College begins new transfer system

♦ Saint Mary’s improves system for Holy Cross transfer students

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

In an effort to provide cooperation between Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross, an agreement has been signed that allows students who receive an associate degree from either two-year college to make an easy transfer into Saint Mary’s.

This articulation agreement has been the desire of the two institutions and their presidents for many years, said Saint Mary’s Dean of Faculty Karen Ristau.

“It has taken careful review during the development stage and is now finalized. It may result in a small increase in our enrollment but actually since it is a benefit to Holy Cross students, they may see it as a positive marketing strategy for their college.”

Students at Holy Cross who wish to transfer to Saint Mary’s for a bachelor’s degree will be able to do so with a minimal loss of credit. The agreement notes that Saint Mary’s does not accept courses from two-year colleges to substitute for 300 and 400 level courses and that this holds true for Holy Cross.

Students who wish to transfer must assume that courses beyond the introductory level will count as general electives. A grade point average of 3.0 is also required of Holy Cross transfer students and applicants must submit an official transcript, a recommendation from an advisor and an essay.

“It was our intention to make the transfer process a bit smoother by giving prospective transfer students from Holy Cross, a clearer understanding of the admission process, which courses would transfer and what grade point average would be required,” said Saint Mary’s admission director Mary Pat Nolan.

This articulation agreement does not affect the Saint Mary’s-Holy Cross College Linkage Program. The Linkage Program is a cooperative program for students from two-year colleges and Saint Mary’s. This year students take four courses at Holy Cross and one course at Saint Mary’s, while residing on Saint Mary’s campus. To be admitted as a full-time Saint Mary’s student a GPA of 3.0 is required.

“If students in the Linkage Program wish to continue their
INSIDE COLUMN

D. H. Memoirs

The dining halls at this University are a social blending ground for students coming in from the classroom, at the athletic facilities, in church, and walking through the quad, the cafeteria is the one place where we learn most about each other. You can find out what a person eats, how much of it they consume, who they’re friends with, and whether they sit in a noticeable area, or in one of the more lonely, single tables to the side.

Aside from being open later and having a greater variety of food, South is obviously better than North. To fully understand the dining halls we must first examine the people who spend the most time there: the workers. Even more important than hours of operation and quality of food, South Dining Hall workers are far more bizarre and in effect more entertaining than the “Northies.” However, there is that one young feller at North with the transparent face porings who walks around like there is nothing odd about his appearance. He’s my favorite.

When South employees eat they are out in the open where I place an emphasis for all students to watch. The “Northies” always hide out in those intimate little nooks directly to the right and left of the card scanners.

The people who scan the ID cards are also an eclectic community predominantly made up of the more...how can I phrase this non-offensive...“Senior” employees. These people always know what’s up; maybe they have a spouse that won’t even look at you, and others who always have a warm smile at the “Senior’s” window whenever I give them my card. I always return with, “Fine thanks,” or my more sarcastic, “Boy, it’s cold out tonight.” They smile at my response, even though they make the same query of every student and basically the same response every time.

I don’t really see much interaction between the scammers and the more disgruntled workers who put the food out. The food attendees give you a dirty look, and you don’t go to sleep hungry. The people who put the food out. The food attendees give you a dirty look, and you don’t go to sleep hungry. The people who put the food out. The food attendees give you a dirty look, and you don’t go to sleep hungry. The people who put the food out. The food attendees give you a dirty look, and you don’t go to sleep hungry.

The students that frequent the dining hall are as diverse as the staff that works in them. There’s the “senior herd” that shows up right at 4:30 p.m. for dinner in order to beat the evening rush.

This particular group should own stock in Panizo’s because they are the one’s who are always ordering breadsticks at 11 at night because they can’t go to sleep hungry. Next is the dining hall “celebrity” who walks in an entourage of five to ten at the most condescendingly and at their leisure time. They are usually overdressed and love to take up the most visible table that the North and South natives have to offer. I’d like to think they aren’t even hungry. They’re main goal is to be seen by others and socialize in public. They’ll eat from the front table to the food line is a runway walk where they stop and chit-chat with the people behind the counter. When they eventually do get back to the table, they do not sit down but rather stand there cackling and pretending like this particular dinner outing was better than last night.

I am a member of the group of dining hall patrons known as the “diners.” We stumble in after 8:30 p.m. and we usually don’t leave until the clean up crew turns on the stereo to rock out as they clear the tables of debris. I know many of you will be eating lunch or dinner when you read this. The dining hall is a melting pot of the different personalities that make up this great institution. Some of the more eccentric and colorful characters stand out more than others, but who in the hell wants to go to a school where everyone looks exactly alike. Take a look around. Remember the various dining hall faces hanging around. I am more than happy to point and talk about you just as much as you talk about them.

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Huddle thefts prompt installation of security cameras

By JOHN FANNING
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As a result of large losses incurred at The Huddle due to theft, a new state of the art security system has been installed to combat the problem. Though The Huddle has always used cameras and plain-clothes security to catch shoplifters, these measures were not enough, as theft in the store was having an extremely negative affect on the business' profits.

"The loss of product in the store has been at an all-time high during the last year," said James LaBella, general manager of food services at The Huddle. "The honest people are having to pay more because of the dishonest people," LaBella said.

Cameras have been installed in the Huddle, granting visual access to areas previously obstructed under the former system.

LaBella, who is extremely pleased with the new system, and who is responsible for first confronting the students, says that he will never approach anyone unless he is sure. However, he maintains, "We've always had theft in the Huddle, and we've always caught people, but now (with the new system) it is just a lot easier."

Though there has been no specific trend to the theft in terms of items stolen, or the time of day at which the theft occurs, offenders are obviously more likely to steal higher priced items such as cough and cold medicines.

After many students have been caught, their common response is that these items are high cost items towards which they did not want to use their Flex points, said LaBella.

However, an interesting trend that was also acknowledged by the head of Campus Security, Rex Rakow, is that "people that take things almost always have funds on them to pay for the goods."

This trend seems to indicate that the theft is often done for the thrill of the act, or simply because people feel that they can get away with it, which is most often the case in an open environment such as the Huddle, according to Rakow.

The policy of The Huddle, according to LaBella, is to prosecute offenders. If a student is caught stealing, campus security is immediately contacted to come and arrest the student. From there, the offender is interviewed by security and then sent on to the office of Residence Life.

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Collegiate jazz festival comes to campus

The University of Notre Dame Collegiate Jazz Festival will return for its 44th year Wednesday, Feb. 27 and Friday-Saturday (March 1-2) featuring 10 collegiate bands competing before a panel of distinguished judges.

Jazz bands performing in this year's festival represent the University of Missouri, Kansas City; Western Michigan University; the University of Hawaii; the University of Alaska, Fairbanks; Middle Tennessee State University; Oberlin Conservatory; Western Illinois University, and Virginia Commonwealth University. The Notre Dame Big Band, under the direction of Larry Dwyer, also will appear. Sponsered by Notre Dame's Student Union Board, the festival officially begins Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center Ballroom with Preview Night, featuring a performance by Notre Dame Jazz Band II and Jazz Combo. The performances by the bands selected to this year's festival begin Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. The session will end with the traditional Judge's Jam, featuring saxophonist James Carter, trumpeter Cecil Bridgewater, pianist Jim McNeely, bassist Rodney Whitaker and percussionist John Robinson. The Saturday night session will begin at 7:30 in Washington Hall, to be followed by the awards ceremony. Tickets will be sold at the door. For Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College students and faculty, and for senior citizens, tickets are $4 for the Friday night session and $2 for the Saturday night session. An all-session pass may be purchased for $5. Admission for the general public is $6 for the Friday night session and $5 for the Saturday night session. An all-session pass may be purchased for $12. Children under 12 are admitted free to all festival activities.

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**World News Briefs**

**Warplanes eclipse airliners at show:** At the giant Asian Aerospace 2002 air show in Singapore this week, military aircraft makers appeared to be leading the recovery. Singapore and South Korea were openly shopping for new combat jets, with European and American companies vying for their warplanes to be the stealthiest, the most agile and the best value.

**Europe's national currencies vanish:** Well ahead of their official expiration, Europe's national currencies have vanished into history — traded in for euros, lost in couches, taken home by foreigners, or heard in jest as mementos. Thursday is the final day that old cash will still buy something, as the remaining nine of the 12 countries using the euro phase out their national currencies.

**National News Briefs**

Regulators approve AOL competitors: Federal regulators approved allowing another national Internet service provider to use AOL Time Warner's high-speed cable lines in Tuesday, giving more options to consumers wanting to go online and allowing the company to meet government competition requirements.

Big Net Holdings Inc. will be allowed to compete with AOL on the cable lines nationwide, the Federal Trade Commission said.

U.S. to decide fate of prisoners: U.S. interrogations of al-Qaida and Taliban prisoners from the war in Afghanistan have begun focusing on which of the nearly 500 in custody may be tried by a U.S. military tribunal. The next step is to determine whether and how to prosecute, Rumsfeld said. Those not tried by a military tribunal would either be paroled to a U.S. civilian or military court, returned to their home country for prosecution; released outright; or held in U.S. custody indefinitely.

**Indian News Briefs**

Dockside casino bill passes House: The Indiana House voted Tuesday to expand legalized gambling by relaxing the rules governing riverboat casinos and allowing pull-tab machines at horse racing tracks and some off-track betting parlors. Lawmakers voted 55-43 to approve the bill, sending it to a conference committee where House and Senate members will try to work out differences during the final weeks of the legislative session. The proposal would authorize riverboat casinos on Lake Michigan and the Ohio River to rent dock space, rather than making regularly scheduled cruises.

**Venezuela**

**Officers seek presidential coup**

Venezuelan Rear Admiral Carlos MolinaTamayo talks with his lawyer to the press at a Navy military command in Caracas. He is the highest ranking officer to clash with President Chavez and is demanding that he step down.

**Brazil**

**Dengue epidemic transforms Rio**

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Egypt

Civilians mourn after building collapses killing 22

Associated Press

DAMIESETA

Multicolored party lights were still hanging from Heba Maamoun Orai's balcony Tuesday, strung out for what was meant to have been a wed­
ing celebration. Instead, they were a macabre backdrop for a funeral.

Orai was one of 22 people killed Monday in the collapse of an aging, Nile-front building that housed, among other things, a hair salon that was popular with brides. At least five women preparing for their weddings died in the four-story building.

Hundreds of people converged on mosques around the town of Damietta, 160 miles north of Cairo, to pray over coffins. All but one of the 22 dead were women; 25 other people were injured. A mother of one victim screamed bloody and beat her fists on the door of an ambulance covered with flowers. The vehicle bore the coffin holding her daughter—17-year-old jour­nalism student Ramaa el-Elawy.

"She was an angel, she prayed all the time, she used to kiss me all the time. Who is going to kiss me now?" said the woman, who only identified herself as Manal. Manal said her daughter had been at the salon with her father, fiance and brother, who all went to the building to help. "Why were they al­lowed to work there?" the woman asked.

At another funeral procession, the coffin of 18-year-old Marwa el-Khouli was draped with a white satin sheet. A relative said that was a sign both of a wed­ding and of a bride-to-be who was dying prematurely.

We were preparing for a wedding, now we are having a funeral," said Orai's uncle, who identified himself only as Amin.

Angry residents said ambulance and rescue crews took more than an hour to arrive at the scene, by which time locals had found dead bodies and begun their own rescue operation.

"We were at the hospital emergency expert," said Nada Said Bisik, a 36-year-old car­penter. "The builders brought in (by the locals) were just killing the people underneath."

While penned under the rubble, medical student Rashia Mohammed Sarhan said she spoke to an emergency police officer in Cairo by cellphone, who told her to call from a land­line.

"How can I do this?" the 22­year-old told the operator. "I'm calling from under the debris." She said the operator put her on hold. After several minutes she hung up and called her father, fiance and brother, who went to the building to help. "Police officers speaking on condition of anonymity later con­firmed Sarhan's account and were questioning the operator.

Rescue efforts were primitive, the whole operation was primitive. There were no experts, and this caused the high number of casualties," said a local coun­cil official, Sameer Abu Hameid.

Damietta Governor Abdel Azim Wazir denied there were any delays in the rescue.

"The rescue effort could not have been any better. I followed it myself."

IRELAND

Government shifts international positions

Associated Press

DUBLIN

Ireland's ambassadors to the United States and Germany will switch jobs as part of a wider batch of transfers and promo­tions in the diplomatic corps, the government announced Tuesday.

Sean O Huiginn, who has been ambassador to Washington since 1997, will change jobs with Noel Fahey, Ireland's man in Germany since 1998, Foreign Minister Brian Cowen announced as part of 14 ambas­sadorial appointments world­wide. He said the timing of the job switch was uncertain.

The move reflected shifting international priorities for Ireland, which has to balance its close economic and cultural ties with the United States and its increasing involvement in the 15-member European Union, of which Germany is the largest member.

O Huiginn, 57, is con­sidered among the Irish diplo­matic corps' most influential and respected members. A specialist in British-Irish rela­tions, he went to Washington at a moment when the Clinton administration was becoming closely involved in efforts to broker a peace accord for Northern Ireland. Clinton's envoy, former Sen. George Mitchell, led the direct negotia­tions that produced the British province's Good Friday peace accords last February for allegedly flout­ing EU plans to admit up to a dozen new members from central and eastern Europe.

Ireland, which is one of 12 EU nations participating in the new euro common currency, plans to stage a second referendum on the treaty later this year.

President Clinton, who has spent months and millions of dollars over the years pressing the British and Irish to work out a settlement to end the 30-year-old conflict in Northern Ireland, spent three of his 11 trips to Ireland in 1999 urging the British prime minister to agree to a devolved power-sharing government in the province.
ZIMBABWE

Treason claim condemned

**Government charges opposition candidate in plot to kill president**

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG

Foreign governments and human rights groups Tuesday condemned Zimbabwe's decision to charge the opposition presidential candidate with treason as an attempt to disrupt the March 9-10 elections.

Zimbabwe's government on Monday charged Morgan Tsvangirai, leader of the Movement for Democratic Change, in connection with an alleged plot to kill President Robert Mugabe. On Tuesday, party secretary-general Welshman Ncube and lawmaker Benson Gavu were also charged, said their lawyer, Innocent Chagonda.

Tsvangirai was held for two hours and then released. The two others were also released after being charged.

U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said government officials have yet to provide proof that Tsvangirai and his two sides engaged in treasonous activities.

"This appears to be another blatant example of President Mugabe's increasingly authoritarian rule and his government's apparent determination to discredit, intimidate and repress the opposition in the approach to the presidential election," Boucher said in Washington. Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said Tuesday that the charges "lack credibility." He threatened to ask the Commonwealth, an association of Britain and its former colonies, to withdraw its election observers if Tsvangirai is imprisoned before the elections.

"They are not real charges. I don't think in the real world you can charge someone with treason and then let them go free," said Lovemore Madhuku, head of the National Constitutional Assembly, a civic group that helped defeat a government-backed constitutional referendum in 2000.

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ITALY

**Tunnel under U.S. embassy inspected**

Associated Press

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Army training game turns deadly

**Police deputy mistaken, shoots green beret**

Associated Press

ELDORADO, N.C.
The Special Forces troops are led blindfolded into a forest camp by local authorities and see a flickering candle justing from a human skull.

Squaring off between Col. Tomcat, the deposed ruler of war zone Pineland, and the troops have been told he is a mean alcoholic, a soldier who takes any chance to test his will and has been sent in to restore to peace.

But "Pineland" is really a swatch of North Carolina backwoods, Col. Tomcat and his men will face are just local farmers, librarians and forklift operators playing assigned roles.

The game called Robin Sage, is the 19-day final exam standing between Army soldiers and the counterinsurgency.

The Army strives mightily for realism, which the soldiers trained to treat every person they encounter as part of the maneuver.

And that is apparently what got a soldier killed last weekend.

The soldier was shot to death after tangling with a dependent, Squier says, and one of the soldiers' trainers equally did not realize it was all a game.

"Somebody was taking it seriously," says the colonel, aka Tomcat, himself a former Marine officer and one of the soldiers' trainers.

"It was supposed to have been.

Moore County Deputy Randall Butler was patrolling a country road Saturday when he spotted a pickup truck with three men in it. All three were wearing civilian clothes.

Butler pulled the truck over and noticed a duffel bag with a distinctive black and white inside.

When one of the three men in the truck came at him, Butler tried pepper spray. When the attack continued, Butler fired.

First Lt. Tallas Tommeny was killed. Sgt. Stephen Phelps is listed as missing, but unconfirmed, was unharmed.

Local and Army officials call it a tragic breakdown in communication, and say there was no reason to believe a new operation would be killed.

But local officials have a hard time understanding how the deputy couldn't have known the exercise was going on — and why the soldiers let things get so out of hand.

In "Pineland," the 4,500-square-mile staging area that covers much of eastern North Carolina's rural sandhills, Confederate flags compete with American ones and camp foliage seems the unofficial native dress.

It is not uncommon to round a curve and find men with M-16s blocking a bridge.

Area police have been known to take part in the Green Beret training exercise, setting up roadblocks so commandos can stage running gun battles and "blow up" targets.

Farmers open their fields and woods to the maneuvers; some even offer their homes as "safe houses."
Sharon willing to meet with Saudi officials

**Saudi plan calls for full peace, full withdrawal**

Associated Press

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on Tuesday signaled an openness to meeting with Saudi officials, a move that could be interpreted as a sign that his government is serious about seeking a peace agreement.

Sharon was quoted as saying he would be willing to meet with members of the Saudi Arabian government, who have called for a full peace deal with Israel. The Saudi plan calls for full withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza Strip and the dismantling of Israeli settlements.

Aides to Sharon confirmed the prime minister's willingness to meet with Saudi officials, but they said the discussions would be formal in nature and would not include any direct negotiations.

The move is seen as a significant step in the ongoing search for a peace agreement in the Middle East, as the Saudi plan has been endorsed by several Arab states as a viable alternative to the current peace process.

Sharon's statement follows a recent visit to the Middle East by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, who has been working to broker a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians.

The Saudi plan, which was first proposed in 1991, calls for a complete withdrawal of Israeli forces from the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the dismantling of all Jewish settlements, and the establishment of a Palestinian state in these territories.

According to the Saudi plan, Israel would also be required to pay compensation to the Palestinians for the loss of their land and for the damage caused by Israeli military operations. The plan calls for a comprehensive peace agreement that includes recognition of Israel's right to exist and full Palestinian self-determination.

The Saudi plan has been endorsed by several Arab states, including Egypt and Jordan, as a viable alternative to the current peace process.

However, the plan has been met with skepticism by some Israeli leaders, who have expressed doubts about the feasibility of the plan and the willingness of the Palestinians to accept it.

As a result, the Saudi plan has not made significant progress in recent years, with few concrete steps taken to implement it.

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What a sterile exercise it has become to trot out the tired, nonsensical arguments against the alleged "intrinsic moral evil" of homosexuality. It is something of a religious ritual for Professor Emeritus Charles Rice in his biweekly column, evidenced again Tuesday with his column entitled, "Homosexual acts are categorically wrong."

I am continually astounded by the zeal with which bigots defend the defenseless argument of the exclusive righteousness of heterosexuality. It is quite easy to spot the transparent attempt to disguise a deep-seated heterosexism when Rice writes, "to choose someone of the same sex for one's sexual activity is to annul the rich symbolism and meaning, not to mention the goals, of the Creator's sexual design." I would posit that homophobia has at least as rich a trove of symbolism and meaning as homosexuality and possibly more so, given the many embedded layers of violence, prejudice and discrimination experienced by both women and by gay persons such as myself and perceived by sanctimonious folk. The point is not so important whether an orientation is more or less symbolically significant than another. The important thing is to acknowledge in the open — in society, in the Church, in our personal lives — the deep meaning of minority homo-"sexual design" and to affirm its dignity and equal status with the majority.

Pope John Paul II does a disservice to the legitimacy of the Church to speak out on pressing issues of moral concern when he describes homosexuality and its burgeoning equality movement as a "moral evil, deviation, a kind of slavery." Forget about the sex slave industry, which exploits the bodies and souls of millions of women worldwide. Forget about forced labor (slavery), widespread mistreatment of prisoners, rampant abuse of human rights — all these horrors happenning at this very moment in all parts of the world, these instances of real evil that are so destructive of anything approaching justice and God's earth. No, let us cry out instead at the horrors of all those fags out there, "distorting the true meaning of the family" and affecting "grave harm" on impressionable children. And of course, in the same breath, offer a flippannt remark that even us gay people — "are called to fulfill God's will."

Rice insists that students at this university are "entitled" to truth "without coming to a conclusion." I'm sorry. So let the truth be stated unequivocally: Homosexuality is a categorical good, and acts resulting from such orientation are as much a part of God's "sexual design" as anything a male and female do in bed.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Homosexuality: a categorical good**

Hi Rice, I've held out for a long time, but I want to incite a food revolution.

When I walk into South Dining Hall's Grab 'n' Go, I'm greeted by a mundane standing upon a bountiful oasis after years of wandering the desert. Everyone from the nutri-packed Vinner's brand snack food lines the shelves. Is today a Sour Cream n' Onion day, or a Tangy Cheese day? Either way, I can't love it.

At North, however, I face a limited number of snacks. I bitterly remember days when, trying to instill a new consciousness for my health, I wanted pretzels but had to go with greasy corn chips or cheese poppers. Beware of the cheese poppers — it's a veritable heart attack in a bag.

At South, the coolers are stocked with dozens of fine sandwiches, which I allow to bow down with impunity. If upon holding the roast beef and cheddar I decide that turkey on wheat is more my taste, I can replace the sandwich and choose a new one. I can even select the juiciest turkey sandwich of the bunch, opting for one without that weird lunch meat smell, if I am so inclined. Even more, South Grab 'n' Go offers an array of fresh fruit, a bagel with cream cheese, or a small salad. My favorite is a cranberry walnut salad in the cooler for me — I trust you know what I mean — the sandwiches with a peanut butter jelly sandwich out of the bun and moreover you just know the jelly is going to slime out when you take a bite — what should I do? Tell them I want a sandwich with less nastiness? I hardly think so. The attendants work hard, and they probably dislike the system as much as I do.

Perhaps the most startling aspect of Grab 'n' Go is that South is the fresh fruit and vegetable section. Why four? Four was a very important number between North and South Grab 'n' Go. Perhaps the most startling aspect of Grab 'n' Go is that South is the fresh fruit and vegetable section. Why four? Four was a very important number for ancient Mediterranean culture. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Eric Long

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Our minds possess by nature an insatiable desire to know the truth."

Cicero

Roman orator
Letters to the Editor

The price of my dream, and yours

Carl Brashear had to wait outside the gate of Navy Diving School quite a while. The sentry had refused him an entry. An African-American by birth, Brashear had grown up in a very poor background in the rural South. But right from his childhood he cherished his dream of pursuing a career in the U.S. Navy. His dream did become a reality, but he had to face a lot of hurdles because racism was pretty widespread then.

It was not the Navy he had dreamt of until the day he saw Chief Billy Sunday diving into the sea during an underwater operation and ended up attempting to save the lives of a few of his drowning companions. Brashear knew then that deep-sea salvage diving was “the call” of his life. He decided to ask for a transfer to the Navy Diving School. Though his commanding officer was pretty sure that an African-American would not be permitted inside the school in spite of his recommendation, Brashear was determined. And permission was granted.

At the school, the sentry wouldn’t let him in, so the prediction of the officer came true. As he was standing outside the gate, an alert Brashear saw a car approaching from the school. Envisaging a senior officer, he readied himself to salute.

To his surprise he was saluting Chief Billy Sunday. The chief was serving a term as an instructor in the school. He stopped to inquire what brought Brashear to the school. Brashear expressed his desire to become a diver. Chief was more than amused. No African-American had ever gone beyond a particular rank in the Navy, let alone become a diver.

The chief asked him to return from where he came. While the chief thought that he had given his piece of advice to the young man and had gone his way, Brashear stood there. He couldn’t feel the sweat trickling from his brow; his knee wouldn’t tire of standing. All he knew was that he wanted to become a diver and that only joining the school would take him to his goal.

The day was done but he stood. The chief returned to the school after his long trip and no sign of fatigue as he saluted him cheerfully — and he continued to stand. Seeing a determination of rare kind, Chief was left with no other option but to salute him and he continued to stand. The chief thought that he had given his piece of advice to the young man and had gone his way, Brashear stood there. He couldn’t feel the sweat trickling from his brow; his knee wouldn’t tire of standing. All he knew was that he wanted to become a diver and that only joining the school would take him to his goal.

The primary criteria to achieve anything in this world is whether you want it badly enough and whether you are prepared to pay the price.

Sebastian Abraham

What’s My Shade?

Unilateralism handicaps U. S. foreign policy

In his Monday column, Mike Marchand assails Europeans for their concern over President Bush’s “axis of evil” statement during his State of the Union address. The statement resonated with the American public because of the obviousness of the regressive regimes that currently control these nations.

The complaints of the United States’ European allies stem not from disagreement over the relative nature of evil but over the approach to be taken in ending that evil. While certainly guilty of creating and leaving tragic messes in Africa, Asia and the Balkans, the Europeans realize that long-term integrated strategies are the only means of securing peace and stability throughout the globe.

Their complaints about American unilateralism and oversimplification of foreign policy not only are justified, but also should be reiterated and reviewed by Americans. The failure to integrate our efforts should not allow our allies across the globe to lead to failure not only in Afghanistan but also in our efforts to reduce the “axis of evil.” It is impossible for the United States to implement its long-term policy goals without the support of our allies in Asia and Europe.

This was all too evident in the president’s visit to Asia. During his visit, Bush assured Koreans that his statements did not forecast war and that he supported the engagement or “sunshine” policy of Kim Dae Jung. Shortly after these statements, Bush arrived in Beijing, which surprisingly escaped participation in the “axis of evil” despite its record of human rights abuses, political and religious oppression and aggressive militarism. Marchand and Bush have seemingly forgotten the downing of an American airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland less than one year ago. By mocking and belittling the contribution of the Japanese, Koreans, Filipinos and Europeans in the global fight against terrorism and evil, Marchand and other proponents of prudential unilateralism utterly fail to understand the reality of global politics and history. We have won few wars without allies and have lost a few when our allies failed to support us. Evil exists far beyond the axis and bears its name and United States foreign policy requires allies to defeat it.

Daniel Byrne

Letters to the Editor

Seek a truly open mind

Have you ever had the feeling that you’re being discriminated against by a person who is proclaiming his or her open-mindedness? Jesse Daniel Schomer in his letter February 14, titled, “Agree to disagree,” implies that all Catholics are closed-minded in his statement. “What I would like to see is Catholics trying to understand those other viewpoints before they start into the dogmatic criticism.” I will gladly call myself a Catholic and in fact am a theology major. I am also a feminist and I too gave up cootie shots and ghost stories as a child. However, I do not find these two aspects of myself oxymoronic.

I too gave up cootie shots and ghost stories as a child, and quite frankly, I am proud to state that I will never cease to have fun on a swing set — and I question his relevance to Schomer’s argument. My faith neither suggests that I am superstitious, nor does it entail that I have the intellectual development of a child. In fact, I feel extremely inspired by these assertions. In Mr. Schomer’s broad generalizations, he has excluded while he proclaims to include. He also clutters his argument with affronts that anger more than they provoke thought.

Before Schomer labels me a “knee-jerk conservative,” however, I would also like to respond to Peter Zavodnyk’s letter on Friday entitled, “Free speech limited.” I reject the notion that “The Vagina Monologues” are a “carnival act” and have purchased tickets for one of the performances. Like Schomer, whom he appears to contrast, Zavodnyk implies that all who will attend are children, although he does so in a slightly subtler manner.

That the University can with any certainty determine what I “expose students only to paths that lead them to understand themselves, their world and their maker” seems dubious at best. In addition, I would argue that the Monologues do aid in an increased self-understanding, both for men and for women. Scripture states that God created man and woman in God’s image and likeness. In an increased sensitivity toward what it is to be a woman, one can gain a greater understanding of the divine and who God created all of us to be.

Kathryn Ball

Observer

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Scene from The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company performance of "The History of King Henry IV, part I." Above: sophomore Mike Federico (sitting) as Falstaff holds court in the tavern. To the left: King Henry IV (senior JJ Marler) confronts Worcester (freshman Ellen Kennedy) and Vernon (freshman Chris Scapelandra). Below: Junior Chris Nguyen as Prince Hal sits on the lap of his friend Ned Pons (senior Kathleen Lane) leading the life of vice.

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By BILL RINNER
Scene Writer

The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company’s production of "The History of King Henry IV, part I," will change the mind of anyone who believes that Notre Dame lacks culture. The entirely student-run play offers a welcome interpretation of Shakespeare’s classic history.

Re-founded in 1993 as an effort to bring Shakespeare to the Notre Dame student body, the NSRSC has built strong support and appeal, regularly selling out its shows and gaining support from student government.

“We want to be as loyal to Shakespeare as possible in the text," stage manager Lindsay Updike said. "But Not-So-Royal is also intent on giving its shows a lot of energy and attitude."

The play follows two plots: one concerning the strained relationship between King Henry IV and his son Prince Hal (the future Henry V) and the other concerning the rebellion spearheaded by the noble Percy family that is rebuked by the king. Both plots eventually converge in one of Shakespeare’s most dramatic battle sequences.

In the beginning of the show, Prince Hal has taken up a lifestyle of vice hardly befitting his royal status. He drinks in a mangy tavern filled with highway robbers and criminals. Falstaff, one of the regulars, evolves into a father figure for Hal; he also provides a great deal of the play’s comic relief, often making light of his obesity. Falstaff’s lifestyle, however, appalls Hal’s real father.

King Henry IV wants to reform his son so he can follow in the path of his ancestors. His desire strengthens as a new crisis forms with the Percy family that was largely responsible for King Henry IV’s ascension to the throne. The king refuses to ransom one of his lords captured in battle, Mortimer, whom he believes is a traitor for marrying into the family of the Welsh rebel leader, Owen Glendower (played by sophomore Justin Williams). Mortimer’s cousin, the youthful and up-and-coming Henry Percy, who is also called “Harry,” or “Hotspur,” is beguiled by his uncle, the treacherous Worcester (played by freshman Ellen Kennedy) into joining forces with Glendower in opposition to the king.

Hotspur’s quick temper provides a daunting and powerful challenge to the throne. He attacks the king’s forces and a final confrontation between Hotspur and Hal ensues.

The stand-out technical side of the production provides a sense of renewal to the timeless play. The characters adorn contemporary costumes that break from the grandiosity of the period in which Shakespeare initially wrote the play, but they connect the audience to the story surprisingly well. The set design also follows this trend.

“We were going for something simple but effective, wanting the set to bring out the intensity of each individual scene,” Updike said.

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Marler keenly plays up the harsh confrontation between the king and the prince. The powerful scene rips at the audience's emotions as the two forces struggle to coexist.

Prince Hal (played by junior Chris Nygren) is the young man struggling between his inevitable reign and youthful urge to enjoy life to its fullest.

"He is the paradigm of any 20-something," Nygren said. "He's going through the process of maturation, struggling to assert himself, but because he's royalty, the struggle is even more intense."

Truly, Hal knows where he is and where he will be, so his only outlet is rebellion and the domain of the tavern. Nygren has other opinions regarding the character, particularly when he realizes the gravity of his unruly behavior.

"A lot of people try to present Hal as heroic, but he feels as much anguish as anyone because of his lifestyle," Nygren said.

Jack Falstaff (played by sophomore Mike Federico), complete with fatpads, is the most delightful stage-presence in the play. In an early scene, he and his bumbling criminal companions are duped into robbing three wealthy travelers, but ultimately lose their bounty to Hal and Poins (played by senior Kathleen Lane), another companion of the prince. Federico performs Falstaff's ensuing explanation of the events with a twisted rendition of the story. The character also competes as the father figure of Hal, who requires a guiding influence in the early scenes of this play. "He's lovable but also keeps a lot of vices," Federico said.

Hotspur (played by sophomore Adel Hanash) is perhaps the most complex character in the play. He initially appears to be hot-tempered and a clear antagonist in the story, but his nature is wider. His view of the world is terribly idealistic, but he recognizes his fault.

"He's in love with the character because he's so real, so essentially human," Hanash said. "I wanted to bring out his innocence because it's very easy to play him as fiery, but that takes away from his essence."

Bringing every element together was the show's director, junior Dan Fisher. His intricate vision for the play was fully understood by every cast member.

"A good director knows what he wants but lets it evolve and get better and that's what Fisher did," Hanash said. Fisher had equal praise for the cast.

"They're all young, but they offer a degree of professionalism that is very reassuring and helpful for the creative process," Fisher said.

With an immense understanding of the text, Fisher sought out to represent the central ideas of the play. "The lines between good and evil are nebulous and virtue is defined by each of the individual characters, so there's an element of ambiguity that speaks of all humanity," Fisher said. "If you hold a mirror up to nature, as this play does, you will see that idealism doesn't always win in the end."

Entertainment value in the show is present with flying colors. However, perhaps the greatest measure of a play is the thought and self-reflection it provokes. In this case, the show also succeeds as a combination of acting, directing and technical effort. The show astounds and enlightens from beginning to end as the NSHSC once again produces a success for the stage.

"The History of King Henry IV, part I" opens tonight and runs until Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies auditorium. General admission is $7 and $5 for students. Tickets are available at the LaFortune Student Center box office and standby seating will be available at the door. Due to limited seating capacity, ticket holders not in the theater at the scheduled showtime may have their tickets resold to standby seating. Visit or call the box office at (574) 631-8128 to make reservations.

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"The History of King Henry IV, part I" relies on strong characters. Above: sophomore Mike Federico playing the portly and comical Jack Falstaff. Above right: junior JJ Marler as King Henry IV in battle gear. Marler's character wants to reform his son, Prince Hal, from the life of vice and make him a proper king. To the right: sophomore Adel Hanash as Hotspur and freshman Molly Topper as Lady Percy. Hotspur must decide whether he will join the Welsh rebels to oppose the king or stay with the woman he loves. Below: junior Chris Nygren (left) as Prince Hal faces off with the gallant Hotspur, the two characters parallel one another.

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Center wild last year, those in the stands will not be treated to a rematch. Matassa has moved up to the 165-pound division this year. Nevertheless, Heckmann sees that fight as one of his greatest Bengal Bouts memories; to win a title in such a dramatic fashion, with so many changes in momentum and both fighters exhausted at the end.

"That Matassa fight, that was perhaps the greatest moment of my life," Heckmann said. "Just going out, all out brawl, even if I didn't win the fight it would've been just as cool. I didn't remember it all until I watched it on tape, and then it started coming back. It was pretty much a six-minute blur, you know. It must have thrown a hundred punches each, every minute."

Although his adversary from last year fights in another bracket, Heckmann faces new obstacles on the road to defend his title. As he looks to refine his skills, and "brawl" as well as "brawl," the other fighters in the 155-pound division seminals all have individual characteristics that will make it a challenge to repeat.

"I've got a lefty (Wednesday), a good fighter, Chris Pettit, it'll be a challenge. Nobody likes fighting lefties, they should have their own weight bracket," Heckmann joked. "They're so tough, you just never fight lefties like 90 percent of people are righty, turns out I have two guys in my bracket left that are both lefties. (John Nowak, he's a lefty, hard hitting lefty, he's got to fight Wednesday). Mike Melby, a taller guy with a random conversation with just the great majority of the people down here really enjoy being part of the Bengal Bouts program. This year I've really gotten to know just about every kid in here, I've had a random conversation with just everybody down here. The calibre of guys here is amazing, all really willing to give their efforts for charity, and just tough kids. I like hanging out with tough kids.

While Bengal Bouts provided him with great times to look back on, there still is one more week in Heckmann's Bengal Bouts career to look forward to, and one more opportunity for a title.

"I've gotten calls from guys I didn't even know too well, seniors from last year, just telling me, 'make the best of this last week of Bengal Bouts, it's the coolest thing you'll ever do in your life.'"

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Senior Broch Heckmann is working this season on technique to compliment his br aw ling style. Heckmann is looking to defend his title from last season.

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Irish added six points from the
come in and give the team a
second chance either. The

bench.

"You get one shot and you've
got to make it," McGraw said.

After the Wildcats made sure
the Irish had only one shot,

they waited. Although the
game came down to a 3-point
attempt in the final 1.3 sec-

onds of the game, Villanova

watched Notre Dame set up

for the loss.

"I don't think we necessarily
lost the game in the last

minute," McGraw said. "The

whole game we just never

were in sync offensively.

"Junior guard Alicia Rataj

put it a little more succinctly.

"It was a tough game. That's

all I can say."

Notre Dame was out of its
offense early in the first half,
dropping to a seven-point lead
after three consecutive Irish

turnovers. They went into the

locker-rooms at halftime with

a one-point lead and they

waited.

"They're incredibly patient

and they're smart," McGraw

said after the game. "They
don't beat themselves ... They

shoot the ball extremely well

from the three-point line ...

They're just really disci-

plined."

In the second half, the Irish

had their chance.

They took an early lead in

the second half but in the final

minutes of the game, Villanova

snuck up and took that lead

away. It was Riley again who
gave Villanova the chances it

needed to get ahead, hitting

four shots in the last four min-
utes.

The Irish didn't take advan-
tage of their chances. The

Irish missed five shots and

only hit two of the six shots

they had from the foul line.

Then, in the final seconds,

Villanova made gave itself one

more chance and Notre Dame

watched its final chance blow

away.

With 13 seconds left, just as

the shot-clock ran out, Riley

grabbed a key rebound to give

the Wildcats one more chance
to win the game. After she

missed a one-and-one, Flecky

grabbed the rebound for the

Irish and they had their last

chance.

And they only got one.

The seconds ticked away and
the Irish couldn't get the ball
to their 3-point shooters. With

1.3 seconds left McGraw called
a time-out and stopped the

clock. But it was too late for
her team to take more than

one shot.

They had one chance at a 3-

pointer to tie the game and

they missed.

"I thought they key at the

end was the rebound they

got," McGraw said. "They have

one second to get a shot and

they get the offensive

rebound."

The Wildcats got a second

chance on that rebound and
made sure the Irish did not.

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thing and it was too much for her. She didn't get any help." Although McGraw said that the team never discussed the home win streak, she thought that it weighed heavily on all the players' minds.

Of the 12 players on the Irish roster only senior forward Ericka Haney—who was honored before the game in Senior Night festivities—had ever experienced a home loss.

"I think it had to be playing on their minds," McGraw said. "I thought that they played like it. They played very, very tense. None of them played the game that they've played all year long. I think that was disappointing, probably more than anything."

In a game that featured nine lead changes and six ties, Notre Dame looked like it could pull it out until the game's final minutes. A Ratay lay-in with 5:24 remaining put the Wildcats within one. Notre Dame freshman forward Kay Flecky was then fouled, but missed both free-throws.

Riley followed with three unanswered baskets in the next two minutes. The final dagger was a rebound basket of her own miss with 62 seconds left that put the Irish down five.

"A smaller guard couldn't do that," Villanovas coach Harry Paretta said. "Her strength enabled her to make that shot. We try to take advantage of that as much as we can.

Ratay hit two free-throws with 48.9 seconds remaining to pull the Irish within three, but Notre Dame couldn't pull any closer. An off-balance 3-point attempt by freshman Allison Bustamante as the clock ran out clanked off the rim.

Riley led Villanova with 15 points while teammate Nicole Druckenmiller added 10, including two 3-pointers. Villanova's 48 points were the fewest ever by an opposing team in a victory against Notre Dame.

"We don't have a real great offensive team," Paretta said. "I thought we played good enough defense to give us a chance to win."

Paretta also said that his team was not concentrating on ending Notre Dame's win streak—they had more important goals in mind.

"We were a little worried about trying to win to try to get into the NCAA tournament," Paretta said. "I think we're probably on the bubble, but they're not. The game I think meant a little more to us. I think they talked a little about the win streak but I didn't really think about it. We're trying to get into the NCAA tournament."

Notes:
• Notre Dame, who clinched second place in the Big East regular season standings with a win against Georgetown on Saturday, will play either Syracuse or West Virginia Sunday evening at 6 p.m. The Mountaineers take on the Grangewomen at 6 p.m. Saturday.

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Notre Dame senior tri-captain Andrew Bushey has been honored as the Big East Conference baseball player of the week, after batting .667 (6-for-9) in last weekend’s action at University of New Orleans Classic.

Bushey, who started at both catcher and third base during the tournament, collected his six hits against Missouri and host UNO before missing the Southern Illinois game due to an injury. His many stellar defensive plays included a strong throw to nail an attempted basestealer in the UNO game.

Bushey became the eighth Notre Dame player in the eight-year Paul Mainieri era to post five-plus hits in a game, batting 5-for-5 in the heart-breaking 8-7 loss to the host Privateers. He hit a first-pitch double to right-center in the 2nd inning of that game before stroking an RBI single up the middle in the 4th for a 3-3 tie.

Bushey then grounded reliever Brandon Miguez in the 6th with a leadoff home run, tying the game at 4-4 by driving a 1-1 pitch over the rightfield fence his first home run since 2000 and the sixth of his career (he also homered in a career game at UNO in 1999, as part of ND’s record-tying seven-HR output).

His big game versus UNO also included a leadoff single through the left side in the 8th and a 1-1 single to left-center in the 9th, plating Kris Billmaier for a 7-5 lead.

The 5-10, 190-pound left-handed hitter is one of four current members of the Notre Dame baseball program who have been named Big East player of the week during the past three seasons, with the others including: senior centerfielder Steve Stanley junior leftfielder Brian Stavisky and senior catcher Paul O’Toole.

Bushey’s breakthrough 2001 season saw him earn 1st team All-Big East honors as a third baseman, after batting .335 with 36 RBI and 17 doubles.

He also ranked second among all 2001 Big East players with a .425 conference batting average and 27 RBI in conference games.

Bushey has appeared in 162 career games as a four-year starter with the Irish, with his career stats including 169 hits, 36 doubles, 73 RBI and 51 walks. He averaged 17.58 at-bats per strikeout as a sophomore in 2000, representing the 10th-best ratio at Notre Dame since 1969.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Giambi, White nurse injuries

Associated Press

The New York Yankees welcomed back one experienced free agent on Tuesday and almost immediately lost another.

First baseman Jason Giambi, nursing a sore left hamstring, missed his second straight intrasquad game but took part in pregame drills. He is expected to play in an exhibition game either Friday or Saturday.

"It feels a lot better today," said Giambi, who signed a seven-year, $120 million contract in the offseason. "I’m trying to be on the safe side and not overdo it. We just want to keep it getting better."

Just as Giambi returned to the Yankees outfielder Randy White strained his left rib cage swinging a bat. Manager Joe Torre said White could miss days or more.

"I think we’ll know tomorrow," Torre said. "A rib cage (injury), it really hurts you down. It eliminates throwing and swinging."

White, who signed a $10 million, two-year deal, has been on the disabled list eight times during his major league career, and has played in just 189 games the past three seasons.

In Haines City, Fla., the Royals said outfielder Mark Quinn probably will open the season on the disabled list because of a cracked rib that sidelined him for four to six weeks.

"I told me he fell back up against an edge of a chair," general manager Allard Baird said. "Obviously, it is very frustrating for the kid."

Spring training barely begun but new Houston Astros manager Jimmy Wynn already has set his pitching rotation.

Williams picked 16-game winner Wade Miller as his opening day pitcher against the Milwaukee Brewers on April 2. Miller led the Astros in victories, starts (32), innings (212) and strikeouts (183) last season. He finished with a 3.40 ERA and pitched six or more innings in 28 of his 32 starts.

Bested Miller, the Astros will use right-handers Roy Oswalt, Shane Reynolds and Dave Mlicki. Carlos Hernandez and Tim Redding will compete for the fifth spot with Hernandez set to start the exhibition opener Friday.

"I don’t look at numbers," he said. "I go out there to pitch hard and help the team win. Hitting 10 home runs with 36 RBIs in 200 (216) to be exact at bats), I can’t complain with that. Average-wise, I don’t look at the average because I didn’t play every day. I know when I do play every day. I got back into a groove, I’ll do better than that."

The Los Angeles Dodgers are looking forward to the arrival of standout Texas run­ning back Cedric Benson, who is ready for some baseball.

Benson, the Big 12 Conference offensive fresh­man of the year last season when he gained 1,053 yards and scored 12 touchdowns, will play in the Los Angeles Dodgers’ minor league orga­nization this summer.

"He’ll come in here mid-March, whenever spring break is, just spend a couple days, maybe suit up with Bill Bavasi, the Dodgers’ director of player development, said Tuesday. "He’ll be back to play in mid-May, whenever school’s out. He’ll be with us until early August, when he reports to Texas’ football training camp."

Benson batted 361 with four home runs and 14 RBIs in his senior year of high school. The Dodgers drafted him in the 12th round — 370th overall — in last June’s amateur draft.
Underdog Miami tops Boston College

 Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Miami's Shelina James broke a three-point tie attempt by Amber Jacobs with six seconds remaining, and the Hurricanes held on to win No. 18 Boston College 60-57 Tuesday night.

James, who scored only five points, made two free throws with 5.6 seconds left. Jacobs made one of two foul shots during the Eagles with 5.8 seconds.

Clare Druschl missed a desperation 30-footer for Boston College.

Kathryn Fowler had 11 points and nine rebounds for Miami (17-10, 10-6 Big East). Meghan Saake added 10 points and five steals, giving her a school-record 110 for the season.

Jacobs had 15 points and 10 rebounds for BC (21-6, 12-4). The win was Miami's third in a row.

The Hurricanes took control in the first half, outscoring the Eagles 38-21.

Miami shot 51.6 percent from the field compared to 37.5 percent for Boston College.

No. 1 Connecticut 89
No. 20 West Virginia 60

Asha Jones scored 17 points as No. 1 Connecticut secured its third unbeaten regular season in eight years with a victory over West Virginia.

Swim Cash had 16 points and 13 rebounds for Connecticut (30-0, 16-0 Big East), which put the Mountaineers away with an 18-0 run midway through the second half.

Marica Conlon added 14 points for Connecticut. Dena Taurasi and Jessica Moore each scored 11 points, and Sue Bird added 10.

Sherrell Sowho scored 22 points and Yolanda Paige had 18 for West Virginia (14-13, 6-10), which has dropped 11 straight games to Connecticut.

The last time the Huskies came to Morgantown two years ago, West Virginia absorbed the second-worst defeat in league history, 100-28.

Things were different this time. The pregame rifle shot by the Mountaineer mascot that rattled the UConn players wasn't the only surprise.

Having locked away its ninth straight Big East title and owning the top seed in next week's league tournament, Connecticut allowed West Virginia to keep the score respectable for most of the game.

The Mountaineers, who had been outscored by a 31-point margin in its three previous meetings with Connecticut, became the first team in six games to score more than 50 points against the Huskies.

But West Virginia went scoreless for more than 7 minutes in the second half while online hit a pair of 3-pointers and a layup during the decisive run for a 78-48 lead with 6:56 remaining.

Connecticut didn't make the lead for good until Conlon made a 3-pointer with 12:32 left in the first half, giving the Huskies a 17-14 lead.

West Virginia kept the score under 10 until it forced shots, and Connecticut used a 14-3 run late in the first half to build a lead that didn't fall below double digits again.

The Mountaineers scored as many points in the first half (39) as the Huskies did in the second part of their loss to Connecticut last season.

No. 13 Texas 61
No. 8 Kansas 56

A.J. Stephens had 16 points and 10 rebounds as No. 13 Texas beat Kansas, holding the Jayhawks, the Big 12 Big 12 team to go winless in the conference.

The most recent victory for Kansas (15-24, 6-16) was Dec. 29 against Morgan State. Marion Washington, 15th all-time among women's players with 540 wins, is having her worst season in 29 years with the Jayhawks, who have lost 16 straight games.

Texas (19-8, 10-6), which lost four straight games and had lost 10 points from the field, made both free throws with 15 seconds to go.

John Allen had 18 points for Seton Hall (12-16, 5-10), which lost its fifth straight and seventh of eight.

Seton Hall, which was stunned by Zavackas' game-winning 3-pointer from the top of the key, scored the first five points of the overtime to take a 66-61 lead. Allen converted a three-point play and Greg Morton scored underneath on an assist from Andre Barrett, who had 17 points.

The Pirates evened their record at 6-10, 6-10, and led 34-32 with 11:45 to go.

Seton Hall behind 59-58 with 3:40 to go.

Zavackas, who hit only two of his first 12 shots from the field, made both free throws to cut the deficit to 66-63.

Kyle, whose mother works at Seton Hall, then took over.

The point guard, who played at nearby Seton Hall Prep, hit a 3-pointer to tie the game with 1:47 to go.

After a turnover from former Seton Hall Prep teammate, Marcus Toney-Til, Knight hit a floater down the lane for a 68-66 lead with 53 seconds left.

He added a free throw with 48 seconds left and Page keyed the game by making four free throws down the stretch.

Seton Hall missed two shots, two free throws and had two turnovers in the final 1:37.

Seton Hall, which had given away an eight-point lead and fallen behind 58-54 with 1:35 to go, scored the next seven points to take a 61-58 lead.

Lane started the comeback with a shot off the backboard. After Knight missed a layup, Damion Fray, who had 11 points and 12 rebounds, put Seton Hall ahead 59-58 with 15 seconds left by converting a three-point play.

After Chad Johnson missed a 3-pointer with about 20 seconds left to play, Seton Hall appeared ready for the upset when Morton hit two free throws with 15 seconds to go to make it 61-58.

However, two Pirates defenders went after Knight coming off a screen, leaving Zavackas open for his game-winning 3-pointer.

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Sophomore John "The T- Otter" Newall, the second seed in the 155 pound class, used a variety of strong left-handed punches to pound his way through two unanimous decisions in the semifinals. What is Newall's strategy? "I'm definitely a bit nervous, but said he hopes to use a more even tempo on Wednesday. "I'm definitely a bit nervous, but I'm excited and anxious about it. I'm definitely a bit nervous, but I'm excited and anxious about it."

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BENGAL BOUTS 155 POUNDS - 160 POUNDS

Middleweights move to North Dome

By BRIAN BURKE

Sports Writer

On the eve of the Bengal Bout semifinals, roughly a dozen members of the Notre Dame Boxing Club were scattered across the basement room in the basement of the Joyce Center, jumping rope, shadow boxing and attacking the heavy bags hanging throughout the room, they all tried to polish their technique before their next match-up.

Of the 133 fighters that began the tournament, only 40 still vie for the championships of their respective weight classes. The semifinal round will again cut that number in half, and send two boxers from each division to the finals Friday night, as the boxers move from the Joyce Center Fieldhouse to the Arena in the north dome.

155 Pounds

The semifinal bracket in the 155-pound division includes the top four seeds in the weight class. Top seed captain Brock "Landers" Heckmann will look to keep the momentum he gained last weekend, when he won two unanimous decision victories in search of his second consecutive Bengal Bouts championship in the 155-pound class last year.

"I've been working on Domingo "Lunes" Maynes and Evan "Disfunctional" Oliver pits two competitors closely matched in height and style. Both did dictact the pace of their quarterfinal bout, chasing their opponents and trapping them in the ropes. Maynes and Oliver appear to be fairly equal athletically, and both will want to slug it out.

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Technique will be key as Cosse/Yost bout

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Sports Writer

Clay "The Mouth of the South" Cosse faces Mark "The Bash" Yost in the 165-pound division, and judging from their quarterfinal performances, the technique should come into play. Both fighters picked their spots and scored in the preliminary and quarterfinals. Cosse had an easier time with his opponent, scoring 12-9, 12-9, 12-9 victories by unanimous decision against Mike "The Other" Reid, and Yost was won by split decision over Matthew Klobuchar in a fairly even contest.

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The taller Demko has a better jab than his junior Derrick Bravo, who earned a unanimous win in the semifinals of the tournament. "I'm more defensive than he is," said Hollowell. "He hits pretty hard," said Arnold. Arnold, one of the harder humors in the weight class, has a reach advantage but Kaakua's inside strategy is the toughest. You just want to get in the ring and go.

"It's a little bit frustrating because you've seen everyone else do that," Brandi said. "The hard-chin. He can really take a punch. Brandi was "I am going to keep him away from the punch." Borovina received hits vs. the most challenging fighter in the weight class.

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Zizic has a reach advantage on the shorter Lyne and plans to use that, as well as his footwork to avoid Lyne's powerful punches. "What you are going to see is a lot of dancing around the ring. It's not me running away from him," Zizic said. "I am a different style boxer than he. I really have to use my length to win this fight."

Kevin "Hardcore" Brandi vs. Joshua "The Flying Hawaiian" Kaakua in the other 190-pound semifinal. Kaakua has one of the most unique fighting styles in the entire tournament. His portly, sticky-fist style stays far away from his opponent. He uses his quick hands to dart inside and attack his opponent before dodging back out.

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Zizic has a reach advantage on the shorter Lyne and plans to use that, as well as his footwork to avoid Lyne's powerful punches. "What you are going to see is a lot of dancing around the ring. It's not me running away from him," Zizic said. "I am a different style boxer than he. I really have to use my length to win this fight."

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"I just have to try to keep my punches straight and stay calm," he said.
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were in sync offensively," McGraw said. "I thought Alicia played a great player to make more than two field goals. Alicia Ratay scored 22 points for the Irish, but the rest of the team was on us really," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said of the win streak. "I thought the young kids just really just couldn't take the pressure. We didn't talk about it all year but coming into the final game it had to be on everybody's mind." Notre Dame (19-8, 13-3 in the Big East) shot just 33.3 percent from the field. Alicia Ratay scored 22 points for the Irish, but the rest of the team combined for just 23 points on the night. Ratay was the only Notre Dame player to make more than two field goals.

"The whole game, we just never were in sync offensively," McGraw said. "I thought Alicia played a great game, but we forced her to do everything that was in her niche as that of motivator. "I try to get in here a couple hours early and makes sure everything's alright," said Heckmann, who comes from Rancho Mirage, Calif. "I'd say my role in the whole thing is making sure everybody's here, everyone gets upstairs at 4:00 on time, getting our calisthenics, our push-ups, sit-ups, and jumping jacks all out of the way before we really start coaching. But Mark Cribini, Matt Fumagalli, those guys are more the technical, masterminds of the boxing scheme." In the Bengal Bouts all is not lost if a fighter is not a polished tactician, as Heckmann's title last year in the 150-pound division proves. As just a second year fighter, he slugged his way through three bouts, the last of which was perhaps the most thrilling fight of the 2001 finals when he outlasted Chris Mutassa.

"I'd definitely throw myself doing the technical fighting more," Heckmann said. "Last year I had three fights, and every one of them was a brawl. I fought Mutassa at the end, and that was the biggest brawl of my life. One thing I guess I could say is, 'I've got three older brothers, so fighting with them at home everyday after school, was a good way to get the brawler mentality going at an early age. My older brother Scott, he's 19 months older than me. He was always a lot bigger than me, so we used to get into it quite a bit.' While the Mutassa finale drove the crowd in the Joyce