, or "Zombies," as some call them, have the privilege of experiencing Zehnsland.

People who really don't live here can't imagine what life in this hall really means," said Jim Scigliano, a Zahn resident assistant. "It's not like living in a hall with 200 guys. It's like living in a hall with a bunch of family. It's not dorm life." Others who live in Zahn concur, living in Zahn Hall is unlike living in any other housing on campus. Most even refuse to call Zahn a dorm.

"Zahn just doesn't fit the tradition definition of a dormitory," said Wally Porter, a former Zahn resident. "We treat each other like family. We play with each other like family, sometimes we fight like family, but above all, we love each other like family."

Some outsiders interpret the brotherly sentiment shared by Zahnites in a controversial light. According to popular lore, Zahn Hall, once again, controversy is nothing new in Zahn Hall. As a group, Zahn Hall residents' reputation for illicit activities and characteristic obnoxious behavior precedes them like a cloud of sweat in the heat of Notre Dame community. Most Zahnites recognize this degree of pride that while about 10 percent of the Notre Dame community will take a trip to Main Building for a disciplinary conference some-thing during their time at Notre Dame, the same statistic for Zahn Hall residents is approximately 60 percent. Hence, then, some ask, has Zahn Hall come to represent a completely different demographic than the sage Notre Dame student? Why are they so loyal, so brazen, so different?

According to any plausible lore, Zahn Hall always has been distinct among the University's residential halls. Way back in the day, when housing was chosen by students in the order of grade point averages, Zahn Hall's position was farthest from the campus center and closest in proximity to designated freshman dorms. A factor which in the past contributed to the last choice on students' lists. As a result, those with the lowest grade point averages traditionally congregated in Zahn, making it a haven for the "dregs" of the Notre Dame community.

It is what Zahn lacked in acade- mia, it quickly made up for in social skills. Zahn's underhanded and frequently overbearing residents often earned the hall an "Animal House" reputation with their loud parties and no rules atmosphere. Along with this persona came the advent of initiatives, hanging, and other question- able "traditions" which briskly guided the Zahn community into the most fraternal organization on campus.

Long after the system of student choice in dorm assignment was done away with, Zahn's reputation for loyalty and brotherhood lived on, perpetuating itself down from generation to generation of Zahnites. In one case, locally to Zahn extended even beyond its residents. In 1966, celebrated Zahn resident Father Thomas King took a leg- endary stand for his sons and beloved hall. Administrative officials, long having become tiresome of Zahn's deplorable behavior, and needing space to accommodate the growing number of female students, strongly considered making Zahn a target for conversion in a women's dormitory.

In a furiously reaction to this unchecked aggression, Father King declared that if Zahn were to become a women's dorm, he would "lock himself in his room and set his sons loose on the campus." That is, he would eliminate any regulations governing their conduct for the remainder of the academic year. Furthermore, he warned, after Zahn's conversion, he would continue to live in his room until removed by force.

Fortunately for the University, that never had to happen. And in a related story, men no longer live in Cavanaugh.

Father King, who retired in 1997, still visits his old boys in the dorm of the red Z. Like some revered hero of yore, he mysteriously returns annually to host Zahn's famed Decade Dance, laboriously selecting the playlist, some speculation, months in advance. Then, like a gallant cowboy fading into the sunset over the moat- low, disappears back into Corby for another 12 months.

Over time, Zahn has evolved from a simple frat house to a semi-respon- sible, somewhat respectable commu- nity. Unknown to most students, Zahn is home to the highest collec- tive dorm grade point average, the most honors students and the most respected inter-city charity organi- zation of South Bend.

There Are Children Here, a pro- gram bringing urban youths out of their hostile home environments, has been hosted by Zahn volunteers and resident staff for nearly a decade.

Zahn interhall sports, though rarely dominant, are without excep- tion the most well attended and sup- ported. The Zahn Fear hockey and Radial Rats football teams have been constantly bringing Zahnites togeth- er and sometimes ropping the com- petitions apart since the early 20th century. Zahn has even recently taken an active role in improved gender relations by officially naming Saint Mary's as its new sister dorm, as well as improving campus life by bringing an element of entertain- ment and sanity to the usually manic and mind-numbingly ridiculous ceremony of pretense that is our student government election.

At the end of the day, it is difficult to determine exactly what makes Zahn what it is. While tradition, myth, legend and mystery all play vital roles in the living spirit that is Zahn Hall, it is undeniable that there is something deeper which is capable of binding 200 men in a simple stone structure, and more significantly, to one another.

Said one eloquent Zahnite of his hall, "It's not a dorm. It's my home."

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

By COURTNEY KERRIGAN
Scene Writer

Sorin Hall is a legend in itself. It has been the home of such great Notre Dame heroes as Knute Rockne and the Gipper (George Gipp), and many other little known, but very important men. Every Sorin Otter, as well as every Notre Dame student, aspires to live up to the level of greatness these Notre Dame heroes have embodied in their lives.

Everyone has heard that Sorin Hall has a rich history, but most aren’t aware of the enormous role that the Otters played in the history of Notre Dame. In 1888, Father Edward Sorin, on the 50th anniversary of his priesthood, blessed the cornerstone of Sorin Hall, the first Catholic college dorm. Construction began that year, and the first floor of Sorin housed the law school, which at that time was still in its infant stages.

In 1897, University president and real estate magnate Father Morey decided to add two large additions to the dorm, doubling the occupancy and indicating the substantial growth that the University was to undergo in the next few decades.

In 1963, the covered porch was added as a direct consequence of an incident — one that is supposedly still common today — in which a student dumpied water from the upper floor onto the head of a famous law professor. On this porch hangs a sign that reminds the dorm “Sorin College” and is a remnant of the famous year of 1963, when Sorin antiwar demonstrators seceded from the University. Many Otters still proudly refer to their dorm as “Sorin College,” in remembrance of the rebellion and reform that Sorin instigated at that time.

Sorin Hall has had many famous rectors. Father Morrissey and Father James Burns, who went on to become presidents of the University, once made their homes in Sorin. Father Pat Haggerty, who administered last rites to George Gipp (“win one for the Gipper”) was also an Otter. Others include Gus Dorais, Frank Leahy, Paul Horning, Rocky Bleier, Pete Demerle, Ken Maracliffe, Tom Clements, Dave Casper, Bobby Leopold, Steve Beuerlein and of course, the ever-famous and most beloved, Knute Rockne.

Today, Sorin Hall is still going strong with their rector, Father Steve Newton, leading the way. The assistant rector since 1996, Sean Szymore, is a Ph.D. candidate in chemistry. Co-presidents Larry Burchett and John Taggart and the other 153 residents of Sorin Hall keep traditions, such as the Sorin Talent Show, alive and well. University president Father Edward Malloy, in-residence, is also a 1963 graduate of Notre Dame and a former varsity basketball player. All of these men continue a tradition in Sorin that has lasted 112 years since the dorm was built and will last forever in the hearts of the Otters.

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

AP ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Madonna covers Don McLean’s classic “American Pie” for her new movie “The Next Best Thing,” co-starring Rupert Everett.

Madonna wasn’t sure if she could do justice to Don McLean’s 1971 classic “American Pie.”

“Standing on the Shoulder of Giants” is scheduled to hit record stores Tuesday, and its world tour kicks off this week in Japan.

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

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

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the first round. "I knew he'd be aggressive," said Dubois. "So my plan was to take his jab and throw a straight punch." McMurtrie finished with a strong right hand, landing several strong right jabs, but it was not enough to give him the upset. Dubois will face Tom "The Pretender" Pierce in the semifinals. Pierce won a unanimous decision over Christopher "Redhead Thunder" Kusek. "He pushed the ring and dominated from the start with a big right punch and to land his combinations throughout the three rounds.

160-pound Division

The seed "Dangerous" Dan Schaeffer made an early exit from the Bout when he lost a unanimous decision to P. "Downtown" DuWors. Schaeffer controlled the center of the ring in the first round and landed repeated combinations, but DuWors' powerful undercut and jab proved too much for the junior favorite. DuWors earned a spot in Sunday's round of sixteen by dominating over Brandon "Oh You Don't Say" Donnell. DuWors will find his semifinal competition in Joseph "The Polynomia" Smith. Smith has yet to lose in a tournament this season and dominated in the preliminary and a walkover victory Sunday.

Tom "The Pretender" Pierce(U) vs. Christopher "Redhead Thunder" Kusek

Joe Czerniawski said Tuesday after a Friday victory over "Massive" Dan Masse. "It kind of caught me off guard in the first round. I was aggressive and getting out because this guy was aggressive and trying to land his combinations.

"Don was the first guy I ever sparred," said Czerniawski. "He's the guy who taught me straight punches and getting in and getting out. He's the guy who taught me the first round.

While most fighters would not want to get out there and dominate in the first round, but I didn't think it would be over that quickly," said Czerniawski. "You expect to throw a lot of punches and not land enough punches to win the first round. Despite his strong showing, Czerniawski doesn't expect his semifinal match to be that easy.

As the first round ended, McCulloch earned his position in the second round, but McCulloch needed a powerful three punch combination to force the No. 2 seed into a losing position. But, giving McCulloch enough points to win.

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

"Camardos' next challenger will be Chris 'My Nickname Was Excised'," said McCulloch. "He's got a clear height and reach advantage, but I won a unanimous decision over John "Judas" Berry.

165-pound Division

Top seed Sean "The Erin Kid" Nowak was the first to make it to the semifinals. Nowak earned a split decision over challenger "The Danimal" Probst after three rounds of close sparring. Nowak did just as much as to take a victory in the bout with Holt "The Fightin' Reindeer" Zeidler to advance to the quarterfinals. Zeidler came out strong, delivering a mix of high and low combination punches, forcing the referee to stop the contest at 0:05 into the 10-second round.

Penn will meet Joe "The Polish Tank" Czerniawski with Smith's match with Nowak.

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Czerniawski had problems taking care of challenger Thomas "The Terminator" Callner after a free-stopped in round 1 Czerniawski was aggressive and landing a series of combinations that sent Cullen to the mat and ending the bout one minute and 17 seconds into the first round.

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170-pound Division

No. 1 Brian Hobbins had a tough quarterfinal round and managed to pull away with a split decision over challenger Kyle "The Private" Karrigan. Hobbins, with a slight reach, came out just short of landing a potent three-punch combination to put Karrigan on the defensive in the first round. Controlling the center of the ring, Hobbins' straight punches and getting in and getting out the fight didn't end the same way. Hobbins is a real tough fighter.

170-pound Division winner

Joe Coleman(S) vs. William "The Polish Hammer" Uniowski

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BENGAL BOUTS
Quarter Finals Results

120 LB. Weight Division

Reggie "The Ugly Stick" Rohles vs. Michael "Mr. Bubbles" Dixsey(U)

130 LB. Weight Division

John "I am the Bombay Bee" Kakkanathu vs. Michael "The Don" Fumagalli(U)

140 LB. Weight Division

Kurt Wilton(S) vs. Dominic "Little Italy" Angello

Josh "The Irish" Cowan(U) vs. William "Jack Hammer" Uniswoc

Jim "The Unloader" Shacklett vs. Michael "The Motor City Madman" Waldou(U)

Joseph Zillag vs. An "Tim of Bricks Poundin' Down On Yo Face" Egan(U)

150 LB. Weight Division

Brock "Landers" Heckmann vs. J.R. "Maddog" Mulligan(E)

Kevin "Layin' The Smack Down" Downs vs. Tom "T.K." Owens(J)

"What's Up Ladz" Bills vs. Dennis "The Natural Dodger" Abendroth(E)

"Cool Hand" Luke Stanton(W) vs. John Saron

155 LB. Weight Division

Billy "Sweet Roy" McMinn vs. Jeff "The Pittsburgh Kid" Dobush(E)

Travis "The Only Time I Get Hit On' Is In The Ring" Alexandre vs. Paul "He-Man" Mehan(E)

Robert "The Skinny Gimme" Vaudt(U) vs. Michael "Bigger Than My Left" Pepper

Tom "The Pretender" Pierce(U) vs. Christopher "Redhead Thunder" Kusek

"Dangerous" Dan Schaeffer vs. Michael "Sugar Kane Jr." Kane vs. Joseph "The Polynomia" Smith

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160 LB. Weight Division

Ben "The Mail Man Get Through" Dillon(E) vs. Eric "My Nickname Was Excised" Hovan

Ryan "The Rhino" Hernandez(U) vs. Joe "Layin' Down The Smack" Kipps

Brian "Hope" Hopkins(U) vs. Kyle "The Private" Karrigan

Rob "The Golden Schlaeger" Joyce(U) vs. John "Missile" Lyak

Tom "The Tulsa Bomber" Biglenchi(W) vs. Paul "The Beast of the East" Riley

Chris "The Bruini' Legans" Vasinatas vs. Tom "How Ya Like Me Now" Dietrich(U)

Steve "The Poison Pifflector" Cotton vs. William "My Nick Masses" McInally

Gavin "The Morning Glory" Hagens vs. Jason "It's Not Easy Being J Rod" Rodriguez(U)

200 LB. Weight Division

Peter "Beat The Rang" Ryan(U) vs. Dustin "The Butcher" Dodson

Greg "NY TLS" Joseph vs. Joe "It'll Take You A Month To Heal" Saly

Dan "Let Me" Adams(W) vs. Chris "The Perpetrator" Caylor

Joseph "What's Up Ladies!" Biggs vs. Dennis "The Natural Dodger" Abendroth

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Women's Swimming

Irish swimmers dominate Shamrock Classic

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Sports Writer

It has been hard for the women's swim team to find a competitor it didn't dominate. At this weekend's Shamrock Classic meet, the swimmers confirmed they were the same Big East champs who crushed opponents for the title last weekend.

Notre Dame used the two-day meet as an opportunity for the swimmers who didn't compete at the Big East tournament. Carrie Nixon and Shannon Suddarth didn't swim at the Classic. Yet the team captured victories in eight of 18 events on Saturday and all but two events during Sunday's competition, confirming the depth of the Irish squad.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"We would have liked to have positioned ourselves better," he said. "However, there is a bit of depth at the national level this year. It's a little disappointing for us, but it's not much different than last year although it's not as big of a team as we have sent in the past."

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Men's Swimming

Irish set four meet records at Invite

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The Notre Dame men's swimming team finished its season on a high note, breaking four record books in the two-day Shamrock Classic this weekend.

Breaking four meet records, the Irish set their sights on individual events, showcasing the talent and depth of everyone on the team from the underclassmen to the outgoing seniors.

"This meet was a lot of fun for us," said Tim Walsh, men's head swimming coach. "The guys swam really well and it was nice for us to finish the season racing as a team, in our own pool. It was a little emotional too because for the seniors, this is it. They will never race again in this pool."

Team captain and senior Ray Fitzpatrick turned in three individual victories in the 200-yard butterfly and the 200-yard individual medley, breaking his own meet record with a time of 1:54.57.

"Once again, Ray continued to demonstrate his great versatility, especially with his win in the 200-yard butterfly which isn't an event he usually swims," said Walsh.

Other upperclassmen cruising to individual titles included senior Dan Silzer in the 200-yard breaststroke and junior Greg Junzli in the 100-yard backstroke and depth of everyone on the team from the underclassmen to the outgoing seniors.

Not a member of the team's Big East travelling team, Coletis won the 200-yard backstroke and set a meet record with a time of 1:53.44, breaking the record of teammate Brian office of 1:53.53. Coletis was also a member of the 400-yard relay team that included Konst, senior Bob Botter and freshman Jason Fitzpatrick that took first place along with setting a meet record.

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

"By setting a University record and swimming well in this meet, Jason established himself as a competitor and shows we have great things to look forward to for him next weekend. There was plenty of great swimming going on. Our underclassmen have really improved," said Walsh.

"I hope some teams use this meet as a last chance to qualify for the NCAA Championships," Walsh said. "I think the Irish did not earn a sectional, and Walsh said the Irish did not earn additional qualifications.

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

Overall, Walsh was pleased by the weekend's results.

"We demonstrated the unity, spirit and energy that we have been with the season," said Walsh. "This weekend was just a great way to end the season."

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times in the game, including a pivotal turnover by Murphy into Vernon Jennings' hands with under 30 seconds to play.

"Jimmie [Dilllon] gave me a nice pass," Murphy said "I tried to go baseline, but the guy made a nice defensive play. On the last trip down, we got two good looks at the basket, but they didn't fall. They're probably the best defensive team we've played this year."

The Irish played their hearts out in the game, leaving everything they had on the floor. But that didn't make the loss any easier to take.

"It's a tough thing to stom­ach," Murphy said. "It's dejecting. We don't have too many opportunities left."

Just a week ago, Notre Dame appeared a sure thing for the NCAA Tournament.

Notre Dame had risen to a solo spot in fifth place of the Big East standings. It had pulled off huge wins over two ranked conference opponents — Connecticut and Seton Hall, including on the road.

With the two wins, NCAA basketball experts at CBSSports.com and ESPN.com were projecting the Irish being ranked eighth or ninth in the 64-team tournament.

Since then, Notre Dame dropped a 10-point decision to Villanova on Friday, setting the stage for Notre Dame's home court, followed by the three-point loss at Miami.

"I think we would have to go out and beat the No. 2 team in the country, Duke," Murphy said. "We lost to Duke on Saturday, the first loss in its seven straight, its last loss coming to Notre Dame in late January. It beat Notre Dame 1-0 in the Big East Tourney.

"But that didn't make the loss at Miami. We are an emotional team and knocking out the competitors is a big deal."

Secondly, Murphy said, "The Irish have the potential to score some major upsets, like they have over top-25 teams. And not those of The Observer. But they have to get there first."

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not those of The Observer.
Dixey dances into semifinals with win

By BRIAN BURKE

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

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

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

130-pound division

Matt “The Don” Fumagalli advanced to the semifinals with a unanimous decision victory over John “I am the Bombay Bee” Kakkamathu. Fumagalli worked through the third stage of fortus swinging by Kakkamathu, backing him into the ropes several times and landing straight rights and hooks to the head. Fumagalli will face last year’s 125-pound champion, Jason “The Sweet Sensation” McMahon, in the semifinals Tuesday. McMahon had a quarterfinal-round bye.

In the other quarterfinal bout at 130 pounds, Michael Kontz pulled out a split decision win over Dan “Too Short” Gallegos in one of the closer fights of the day. Kontz and Gallegos both started conservatively, with neither seizing control early. In the third round, Gallegos went on the offensive but opened himself up to countering combinations by Kontz, who took advantage.

Kontz will face Camilo “Rojo” Rueda, who had a semifinal bye.

140-pound division

Kurt Wilson came away with a split decision victory over Dominic “Little Italy” Angiollo in a hard-fighting, 140-pound contest.

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

Wilson moves on to face Josh Coleman, who earned a surprising split decision victory over Bill “The Polish Hammer” Unioowski. Coleman showed impressive tackles, staying low when Unioowski hooked, and countered with hard shots to the body. “He looked big, and he had more height,” Coleman said of Unioowski. “My strategy was to get inside with body shots, use my headwork, and slip under-the-elbow jabs. I also wanted to throw straight punches, especially a one-two combo with a jab and straight right hand.”

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

Waldo moves on to the semifinals where he will face Anton “Tom of Bricks” Owens “On Yo Face.” Kemp, Kemps earned a unanimous decision over Joseph “Got Mud Hits Like I was Rod Carew” Zilligan. Zilligan used a series of jabs to the body to wear down Zilligan. Zilligan landed some hard hooks when the two traded punches, but Kemps got the best of most exchanges.

150-pound division

While the lighter divisions made for some very competitive clashes, the story in the 150 pound quarterfinal wascontinued performances. First off, captain J.B. “Maddog” Mellin showed why he is the man to beat at 150 pounds with a fundamentally sound victory over Brock “Lander” Heckman. Heckman reached the quarterfinals by defeating “Bike” Mike McDonald on Friday. Mellin was in control throughout, earning the unanimous decision by landing combinations and avoiding hooks from Heckman.

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

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

In another TKO, “Cool Hand” Luke Stanton was declared the winner over John Sarson at 1:10 of the second round. Sarson, who advanced to the quarterfinals defeating Rob “The Bulldog” Sarson, received two standing eight counts in the first round, at times even turning away from Stanton when backed into the corner. Not to be outdone by Owens and Stanton was Dennis “The Natural Disaster” Abdelnour who also notched a victory by technical knockout over Joe “What’s Up Ladies!” Biggs. Biggs, who advanced to the quarterfinals with a victory over Pat “PRODIGY” Broderick, was unable to defend against straight rights and hooks from Abdelnour, and received two standing eight counts in the first round. The fight was stopped soon after at 1:17 into the contest. Abdelnour faces Stanton Tuesday.

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face. They cheat off the five-man onto Troy and we try to make them pay for that, but they made some adjustments. It's frustrating for Troy and it's frustrating for me."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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McGraw, Irish unable to break Husky curse for 11th time

It wasn't supposed to be like this.

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

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

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

Then reality struck.

On Saturday, Connecticut proved once again that it has an edge on Notre Dame. For some reason, no matter the team's records, the Huskies always find a way to ruin Notre Dame's hopes. Just like Ron Powers always seemed to find the most inopportune time to throw a interception, Geno Auriemma's team always deflates the Irish's confidence.

Maybe the crowd, the 16,295 fans in the Hartford Civic Center, chanting the annoying "U-C-O-N, U-C-O-N, U-C-O-N" ratified the Irish. It was a far different world than the one-third full Joyce Center.

All the simulated noise from loudspeakers during practices can't adequately prepare a team for the atmosphere in the Civic Center.

Maybe it was a lack of confidence, but truly believing they could win. The Irish may have won 20 in a row, the nation's longest winning streak, but no matter how many wins they get over Providence or Villanova or any other second-tier Big East team, they still hadn't beaten the Huskies. Granted, their 78-74 overtime victory over Rutgers gave the Irish a boost. But results lead to confidence. And the truth was that they still had never beaten UConn.

"I thought we panicked and we intimidated," said McGraw. "I thought we were past the intimidation stage; that was the most discouraging thing."

Maybe it was the depth of the Huskies. Their starting lineup is solid, but not any better than the Irish's first five. From six to 10, though, the Huskies have an edge over any team in the country. Connecticut is two-deep at every position. Its star, last season's Big East Player of the Year, Svetlana Abrosimova, shot 7-for-7 from the field for five points on Saturday, fouling out with 6:47 remaining.

Yet the Huskies had the luxury of replacing her with one of four former first-team All-American high school players off the bench, including 1999 Big East Rookie of the Year Tamika Williams.

It became clear on Saturday that the margin of error for the Irish is smaller than for other top teams. Notre Dame, for the third time in four years, was up against an uphill battle and couldn't adequately prepare a team for the atmosphere in the Civic Center.

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Heavy weights pound into semifinals

Favorites avoid upsets, advance to semifinals

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

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

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

175-pound division

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

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

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

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

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

180-pound division

Despite the loss of defending champion Mike Romanchek, who sits out with a shoulder injury, a wealth of experience dominates most of the 180-pound bracket.

Top seed Joey "Soda Pop" Leniski found his first stop en at the semifinals with a unanimous decision victory over Ryan "The Rhino" Hernandez.

Junior Steve "The Angry Pirate" Pfeiffer knocked out sophomore William "My Right is Bigger Than My Left" Pepek in the third round.

On the other side of the division, senior Mike Hammes earned the only bye of the weight class, but has experience as well as alertness on his side for Tuesday's bout.

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

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

175-pound division

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

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

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

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

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

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

180-pound division

Despite the loss of defending champion Mike Romanchek, who sits out with a shoulder injury, a wealth of experience dominates most of the 180-pound bracket.

Top seed Joey "Soda Pop" Leniski found his first stop en at the semifinals with a unanimous decision victory over Ryan "The Rhino" Hernandez.

Junior Steve "The Angry Pirate" Pfeiffer knocked out sophomore William "My Right is Bigger Than My Left" Pepek in the third round.

On the other side of the division, senior Mike Hammes earned the only bye of the weight class, but has experience as well as alertness on his side for Tuesday's bout.

After losing in the finals last season, Hammes will face off against Kenough Hall freshman Chris Prill, who opened his Bengal Bout career with an impressive unanimous decision over senior Tom Herrity. According to Pearsall, the relative lack of experience didn't affect his game plan.

"I'd sparred with Tom many times," he said. "So I knew what to expect. I think at this stage of the game, few have that much more experience than others. People are fighting more on stamina and spirit."
Irish knock off Nittany Lions in home opener

By STEPHEN KEPEL
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team looked impressive in its home opener Sunday as it defeated Penn State, 10-4.

After a slow first half, the Irish attack came out and blew away the Nittany Lions with five straight goals in the third period. Following the scoring barrage, Notre Dame never looked back and it continued to play well both offensively and defensively for the rest of the game.

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

This was an important win for the Irish in making their claim as one of the nation's top teams.

"This was a big win because we were down in the first half. It was nice for us to come back and get the first win of the season," said junior Tom Glazel.

"This rates very well as a first game," head coach Kevin Corrigan added. "It took a lot of poise to come back like that in the second half."

The Irish attack had a lot of opportunities in the first half but their shots were not finding the goal.

The defense played well, but the Nittany Lions found a few holes in the first half and scored three straight goals to put them up 3-1.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notre Dame plays the first of three-straight road games next Saturday when it takes on Pennsylvania.
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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame falls to top-ranked Connecticut, 77-59

By KERRY SMITH
Associated Press Writer

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

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

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

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The Irish had trouble putting the ball in the net, shooting just 28 percent from the floor in both halves.

Finding themselves down by 16 midway through the second half, the Irish went on a 9-0 run to trail by just seven with 11 minutes left in the game.

The Irish made things interesting again when they pulled to within six with four minutes left on the clock.

"It took a lot for us to get past it, but once we did break it a couple of times things were a little easier," said Riley.

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

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**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Hurricanes blow past Irish late in game

* Notre Dame squanders golden opportunity; poor execution leads to demise

By BRIAN KESSLER

The Irish bench stood in shock as the Hurricanes celebrated. Freshman Ivan Kartelo pondered his 33 against his forehead after a foolish foul. Troy Murphy pulled his jersey over his head in disappointment and squatted on the court.

The Notre Dame men’s basketball team talked a lot about opportunities over the past few weeks. It was obvious from their reactions that the Irish knew they let one slip away Saturday.

With Miami’s leading scorer Johnny Hemsley on the bench due to a suspension and Notre Dame pumped for a game with postseason implications, this Big East showdown was down there for the taking. However, it was the Hurricanes (18-9, 11-3) that slipped past the Irish (16-12, 7-7) with a 55-52 victory at the Miami Arena.

“IT’s obviously disappointing on our part,” head coach Matt Doherty said. “We had a nice opportunity with Hemsley being out. It made for an ugly game early. They struggled without him and they are so good defensively that we had problems scoring. But eventually we started to execute our stuff, got some nice looks and built a nice lead.”

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

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

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Huskies prevail

Ruth Riley and the Irish were unable to overcome turnovers and foul trouble in a loss to the top-ranked Huskies.

By KERRY SMITH

A dejected Troy Murphy sat on the floor at half-court of Miami Arena, his hands on his head and his sweat-drenched jersey pulled over his face.

“I was just thinking about the wasted opportunity,” Murphy said. “It would have been a big win for us. I thought we had a golden opportu­nity here to win, to come down and play against Miami without their best player.”

Murphy knew the Irish (16-12, 7-7) had slipped up on one of their final chances to win their way into the NCAA Tournament by losing a three-point heart-breaker against the Miami Hurricanes (18-9, 11-3) in the closing seconds.

“This was a very, very important game for both teams,” Miami coach Leonard Hamilton said. “If we were going to win this game, Notre Dame was not going to give it to us.”

Miami, tied for second place in the Big East, played without leading scorer Johnny Hemsley, who rode the bench for disciplinary reasons. His absence opened things up for the Irish, who have struggled on the road, losing nine of 12.

“We had a nice opportunity with Hemsley being out,” Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty said. “It made for a lovely game early. We got a nice lead, and then we didn’t execute down the stretch, and that’s disappointing because we’ve really worked on that and points.”

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