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“I call our attention to Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King as American leaders and American heroes because all of us, whatever our race, gender or ethnicity — even this gray-haired white guy — must study their way of leadership and learn from their example,” White said.

According to White, Parks is remembered in national folklore as a tired seamstress who refused to give up her bus seat to a white man and was subsequently arrested. However, she was not just physically weary, White said, and it is important to note exactly what Parks was really tired of — oppression.

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Following my dad’s advice

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ND groups hold fair to promote ‘Safe Spring Break’

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

Spring break might be a long mid-term exam week away, but various campus groups and offices are getting a jump on the break by giving information to students about how to enjoy it safely.

Friday's Safe Spring Break Fair in LaFortune fullroom was part of week-long program hosted by Student Government, Pillars and the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education. Gina Firth, the Director of Alcohol and Drug Education, said other events earlier in the week included distributing blood alcohol concentration awareness cards in the dining halls and giving away safe spring break T-shirts.

Firth also said speaker Randy Hanson addressed students as part of safe spring break week Wednesday on how to party with a plan and "how to decrease your risk if you choose to use alcohol."

The Safe Spring Break Fair was the final event of the week. Firth said its purpose was to give students harm reduction information to stay safe over break.

Many campus offices were present at the fair to provide information about safety, including University Health Services, the University Counseling Center, gender relations, security, transportation and even international student services.

Firth said aspects of spring break addressed at the fair included advice to students traveling abroad to Latin American countries, preventing "Montezuma's revenge," sexual assault and rape prevention, what to do during car-jacking attempts and "the realities of hooking up.

The fair also addressed issues in relation to alcohol, such as drinking and driving with impaired vision goggles, a pledge not to drink and drive and blood alcohol intoxication awareness information.

In addition to information tables, the fair had fun attractions such as "mocktails" (fruit drinks sans alcohol), poppers, a basket-ball toss with beer goggles, music and tropical scenery.

Unlike spring break send-offs at other colleges, however, Firth said the Spring Break Fair did not provide condoms.

"Notre Dame is a Catholic University and we do not pro-

Students grab freebies, above, and 'mocktails,' right, at the Safe Spring Break Fair.

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Senior Laurel Thomsen said she was attracted to the event because of the posters and free giveaways. However, Thomsen also said she "thought it would be valuable because I will be heading down south and the Mexico stuff interested me."

Freshman Erin Robertson also attended the event.

"My friend mentioned she had heard about the event, and I was coming through LaFortune and heard noise," she said.

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Carl Williams said his role at the fair was to promote healthy decision-making about sexual activity and drinking.

"We are helping people to slow down and give it more thought," he said. "The University values this fair and is putting in a large number of resources to help students make decisions.

Sophomore Jessica Nelson took part in the fair as a Pillars member.

"We are out here to make judgments," Nelson said. "We are here to give people information so that they can make good judgments.

"Sometimes people get bogged down by people merely saying don't drink, but this is a nice way to get the point of safety across."
The Notre Dame Club of New York's 90th Anniversary and St. Patrick's Day Weekend in New York City

The Notre Dame Club of New York invites Notre Dame and St. Mary's Alumni, Faculty, Family, Students and Friends to our 90th Anniversary Celebration March 16th and 17th 2006!

All the details are on www.ndnyc.org

- Universal Notre Dame 90th Anniversary Gala - March 16th 6:30PM (with Fr. Jenkins!)
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What better way to spend the end of Spring Break than celebrating with NDNY? Join us for our Anniversary Dinner, meet us at the after-party, or march with NDNY up 5th Avenue in the traditional St. Patrick's Day Parade! All the details are on our website — sign up today!
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Scientists struggle to save chimps

Scientists are struggling to save the fast-disappearing bonobo, the gentle "hippie chimps" known for resolving squabbles through sex rather than violence.

Unfortunately, bonobos are prized by Congolese for their tasty meat, and many villagers who are illegally hunting the wizened-faced apes don't realize how close their prey is to extinction.

"Bonobos are an icon for peace and love, the world's 'hippie chimps,"' said Sally Cole of the Washington-based Bonobo Conservation Initiative. "To let them die off would be a catastrophe."

The animals are known for greeting rival groups with gnosial hunchbacks and sensual body rubs. Bonobo spats are swiftly settled - often with a French kiss and a quick round of sex.

Militants threaten oil facility attack

LAGOS, Nigeria - Militants threatened more attacks on Nigeria's oil facilities and vowed Sunday to cut daily oil exports by 1 million barrels, adding to concerns for OPEC as it prepares for a strategy meeting this week.

Oil is already more than $60 a barrel, and the markets are nervous about potential disruptions to the supply from this OPEC member, which is Africa's biggest producer of crude oil.

A.F. Alhaji, an energy analyst in the United States, said the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries was unlikely to trim the cartel's overall output when it meets Wednesday because of worries about the unrest in Nigeria's oil region and Iraq's crippled production.

NATIONAL NEWS

Children killed, police charge father

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The bodies of a 5-year-old boy and his 8-year-old sister were found shot to death in their burning home, and police charged their father Saturday with killing them.

The father was found a couple of miles from the house with critical injuries, police Sgt. Lisa Mangum said. She would not describe his injuries.

The case is the third in less than two months in which a Charlotte-area parent has been charged with killing two children.

Shaken and tearful, Olga Miranda picked through the debris of their home in northeast Charlotte and declined to talk about her husband, Gilberto Miranda Cazares.

Twins Hall of Famer suffers stroke

FORT MYERS, Fla. - Hall of Famer Kirby Puckett had a stroke at his Arizona home Saturday and was taken to a hospital for surgery.

The 44-year-old Puckett, who led the Minnesota Twins to the World Series titles in 1987 and 1991, was taken to a Scottsdale hospital.

"The Minnesota Twins and major league baseball will pay tribute to Kirby and his family in their thoughts and prayers," the team said in a statement.

LOCAL NEWS

Governor's approval rating drops

Gov. Mike Meele, Congo - Governor's approval rating has dropped to 37 percent among some Indiana residents, according to a recent poll.

The poll, conducted during the governor's 14-month tenure by the Indianapolis Star, shows the governor's popularity has fallen since becoming governor; the $3.35 billion line of the Indiana Toll Road.

ENGLAND

Childhood obesity slated to rise

LONDON - The number of overweight children will increase significantly by the end of the decade, according to a study by health experts that is expected to profound impacts on everything from public health care to economics, a study published Monday said.

Nearly half of the children in North and South America will be overweight by 2010, up from recent studies suggest is about one-third, according to a report published by the International Journal of Pediatric Obesity.

In the European Union, about 38 percent of all children will be overweight if present trends continue - up from about 25 percent in recent surveys, the study said.

"We have truly a global epidemic which appears to be affecting most countries in the world," said Dr. Philip James, chairman of the International Obesity Task Force and author of an editorial in the journal warning of the trend.

The percentages of overweight children also are expected to increase significantly in the Middle East and Southeast Asia, Mexico, Chile, Brazil and Egypt have rates comparable to fully industrialized nations. James said.

He estimated that, for example, one in five children in China will be overweight by 2010.

IRAQ

Politicians call for a new leader

Bush prime minister al-Jaafari faces pressure to recall his bid for a new term

Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Sunni Arab and Kurdish politicians increased Sunday their demands on Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari to abandon his bid for a new term, while leaders of Iraq's Shiite majority struggled to overcome growing internal divisions.

Despite the squabbling, there were reports the new parliament would be called into session for the first time as early as the end of the week, starting the clock on a 60-day period during which it would have to elect a president and approve a prime minister and Cabinet.

The struggle to form a broad-based governing coalition acceptable to all the country's main groups has been further hampered by the surge in sectarian conflict.

Targeted sectarian violence - killed at least five people Sunday. Three men died in a gunfight at a Sunni mosque in Baghdad and two relatives of a top Sunni cleric were slain in a drive-by shooting. Sunnis accused death squads aligned to the insurgent government, allegations denied by the Shiite-dominated Interior Ministry.

"I do not believe it has deep roots. I do not believe that they're on the verge of civil war," Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

A day earlier, the commander of the U.S. military's Central Command, Gen. John Abizaid, said sectarian divisions had been worsened by the bombing of a revered Shiite shrine in Samarra last month and was a threat to Iraq's stability.

During a meeting with Iraqi leaders Saturday, Abizaid urged them to resolve the differences stalling the formation of a government.

"The shrine bombing exposed a lot of sectarian Dinares that have been apparent for a while, but it was the first time I've seen it move in a direction that was untoward to the political process," Abizaid said afterward.

The U.S. government sees a government with participation across Iraq's communities as a key step toward improving security and weakening support for insurgents, which would allow Washington and its allies to lower troop numbers.

Under the constitution, the Shiites' United Iraqi Alliance, the largest bloc in parliament, has the first crack at forming a government and chose al-Jaafari as its nominee for prime minister.

But the Alliance has too few seats to act alone. And it is facing a drive by Sunni, Kurd and some secular parties that want to prevent al-Jaafari from continuing at the end of the government, favoring instead current Vice President Adil Abdul-Mahdi.

Abdul-Mahdi lost in the Shiite caucuses by one vote to al-Jaafari, who won with the support of radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. Abdul-Mahdi is backed by Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, a powerful Shiite leader who is frequently at odds politically with al-Sadr. Both have strong militias behind them.
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"I think one of the great challenges of this discussion (if it touches on issues around which there's a great deal of energy and strong views)," Jenkins said. "The challenge is when you speak on those issues, there's a tendency to simplify... that makes discussion difficult."

He said two-sided "for or against" questions such as "Are you for or against academic freedom?" were overly simplistic when applied to such a nuanced subject matter.

"I see a role for expressing your views and feedback from your constituents as well as questioning Jenkins on a variety of subtopics, including fundraising, violence against women, the Keenan Revue and sponsorship."

The balance of the responses to the question, he said, was listening attentively, often as an aside and occasionally as "I'm just muttering 'thank you."

But he said his gaze was directed upwards, and he seemed deeply engaged in his formal deliberation.

"I'm curious about how the events you think could take the place of the "Monologues,"" Morrissey senator Brian DeBartolo asked Jenkins. Jenkins suggested a production that "could take our own reflections... our stories, in a certain way" better serve the Notre Dame community than "The Vagina Monologues."

University Affairs committee chair Matt Walsh said the campus culture was "male-dominated" and men like the Keenan Revue and the Pep Rally were "pretty chauvinistic." "I'm not saying there's no belonging at Notre Dame... but (there's) no void on this campus."

"We can address the issues of gender, sexuality and sexual orientation... without compromising our Catholic (character)? Do you think it's important to allow these events to exist?"

"When Jenkins' answers were firm, it lacked sympathy," Walsh said. "Issues of gender and sexuality (need to be) addressed, but can't find ways to address them," Jenkins said. "And we need to be creative in finding ways to address them... I do think we can.

Jenkins said he was concerned the camp discussion had become too limited, overly focused on "The Vagina Monologues" and the former Queer Film Festival — a discussion statement similar to an earlier statement made by Jenkins.

"This is much more than that," Jenkins said. "This discussion (shouldn't be) restricted to just the two events."

He said Keough residents discussed the issue of fundraising for women's organizations — an opinion previously associated with the "Monologues," which last year raised $15,000 for the S.O.S. and YWCA organizations of St. Joseph County.

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West Nile virus does not increase defects

Associated Press

CHICAGO - Pregnant women who get West Nile virus likely will have normal babies, although a small risk of birth defects could be completely ruled out, according to the first published report from a multistate registry.

Researchers at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention called their report "somewhat reassuring" but said pregnant women still should be especially careful to follow precautions, including staying indoors when mosquito activity is high and wearing repellent during mosquito season.

Of 72 infants in 16 states whose mothers had West Nile during pregnancy, only three had any birth defects, although a small risk might have been linked with exposure to the virus before birth, according to the 2003-2004 data from the registry.

Two had abnormally small heads and one was born with an extra toe. In all three cases, the mothers had fever for several days before or after birth, but the other appeared to grow out of the problem and was developing normally by age 1.

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Scientists who conducted an "extensive laboratory" investigation of developing West Nile virus infection in their mothers, although scientists are uncertain what effect current cases are at detecting West Nile infection at birth, said the study was published in the March edition of Pediatrics.

Because of this circumspect evidence, "we couldn't say with confidence they weren't caused by West Nile virus," said CDC researcher who co-authored Daniel O'Leary.

That evidence includes timing of infections. The mother of the extra-toe baby had West Nile fever early in pregnancy, when development of fingers and toes occurs. The other two mothers got sick during mid-pregnancy.

Seven, or 10 percent of the infants, had major birth defects including Down syndrome and cleft palate, about double the rate in the general population, but symptoms, including severe infections and premature births was lower than in the general population. However, the researchers believe the only the three cases might be linked to the virus.

CDC-funded research is investigating whether any of the women had other factors that might have increased their risks for having children with birth defects, although no factors were found.

The CDC collects nationwide data on pregnant women infected with West Nile disease, the mosquito-borne virus that has been reported in humans in at least 42 states.

The states involved in the new report are Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas and Wyoming.

Most infected people never get sick, but up to about 20 percent develop mostly mild flu-like symptoms. Severe symptoms can include encephalitis, a form of brain inflammation, with fatality rates. Since 1999, when the virus first appeared in this country, 782 West Nile deaths have been reported worldwide.

Dr. Shari Goldman, an obstetrician affiliated with Chicago's Northwestern Memorial Hospital, said none of her pregnant patients have developed West Nile virus, but some have asked if they can avoid the disease.

"I raise it as a concern that they shouldn't think about, however I do not want to alarm my patients because the risk of them contracting West Nile virus is low," Goldman said.

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Channel One's ads pack more punch than news features

CHICAGO — Students remember more of the advertising than they do the news stories shown on Channel One, the daily public affairs program shown in 12,000 U.S. schools, a study has found.

Students reported buying — or having their parents buy — teen-oriented products advertised on the show, including fast food and video games, researchers said.

Schools that agree to show Channel One on 90 percent of school days receive free televisions and satellite dishes, a deal critics say turns students into a captive audience for advertisers.

Nearly 8 million students see the program, according to Channel One's parent company, Primedia.

"The benefits of having Channel One in schools seem to have some real costs that should create an ethical dilemma for schools," said study co-author Erica Ausin of Washington State University. The study appears Monday in the journal Pediatrics.

Channel One CEO Judy Harris questioned whether the students' purchases were influenced exclusively by Channel One ads or by other advertising and the preferences of their peers.

"These children aren't in an isolation box," Harris said.

Advertising pays for Channel One's news, health and fitness content, Harris said. Advertisers don't influence the news content, and the company has high standards that keep ads appropriate for students, she said.

The show won a Peabody Award for reporting on Sudan's civil war last year. The 12-minute daily broadcast has 10 minutes of news and two minutes of either ads or public service announcements.

Channel One produces some of its own news programming, but it also airs Associated Press Television News video. Associated Press news service stories appear on Channel One's Web site.

Researchers surveyed 240 seventh and eighth-graders at a school in Washington state. The students reported that during the previous three months they bought an average of 2.5 products advertised on Channel One.

The students remembered, on average, 3.5 ads compared to 2.7 news stories. However, they didn't remember much about either, retaining only 13 percent of the news stories and 11 percent of the ads shown during one week.
Black Republicans to the rescue

Mendoza policy offers transfer student

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Music isn’t what it used to be, but change is on the way

It is often said that music is the universal language. That or math, I can’t remember which one. Or maybe it’s both. Whatever.

Anyway, universal language or not, music has found a way to transcend geographic, cultural, ethnic and linguistic boundaries.

This can be seen everywhere you look, such as kids singing “The Macarena” at a high school homecoming dance or the Mexican guys I’ve worked with in the past two summers singing along to “My Heart Will Go On” during their lunch break.

As beautiful a phenomenon as it is, along with pretty much everything in this world (except for Chipotle), has a dark side.

I’m not talking about rap music that irritates everyone (except for Chipotle), has a dark side.

I’m talking about bad music.

Really bad music.

What is really bad music, you ask? The stock answer from most music elitists would be to simply turn on MTV, and they would be right.

However, unless you tune your television to the “music” channel early in the morning, you will not see any music videos, and “Meet the Barkers” doesn’t serve as a good case study for the state of modern pop music. But if you’ve ever eaten a meal in Commons, you know what I’m talking about.

Two years ago, when I lived in Blanding II, I was often subjected to the sonic filth that poured fourth from televisions around the dining hall. As if “I Love the Way You Move” wasn’t annoying enough already, it can truly drive a person mad when they hear it just six times a day.

But this column isn’t meant to pick on Outkast, a group that I believe has good intentions at heart. I’m here to address the other senseless crap that most of you uncultivated swine on campus listen to.

I’m talking about bands like Nickelback, Creed, My Chemical Romance, Simple Plan, Evanescence, Toby Keith, Ashley Simpson, Grechien Wilson, Bright Eyes... I could go on, but I don’t think I need to.

Whether it’s prepackaged pop music or some random guy who plays guitar and only writes songs about ex-girlfriends, the standard by which music is judged today has been lowered dramatically from where it once stood in the past.

Although some of this has to do with the democratization of music and the availability of recording equipment, this sort of development should be a good thing.

However, this revolution, along with giving many musicians the opportunity to make and distribute music in an environment where they previously were unwelcome, also gives many unsavory musicians the opportunity to ravage your eardrums with what they will constantly refer to as their “art.”

For example, I’m sure at one point in your life at UK you’ve seen a poor soul playing guitar and singing outside White Hall, the Student Center or even your dorm on a sunny day. These people must be stopped.

Don’t think that by any means I’m advocating a return to listening to “oldies” or what have you. Some of music’s greatest travesties were committed before any of us were even born (think The Eagles, John Denver, post-Genesis Phil Collins).

What I am proposing, however, is a return to what makes music music, such as, I don’t know, playing your own instruments. Or, egad, writing your own songs. Or wait wait... doing something original for once.

The John Mayer Trio may be superior to most live acts in the field of musicianship, but I’ve already heard their act before when it was called Stevie Ray Vaughan. In much the same fashion, The Killers sounded a lot better when they were called 1980-1989 and rap only sounds good under the names De La Soul, A Tribe Called Quest, and the Sugarhill Gang.

The Barenaked Ladies once said in a song as equally moronic as their name, “It’s all been done before.” They’re right. If I have to hear another band try to be the next Bach or Ryan Bickz or O.A.R or Dashboard Confessional, I am going to gouge my ears with a skewer.

There is a musical revolution on the horizon, and it doesn’t involve guys wearing girls’ jeans, cowboy hats, hemp necklaces or oversized black jeans with chains. Prepare thyself.

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

Letter to the Editor

Basketball response

I am writing in response to the recent letter to the editor concerning the men’s basketball coach, written by John F. Chute, class of 1976 (“Higher standards for our basketball coach,” March 2).

Before I begin, let me be known that I work for the High School, Business School, and alma mater. I also attended DeMatha with Brey so I make no bones about being an avid supporter of the basketball team.

What surprises me is that the student newspaper would print such an error-filled, ill-informed rant by an angry alum who clearly has an agenda.

I permit me if you will as I would like to dispute a few of Chute’s points.

1. This is Notre Dame’s 11th season in The Big East (not 14th). Without question, The Big East is the best basketball conference in the nation. Without taking anything away from Digger Phelps, but Coach Phelps’ teams played a much easier independent schedule.

2. The author’s contention that he is not qualified to analyze basketball and then proceeding to give his lengthy error-filled analysis, I thought Notre Dame grudges were smarter than that.

3. His assertion that a “prima donna” brought down the squads of ‘05 and ‘04 without looking at the facts that they were able to laugh off a “primadonna” done in his first two years at Notre Dame.

4. His absurd comparison of the recent Marquette-Notre Dame game to that of a match between the Harlem Globetrotters-Washington Generals. If you recall, Notre Dame was leading in the second half and finally lost by eight points, thanks to the efforts of a gifted opposing player. Has he attended numerous Harlem Globetrotters games as a youth, I can assure you that the games I saw were never close, by an angry alum who clearly has an agenda.

5. His criticism of Brey’s coaching against Arizona in the Sweet 16 a few years back. Perhaps the author should understand that there is no such thing as “the best.”

Furthermore, the last time I checked, the purpose of the game is to outscore your opponent.

6. His criticism of Athletic Director Kevin White’s hiring of Brey despite the tremendous success Brey achieved as a head coach at the University of Delaware and as an assistant at Duke.

7. His comment that Duke University had an inferior history of achievements during basketball prior to 1982. I ask the author to do his research and see that Duke had Final Four appearances in both the 1960s and 1970s.

8. His criticism that the program is in a “vegetative state.” Excuse me? Three NCAA appearances and two NIT appearances, a pretty decent showing in the eyes of the student."
CONCERT REVIEW

Chieftains' powerful music energizes campus

By SEAN SWENNY
Sewe Writer

Young and old celebrated together when The Chieftains visited the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC). The audience was invited to combine Irish music with other forms of folk music and this was showcased when they performed the bluegrass song "Country Blues" with guitarist Jeff White. The group also played a lively Irish jig "Lesser Known Mythical Short Animated Film he created high energy in the theater rose audience to create a night of wonderful music and memories.

The Chieftains, under the lead of the energetic uilleann pipes and tin whistle player Paddy Moloney, combined their legendary talent with Irish harpist Triona Marshall, guitarists Jeff White and fiddle player/irish dancer Jon Pladzko. They were also joined by The Cottars, young brother-sister pairs from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia and the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra. This diverse group was led by Moloney, who was in his element performing and leading the toe tapping songs.

The concert began with The Chieftains playing some of their traditional songs from around the world. The group is renowned for its unique ability to combine Irish music with other forms of folk music and this was showcased when they performed the bluegrass song "Country Blues" with guitarist Jeff White. The group also played a lively Irish jig "Lesser Known Mythical Short Animated Film he created high energy in the theater rose audience to create a night of wonderful music and memories.

The Chieftains, led by Paddy Moloney (center), delighted the audience Thursday with a selection of Irish music, joined by the Notre Dame Orchestra.

After an intermission, The Chieftains returned to the stage with The Chieftains and won the audience with their remarkable talent for singing, dancing and playing their respective instruments at the same time. The most memorable song of the two groups played was the Irish classic "The Rocky Road to Dublin," complete with cork concert lights sweeping the theater.

After a final encore, Moloney asked that the house lights be brought up so that the audience could join in an Irish jig performed by the entire ensemble. Before long, nearly the entire audience, both young and old, was in the aisles of the theater, dancing to the driving rhythm of the Irish song. Perhaps no one enjoyed the festivities more than Paddy Moloney, who was grinning from ear to ear while playing his tin whistle. After the song ended and the musicians departed, the entire audience gave The Chieftains a standing ovation long after the band left the stage. As the audience filed out of the Leighton Concert Hall Thursday night, the energetic music of The Chieftains had performed its expected magic by bringing the same youthful enthusiasm to every spectator in a night that will not be forgotten for a long time.

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SHOW REVIEW

Martin's 'new-age' comedy delights, appeals to young crowds

By CASSIE BELEK
Sewe Writer

Demetri Martin has some jokes and he tells them well. In addition to telling jokes, Martin also plays instruments. He did both Saturday night at Legends to an eager and thankful audience.

Martin, who is well on his way to becoming an established comic, excels in the last art of telling jokes. While other comedians present lengthy scenarios with the punch line at the end, Martin, an observational comedian, presents a series of unrelated jokes like "I think the worst time to have a heart attack is during a game of charades," and "Sometimes I wonder what Jesus do for a Klondike bar."

As a graduate of Yale University, he dropped out of NYU Law School after only a few months because he thought it was boring. He became an intern for "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" and later worked as a sketch writer for "The Daily Show," in which he has mixed feelings on. After his set, Martin took audience questions, he took pictures best bosses someone could have. After answering questions, he took pictures and signed autographs.

Martin displayed his comedic talents to an eager and thankful audience. When he questioned why one audience member was recording his set, the young man answered that Martin was the best thing to come to Legends this year. A joke seldom failed, and when it did, Martin was as self-deprecating as Conan O'Brien, displaying his laid-back attitude but also great confidence that the audience wouldn't reject him. Students don't often get the chance to see professional comedians in person, and Martin provided his brand of humor and increasing his growing fan base.

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**MOVIE REVIEW**

**'Pépé Le Moko' is a stepping stone for entire genre**

By MARTY SCH BOEDER

"Pépé le Moko," the famed 1937 film, was recently screened as part of the Film Noir Weekend. The film provides a prime example of French cinema from the 1930s, which occurred in the 1930s. "Pépé le Moko" is also a marvelous paradigm of the "Film Noir" genre and is considered by many to be one the genre's most influential films.

Jean Gabin stars as the suave gangster Pépé le Moko. The plot revolves around the French police force in Algiers as they attempt to capture Pépé le Moko, who has evaded them by hiding out in the winding and narrow alleys of Algiers's Casbah. Informants, loyal friends and women all surround Pépé as he plays a game of cat and mouse with the police. Most of the film is dominated by the affair between Pépé and the beautiful Gaby Gould played by Mireille Balin. She is a Parisian who has traveled to Algiers. While there, she and her friends go into the Casbah wherein she encounters Pépé. They fall in love immediately and the conflict revolves around the jealousy that Pépé has for his current lover, Inés, for his past and his struggles with animosity towards his Casbah roots. Pépé discusses Paris with Gould. Gabin infuses his character with the proper hopelessness, melancholy and boredom that would typify the characters of Film Noir.

The aesthetic of the film is also of note. The cinematography shines through in certain instances of heightened emotion providing an artistic impact to the emotional impact coming through the actors. The final shots of the film are of particular note as the camera placement and movement correspond to and heighten the emotional impact of the conclusion. This artistic flair influenced many Italian New Realism filmmakers and, perhaps better-known movement, the French New Wave. Directors such as Jean-Luc Godard and François Truffaut, French New Wave directors, pointed to this artistic flair as an influence on their filmmaking. The French New Wave then would go on to influence the revered American directors such as Martin Scorsese and Francis Ford Coppola.

"Pépé le Moko" contains many of the elements that we have come to recognize in our own cinema. It’s influence on Film Noir can be seen through the latter’s use of people who are outside the law and on the edge of society and the aesthetic nature would go on to influence the golden age of post World War II film directors. If in search of a highly entertaining and artistically excellent film, one could do much worse than watch "Pépé le Moko." Gangsters, love, crime and police all converge in the Casbah of Algiers. This mixture is beautifully put together and even more pleasure can be derived today in noting the influence this film and others like it have had on the constant development of cinema.

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**MOVIE REVIEW**

**'Flores de Otro Mundo' goes beyond typical foreign fare**

By MICHELLE FORDICE

"Flores de Otro Mundo," or "Flowers de otro mundo" does not devolve into the simple romance. The women on the bus are not there simply to be buoyant and enjoyable film. It is spiced with jokes (some dirty, some sweet) and an upbeat soundtrack. One cannot help but laugh at Milady's interesting choice of fashion or the two old men that wander the village, watching the escapades of the city. Despite its depressing themes, "Flores de Otro Mundo" follows the path of a group of young women seeking protection from their harsh environments through the safety of companionship.

"Flores de Otro Mundo" and facets of life it reveals are universal.

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ND Track

Irish make statement at Alex Wilson Invite

Seven individuals and one relay team ran well enough to qualify for the NCAA Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

By JASON GALVAN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's and women's track and field teams put on stellar performances this past weekend at the Alex Wilson Invitational, with seven individual Irish athletes qualifying for the NCAA championships and being held Friday in Fayetteville, Ark.

The men's distance medley relay team also met the standard at Loftus Sports Center in addition, an old school record fell, as sopomore Moore broke a 13-year-old 1:29.87 800-meter run. Carter's time of 2:08.75 was enough to surpass Eric Peterson's mark of 2:10.13 set in 1993.

Maryann Erghin (women's 60-meter and 200-meter), Jacqueline Carter (women's 800-meter), Thomas Chamney (men's 800-meter), Amy Kohlmeier (women's 3,000-meter), Tim Moore (men's 3,000-meter) and Adam Dudas (men's 5,000-meter) all earned automatic qualification standards.

Senior distance runner Stephanie Madia (women's 5,000-meter) earned an automatic bid to the NCAA championships. In addition, her time of 16:02.14 was enough to break the old record in women's 5,000-meter of 16:15.06, set by Wake Forest's Amanda Ball in 2003.

"It was just a matter of getting into the right race," Madia said. "I'd also like to take this opportunity to step up into the competition and taking ownership of the meet with their fast times."

"I'm also really proud of our girls, stepping up to the competition."

Stephanie Madia
Irish distance runner

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The official qualifying list was made public on Sunday.

"I think we really have a good chance to have a lot of freshman but we have a lot of talent and I think we have a good record," Bautista said. The team will practice Thursday before heading to Texas for the tournament, which begins the Thursday during Spring Break.

"I think we will have a close fight with Penn State and we will see if we can beat them or we can beat them," Dudas said. "I am very confident, because maybe we do not have the talent, but the attitude and the work ethic is better than I can ever remember."

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### NFL

**NFL labor talks break off once again**

Associated Press

**NEW YORK — The NFL and its players’ union broke off talks Sunday evening, leaving dozens of veterans in danger of becoming salary-cap casualties before free agency begins a minute after midnight Monday.**

The breakdown, though surprising, was typical of the tepid, registry negotiations, so far: Just when things seemed darkest, they got back on track; and when it appeared a deal could be struck, talks broke down. As they did when the union called off the talks.

"The talks ended after the NFL gave us a proposal which provided a percent-age of revenues for the players which would be less than they received over the last 12 years," said Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association. "After suggesting we extend the waiver deadline from six o’clock to 10 this evening, they gave us a new proposal which was worse than their offer prior. Quite naturally, we rejected that proposal and saw no need to continue meeting."

But Harold Henderson, the NFL’s executive vice president for labor relations, said the union rejected a proposal that would have added $577 million for players in 2006 compared to 2005 and $1.5 billion in the six years of the extension. "It’s an unfortunate situation for the players, the fans and the league," Henderson said. The cuts started almost immediately.

Oakland cut quarterback Kerry Collins, saving $9.2 million in cap space. Center Kevin Mawae was cut by the New York Jets, although he probably would have been gone anyway because he is 35 and missed the final 10 games of last season with a triceps injury. One big name could go as teams try to squeeze under a salary cap of $84.5 million. If a deal had been negotiated, the cap might have been $10 million higher — in other words, allowing teams to keep some of the players.

These negotiations were by far the most difficult since the NFL and the union first agreed to free agency and a salary cap in 1992, ending years of labor unrest that included player strikes in 1982 and 1987. The contract has been extended several times since then, most of the time with ease.

### In Brief

#### Cole to miss 6-to-8 weeks

PITTSBURGH — Carolina left wing Erik Cole will miss at least the rest of the regular season with a compression fracture in a vertebra in his neck caused when he was driven headfirst into the boards by Pittsburgh’s Brooks Orpik during a 7-5 Hurricanes victory Saturday night.

Cole, tied for second on the team in scoring, will be out at least 6-to-8 weeks — a major loss for what could be the team’s playoff berth. The Hurricanes have not ruled out Cole returning for the playoffs, which begin in mid-April.

Cole had scored two goals for the second night in a row before he was slammed into the boards behind him by Orpik as the Hurricanes were trying to hold off the Penguins, who trailed 5-0 and 6-1 before rallying.

Cole was slammed into the boards near the right circle after he appeared to lose his footing just before Orpik hit him.

Hall of Famer Puckett hospitalized after stroke

FOUR MIERS, Pa. — Hall of Famer Kirby Puckett had a stroke at his Arizona home Sunday and was taken to a hospital for surgery, the Minnesota Twins announced from their spring training camp.

The 44-year-old Puckett, who led the Twins to World Series titles in 1987 and 1991, was taken to a Scottsdale hospital.

"The Minnesota Twins and major league baseball ask fans to keep Kirby and his family in their thoughts and prayers," the team said in a statement.

Ron Shapiro, who was Puckett’s agent, said he had been in contact with Puckett’s family Sunday but would not confirm his whereabouts.

"We’re all praying for his recovery," Shapiro said.

Twins center fielder Torii Hunter sat out Minnesota’s exhibition game against the Red Sox after learning of Puckett’s stroke.

Bryant will be centerpiece of revamped U.S. team

Kobe Bryant will be the centerpiece of the new-look USA Basketball team that is expected to improve upon a disappointing bronze medal at the 2004 Olympics.

Bryant brings NBA championship credentials and high-powered scoring, joining 20 other players selected Sunday for a possible spot on the world championship and 2008 Beijing Olympic teams.

"It’s his time," USA Basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski said of Bryant. "He’s 27 years old now. He should try to assume a position of leadership in the team. I would think he’s very hungry to do this. I see him fitting in very, very well."

Bryant will be making his Olympic debut. He was supposed to play in Athens, but withdrew because of his sexual assault trial. Criminal charges eventually were dropped, and he settled a civil suit with his accuser.

### Around the Dial

**Men’s NCAA Basketball**

Colonial Athletic Conference Championship, 7 p.m. (ESPn)

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Championship, 9 p.m., ESPn

West Coast Conference Championship, 9 p.m., ESPn

**Women’s NCAA Basketball**

Big Ten Conference Championship, 7 p.m., ESPn

NHL

New York Islanders at Washington, 7 p.m., CLN
Notre Dame suffered two shutouts and scored just one run in this weekend’s Dairy Queen Classic at the Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minn., ending a streak of 215 games in which the Irish had scored at least one run.

After Nebraska blew out Notre Dame 11-1 Friday, the Irish surrendered eight runs to host Minnesota Saturday and lost an extra-innings affair with Arizona Sunday, leaving the team on a five-game losing streak.

Confidence is a very fragile thing,” Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. “If we only score one run in 10 innings to drop eight runs to host Minnesota Saturday and lost an extra-innings affair with Arizona in 10 innings to drop their fifth straight.

Arizona’s Jason Donald drove in the tenth to score their two runs.

No. 4 Nebraska 31, Notre Dame 1 Nebraska rode the arm of its ace, Joha Chamberlain on Friday, as he struck out 11 of the 25 batters he faced in seven shutout innings. Chamberlain, rated by Baseball America as the nation’s No. 12 pro prospect, gave up just three hits — all singles — and one walk for Nebraska.

Nebraska got on the scoreboard early, pushing one run across in the first, then in the second and fourth in the third against Notre Dame starter Tom Thornton. Thornton, who pitched seven scoreless innings last week against Indiana State, gave up seven runs on 10 hits in 2 1/3 innings, picking up the loss.

Nebraska cleanup hitter Luke Gorsett hit for the cycle, going 4-for-5 with a single in the first, a homer in the third and a double in the fourth and a triple in the eighth. He had a part in five of his team’s runs.

“When we have a tough game like we did against Nebraska and have to turn around and play the next day, you hope that they can put it behind them,” Mainieri said.

Notre Dame avoided the shutout in the eighth when left-fielder Danny Dressman hit a one-out triple and centerfielder Alex Nettly knocked him in with an RBI single.

Notes:
• Irish standout catcher Sean Gaston injured his arm in Saturday’s game and sat out Sunday against Arizona.

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Minnesota 8, Notre Dame 0
The host team not only defeated but shutout Notre Dame Saturday, as Minnesota (1-4) right-hander Cole DeVries threw six shutout innings, giving up four hits and striking out three.

“Even though we got shut out, I think we showed good signs at the plate,” Mainieri said of his team’s seven-hit performance. “We really hit the ball hard, so we’ve got to remain positive.”

The Irish were unable to convert on multiple scoring opportunities, going 0-for-7 at the plate with runners on base. The shutout marked the first time the Irish have been held scoreless since the 2002 season.

“Things just didn’t go well for us,” Mainieri said. “We had a couple chances early in the game but didn’t take advantage of them.”

Notre Dame righthander Jeff Samardzija got the loss after allowing five runs in four innings of work, evening his record to 1-1. The Golden Gophers got on the board in the bottom of the second, pushing three runs across after a two-run double by freshman Nate Hansen, followed by an RBI single by Tony Leseman. In the fifth, the Golden Gophers added two more after two RBI doubles by Dan Lyons and Mike Mee. Minnesota finished off the scoring in the sixth when it scored three more runs.

Meanwhile, the Irish offense struggled, registering only seven hits, two of which were by shortstop Greg Lopez.

“I have all the confidence in the world that things will be all right,” Mainieri said. “This is so normal for us, to start slow. The important thing is that we keep our chins up and keep battling.”

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McGill wins in nailbiter

“The mall never stops” Shapot delivers in the 150-pound division

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

Under the lights of the Joyce Center Sunday, the Notre Dame Glee Club belted out the national anthem, just in time for the final annual Bengal Bouts finalists to belt each other in pursuit of the coveted championship.

125: Matthew Gelchion v. Will Marra

Gelchion stayed lower than Marra, dodging and then exploding with strong left and right headshots to an exposed Marra, resulting in an early standing eight count. Marra rallied in the second round, jarring Gelchion’s headgear loose with a hit and eventually hitting him into his own corner after a facial blow that sent spit flying.

The third round turned into a playground slugfest, as both fighters traded punches to exposed heads — including an uppercut that knocked Gelchion into a standing eight. With strong crowd support from the men of Fisher Hall, an exhausted Gelchion hung in for the win.

132: Kris “El Arteco” Perez v. Chris Izaguire

The 132-pound fight lasted just more than a minute after the referee stopped freshman Kristopher Perez’sasoning of sophomore Chris Izaguire. From the bell, a fiery Perez threw hard left and rights to Izaguire’s head as if he were looking for lunch money to add to his trophy.

140: Michael “My real name is Mercer” Hennig v. Lawrence “The Boston Massacre” Sullivan

In the 140-pound class, junior Michael “My real name is Mercer” Hennig unanimously forced Lawrence “The Boston Massacre” Sullivan. At the bell, Mercer last year’s runner-up gained the upper hand as his fists flew at Sullivan with robust technique. Mercer’s quick lateral movement and boundless energy set the tone for the match, ducking away from attacks and countering with crushing blows that twice knocked out Sullivan’s mouthpiece — silencing a Fisher Hall contingent’s chants of “Sully.”

Sullivan had a chance to pin Mercer against the ropes, but again Mercer slid away from the punch and delivered his own to take the fight.

145: Andrew McGill v. Tommy “Fightin’ for Milk” Forr

The 145-pound match pit-

ter power versus speed, as junior Andrew McGill narrowly defeated junior Tommy “Fightin’ for Milk” Forr.

McGill, whose hair stood up to an Ivan Drago-like spike, back-lashed powerful punches into big first-round points. A taller, trimmer Forr gained the upper hand by throwing quick jabs and running away from a frustrated McGill, whose fists could never connect once occupied by Forr.

McGill responded in the final round with a series of fast combinations that put Forr on the defensive. McGill could not keep up his early pace, and one of McGill’s fierce right hooks connected with Forr’s face, the smack reverberating throughout the audience before dying into the typically vacant plush seats of the basketball area. McGill’s clout proved just too much for Forr’s agility in the split decision.


At the 150-pound level, sophomore Bret “The Mall Never Stops” Shapot, even in Sunday, delivered a split-decision victory against Bret “The Highlighter” O’Connell.

Though the fight was close, Shapot — evidently post-competitive — was the fight’s aggressor throughout. Shapot connected on several big left hooks from the lefthy inverted address, taking the edge in round two with a left-right combination that put O’Connell against the ropes, before a big blow to the head at the bell.

O’Connell recovered strongly in the third round, until Shapot again backed him against the ropes. O’Connell fought him off and returned to sending a crunching punch at the final bell, but the high-light of his match was not enough to stop the bleeding, or The Mall.


In a battle of two technically sound boxers, the first two rounds were punches were hard to land. Though many fast punches, they connected with the fists of the opposing fighter.

In the second round, Calderone was able to penetrate Jara’s arms, landing a couple shots to the face that put Jara on defense. The final round remained a stalemate of blocked blows and tie-ups, until Calderone forced in a couple of hooks to take the point lead over Jara in a match closer than the decision implied.

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Big Red score three late goals to hold off ND in Saturday’s loss

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

In a battle of top-15 teams, No. 12 Notre Dame (1-1) rallied but could not overcome its slow start in a 9-6 loss to No. 8 Cornell (2-0) Saturday.

The game, played on the campus of Benedictine University, was the first ever Division I lacrosse game played in the Chicago area, according to und.com, and was attended by 3,523 fans.

Trailing 6-4 entering the fourth quarter, Notre Dame gave up three unanswered goals, pushing Cornell’s lead to 9-4 with only 1:44 remaining in the game. Cornell senior All-American midfielder Joe Roulukos scored two of the three goals and finished the game with a hat trick.

“Roulukos is an All-American, and he played like one,” Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said after the game.

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Irish comeback is not enough to beat Cornell

“He was very assertive, and he made a number plays when he had the chance to. The Irish fought back as sen-ior attack Pat Walsh and senior midfielder Matt Ryan scored goals 18 seconds apart to cut the deficit to 9-4 with just over one minute left to play. But that was as close as Notre Dame could get it.”

“[It] just seemed like we were in a funk out there,” senior co-captain JP DeRiedell said. “We just pulled it together and overreacted. We were only down by two at halftime, but the look in the guys’ eyes was like we were down by five or six.”

The Irish played behind the entire game. Cornell jumped out to an early 3-0 lead, as the Big Red tallied the first two of their three straight goals on the day.

“We didn’t come out the way we wanted to,” Corrigan said. “We didn’t execute our game plan, and we didn’t play with the intensity that we needed to.”

Notre Dame recovered from its shaky start to cut the Big Red lead to 4-2 at halftime.

Less than a minute into the second half, senior midfielder Matt Karweck scored an unassisted goal to cut the margin to 4-2 at halftime.

Yet Cornell took the intensity that we needed to. Cornell’s record at 1-0, and the Irish will have little time to dwell on their game against Cornell as they face North Carolina, another top 25 opponent, next weekend.

“[We need to start preparing ourselves for that game right from the beginning on Monday],” Corrigan said. “We have to start doing the little things that pre-pare us for the game, and that’s something you have to do every week. We didn’t do it last week, but it’s something we’re very capable of.”

Notre Dame’s takes the field against North Carolina Saturday at 1 p.m. at home.
Irish beat Illini in third shutout of the season
ND stays undefeated on the year by beating Illinois in another dominating performance at the Eck Tennis Pavilion

By DAN TAPETIELLO
Sports Writer

The No. 5 Irish (11-0) kept their undefeated record in tact as they shut out the No. 49 Illini — their third shutout this season. The win extends Notre Dame's streak to five straight matches against Big Ten Conference opponents.

"We don't look at it as a shut out as much as a big victory," sophomore Brook Buck said. "It took a lot of fighting from us." The Irish began this hard-fought contest by claiming two of the three doubles matches to earn the doubles point.

However, the No. 2 team of juniors Christian and Catrina Thompson suffered their second loss on this season. "The contest was difficult at first because everyone is out to get us since we're undefeated," junior Lauren Connelly said. Thompson fell off slow, but after the doubles point, it went pretty smoothly.

"We started off slow, but after the doubles point, it went pretty smooth," senior Kiki Stastny said. The first to walk off the courts for the Irish was the No. 49 pairing of Connelly and sophomore Brook Stasny with an 8-3 triumph over the Illini's Momet Qu and Shivani Dave at No. 3. The Irish duo now stands at 10-0 this season.

Next off the courts were Notre Dame's No. 29 senior twinsome of Buck and freshman Kelsey Tefft, who topped Illinois' Brianna Knue and Alejandro Meza Cuadra 6-8 at No. 2, securing the doubles points. However, the Irish pairing of Christian and Catrina Thompson could not overcome Illinois' Macall Harkins and Emily Wang, losing 8-3.

"Christian and I weren't at our best today and that really hurt us," Catrina Thompson said. "We are just going to have to rebound for next week and keep practicing hard and not overlooking any of our opponents." singles. No. 27, Tefft Thompson recorded a 6-4, 6-3 win over Harkins at No. 1. The win improved Thompson's record to 15-6 on the season.

Playing at No. 2 for the Irish was Christian Thompson, who downed Qu 6-0, 6-3. Following at No. 3 was Buck with a 6-0, 6-2 win over Knue and now stands at 13-0 on the season.

The win at No. 4 came from Tefft as she defeated Wang 6-2, 7-6. Stasny's win at No. 5 continued the streak after topping Meza Cuadra 6-1, 6-0. Irish freshman Katie Potts completed the sweep in singles as she defeated Dave 6-4, 6-1. One is on top of their game," Connelly said. "Illinois is really energetic, so it was a good win for us." The Irish return to play on Friday when they face Western Michigan at the Eck Tennis Pavilion at 3:30 p.m.

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ND SOFTBALL

Two extra innings losses lower team's record to even 7-7

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

The Irish continued their season with a disappointing performance in Tulsa, Okla., this weekend, losing three of five games played in the Best Western Tulsa Airport Festival and dropping their record to 7-7.

Notre Dame lost its first game against No. 17 Nebraska, 5-3, in eight innings Friday. Despite leading into the seventh inning, the Irish, behind pitcher Heather Booth, gave up a crucial sacrifice fly to pinch hitter Brittany Pascale in the top of the seventh. Notre Dame was unable to post the winning run in the bottom of the seventh, and the game moved to extra innings.

Although Booth was able to get the first two outs of the inning, a misplayed ground ball by third baseman Linda Kolan extended the Huskers' eighth, giving them the one extra out needed to start a rally. Nebraska tacked on three unearned runs in the inning, and Notre Dame could not respond in the bottom half, adding only one run.

Notre Dame's second game, a 2-1 loss to Tulsa, showed more fighting fire as the Irish scored a run and failed to record an extra base hit. Notre Dame's only run came in the bottom of the eighth inning, on an RBI single by shortstop Sara Schoonamer. But the Golden Hurricanes responded in the bottom of the fourth with RBIs by left fielder Brooke Smart and catcher Leanne Pepper.

After the rally by Tulsa in the fourth, the Irish could not muster any offense, despite pitcher Brittany Bargen — now 3-2 on the year — holding Tulsa to only the two runs and nine strikeouts in the game.

The Irish bats awake in the third game of the tournament, a 10-1 win over Northern Iowa in five innings. The pitching duties for the Irish were split by Bargen, who picked up the win, and Kenya Fuemmeler, who gave up the only run.

But Notre Dame's real strength in this game was at the plate. The Irish hit .462 as a team, scoring 10 runs on eight hits. Cleanup hitter Megan Ruthrauff led the offense with a three-run home run in the first to start the scoring.

Booth improved her record to 3-4 in Notre Dame's fourth game, a 5-2 win against Kansas. Booth continued to pitch well, giving up just two runs and striking out 10 batters in a complete game win.

The Irish opened the scoring in the fifth inning with a two-out rally that lead to four runs. Although Notre Dame did provide its own hitting throughout the game, the team was able to take full advantage of the poorly-timed Jayhawks' miscues, especially in the fifth.

The final game of the tournament for the Irish was a disappointing 2-1 loss to S.

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-od itself, landed a few solid punches.

Hausfeld came out strong in the first round, landing a number of solid punches on the more experienced Schaefer. Except for a few jabs at the end of the round, it appeared Hausfeld was on his way to the championship.

But in the second round, Schaefer’s experience showed as he landed a nice punch combination early in the round. After the fighters traded jabs, the momentum turned. Schaefer backed Hausfeld into the corner and landed a few right hooks combined with a couple of jabs. Schaefer’s combination cut the skin above Hausfeld’s eye, which bled and covered his face with blood by the end of the round.

While the intermission gave Hausfeld time to stop the bleeding, he could do nothing to stop the momentum. In the third round, Hausfeld came out swinging, knowing he had to win the round in order to win the fight. But once again, Schaefer remained patient and picked his spots. Neither boxer dominated the third round, but Schaefer was able to outlast enough of his punches to secure the victory.

165: Charlie Gough v. Billy Hederman

Senior Charlie Gough stopped the fight three times with devastating blows to win a unanimous decision over Billy Hederman in the 165-pound championship bout. In the first round, Gough landed a number of punches and cut Hederman’s face. In a sign of things to come, the referee was forced to pause the fight as the trainers could tend to his cut. Gough emerged from the timeout with good defense and a few jabs of his own to reassert control of the fight.

In the second round, both boxers came out swinging but neither was able to land any solid shots. Gough looked tired and in need of a break, allowing Hederman to come back and regain the lead in the round and the fight. The referee stopped the fight again.

Gough used this break to regain his energy and momentum that seemed to be slipping away. Out of the timeout, both boxers still looked tired and neither landed many punches.

In the third round, Gough once again used a time out to his advantage. With the momentum seemingly on Hederman’s side, Gough connected once again with a jab to Hederman’s face, causing a stoppage of the fight. After the time out, Gough regained the momentum, landed a number of jabs and came away with the unanimous decision.

170: Brian “You Can’t Handle the Truth” Nicholson v. Andrew Breslin

Nicholson connected on a number of exciting fights of the championship round, as he connected on a number of shots to the head. This “Bush” Nicholson won a surprising split decision over senior captain Andrew Breslin. Nicholson used his height advantage to win the bout.

In the first round, Breslin used his height advantage to win the round, although Nicholson used his quickness to keep the fight close. In the second round, both boxers traded punches, Breslin attempted to gain control through quick punches as he landed a few early punches. Despite the lack of control, Breslin was able to get his own back in the third round.

Breslin won the 170 pound division in last year’s tournament, was able to land a few early punches. Throughout the first round, Breslin attempted to keep Nicholson off balance. In the second round, Breslin was able to control the round with a few punches.

In the third round, Breslin was able to get in close and control the fight, but it was not enough to give him the win. Breslin was able to connect once again with a jab to the head, but it was not enough to give him the win.

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Big East

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No. 10-seed Notre Dame averaged a 6-6-4 Jan. 28 over-time loss Saturday, topping the No. 7-seed Bulls in a game that McGraw feels should cement Notre Dame's position in the NCAA tournament.

"I think this [win] is enough," McGraw said. "We've played well, right now. We've got four wins in a row.

Despite Duffy's early struggles, the Irish offense did not suffer her troubles as it had for much of the season, scoring 41 points and shooting 41% from the field in the first half. In the final 47 seconds of the half, Notre Dame erased a seven-point deficit, and junior Crystal Erwin's lay up as time expired set up a 72-71 tie heading into the break, 31-31.

"I think that we've perfected the play very well," LaVere said. "They just brought two players to the post to stop [Erwin open] and it was just a replay of Cincinnati when we won at the buzzer on a similar play," LaVere said.

McGraw was pleased after the game with the way her team played during Duffy's lull.

"I thought to go in [to half-time] with a tie without Megan [Duffy] scoreless was really a great job by the rest of the team," she said. "I think in the last 4:18 we scored a lot of points, more than we normally do, just by attacking the basket, so I think the rest of the team is starting to kind of rise to the occasion."

For the second time this season, the Irish had five players in double figures, as Duffy, LaVere, junior Tulyah Gaines, sophomore Charle Allen and freshman Lindsay Schrader all scored at least ten points.

Schrader, who has shot just 50 percent from the free throw line this season, added two crucial foul shots with 5:13 to play that cut the UST lead to 62-59 and helped add to her total of 14.

"I just didn't think about it, I just shot it," Schrader said. "I've been thinking about [my free throws] too much so I just shot."

The Irish did an excellent job containing South Florida forward Jessica Dickson, the nation's leading scorer, while Dickson managed to score 16 points, the team defense held her to just 6-of-21 shooting.

"Dickson's one of the best players in the nation," McGraw said. "She didn't shoot the ball particularly well, but she still had a great game with a double-double."

While the Irish focused their primary efforts on shutting down forward Jessica Dickson, freshman guard Shantia Grace stepped up in a big way for the Bulls, scoring a game-high 24 points and shooting 4-of-5 from beyond the arc.

"I thought she just played a great game," McGraw said. "She was trying to prove that she belonged on the all-rookie team."

Courtney LaVere loves playing at Connecticut and elevates her game whenever she plays in front of the Husky crowd, one of the most hostile in college basketball.

The rest of her team, however, did not share her enthusiasm Sunday, as the No. 2-seed Huskies eliminated Notre Dame 71-60 in the quarterfinals of the Big East Tournament in front of the largest crowd of the tournament's first two days.

Given the location, the game amounted to a Connecticut home game at the Hartford Civic Center. LaVere scored 15 points on Sunday, well over her average of 8.8 points per game this season. Last season, in Notre Dame's 65-59 upset at Connecticut on Jan. 30, 2005, LaVere scored 14 in just 23 minutes off the bench.

"I really just enjoy playing UConn. We have a great rivalry," LaVere said. "When I come when we've played them, I try to bring my best game, because I know it's going to be a fight the whole time. I feel as long as I can play as hard as I can, we'll have a good chance."

But as for just LaVere played, the Irish never had a chance down the stretch, unable to significantly alter just double-digit Husky advantage. Trailering by 14 at the break, Notre Dame waited until the game's final minutes to make the score respectable.

"Early in the game, LaVere gave the Irish a chance," McGraw said. "The team jumped out to an early 5-5 lead as the senior forward scored six of Notre Dame's first eight points. Once LaVere sat down after getting her second foul just 9:07 into the game, the Huskies started to dominate the game. Behind strong performances from their three seniors, Ann Strother, Barbara Turner and Willneltt Crockett — who combined for 26 first-half points off 11-of-13 shooting — the Huskies took a commanding 36-18 lead with 2:19 to play in the half before the Irish eventually fought back to make it a 35-24 margin. In large part because of its seniors, Connecticut shot 62 percent from the floor in the first half."

"Connecticut's a great team," McGraw said afterwards. "They were just on."

Despite already having two wins this season, LaVere reentered the game with 3:59 to play and picked up her third foul 4:01 later before she could take a shot.

"We weren't getting enough offense out of our other players," McGraw said, explaining the LaVere's first half re-entry. "I felt like she was scoring, we weren't getting any production out of the other posts, so we needed to come back with her. She's smart enough to play with two fouls."

Duffy was held to just three points in the first half — her second consecutive sub-par first half of the tournament. But much like she did during Notre Dame's 73-66 win over South Florida, she exploded in the second half, shooting 5-of-7 from the floor and scoring a game-high 20 points. Duffy, a 5-foot-7 guard, also pulled down a team-high 10 rebounds.

"I tried to be a little more aggressive in the second half, but really, I've got to learn to put two halves together," Duffy said. "Especially at this point in the season, I've got to be able to carry a load defensively in the first half as well as the second half."

Although it trailed by as many as 21 points in the second half, Notre Dame continued to play hard until the final buzzer. "We fought hard. I don't think we ever put our heads down and quit," McGraw said. "We brought it back to 11, and really, it should have been a little closer if we had just gotten a couple of little things, so, I was really proud of their effort."

McGraw was especially pleased with her team's performance given the setting, which, though officially a neutral site, was a de-facto home game for Connecticut.

"I was really proud of the seniors, I thought they really fought hard," she said. "I think it's a tough environment for our players to come in here and experience that kind of crowd, and then play well."

The Irish, who anticipate an NCAA tournament bid, will now wait until Selection Monday on March 13 to see who and where they will next play.

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Despite the loss, Irish team still on the rise

Notre Dame lost in overtime Friday night, 2-1, against Fairbanks, bringing their season to an end. But the Irish program, under the coaching of Jeff Jackson, has proven to be on the rise.

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Francis said after the game, his
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ND defeats DePaul, earns No. 12-seed in Big East Tournament

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

It might as well have been Junior Night. Notre Dame junior guard Russell Carter and Colin Falls made key baskets down the stretch on Senior Night — and combined to score their team’s final 10 points — as the Irish downed DePaul 66-61 Saturday at the Joyce Center.

The win clinched Notre Dame a Big East tournament berth. On a night when seniors Chris Quinn, Torin Francis and Rick Cornett remained quiet in the scoring column, Carter led the Irish with 22 points, including 15 in the second half, to earn a victory he said his senior captains observed.

“We want to keep these seniors playing as long as possible,” Carter said after the game. “If we could have them play until next year and give them another year of eligibility, I would do that.”

Quinn scored just 11 points, but dished 10 assists to two turnovers, and the seniors went out with a win despite a grueling regular season.

Following Rutgers’ victory over DePaul Saturday at the Joyce Center.

Irish forward Rick Cornett rises for a layup during Notre Dame’s 66-61 win over DePaul Saturday at the Joyce Center.

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

HARTFORD, CONN. — Megan Duffy had one shot at halftime of Notre Dame’s first round Big East Tournament game with South Florida Saturday, and she didn’t score a point until almost nine minutes into the second half.

But that didn’t stop the senior captain from taking control of the game’s latter stages and ending the game as the team’s leading scorer.

Duffy, whose three-pointer with 11:05 left in the game finally got her on the board, finished with 16 points, and her free throw shooting down the stretch (7-of-7 overall) helped the Irish take a late lead and hold on for a 73-66 victory over the Bulls in the first round of the 2006 Big East Tournament.

At the end of the game is when she seems to just play her best,” Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw said. “No matter how tired she is, no matter how many minutes she’s played, no matter how many times she’s been on the floor, you know that she’s going to step up, get to the line, and make free throws ... I think she’s a really smart player, and that’s something that doesn’t really show up on the stat sheet.”

The Irish want to prove to any

BENGAL BOUTS — FINALS
Captain Schaefer prevails

Cunningham, Golen, Gough, Nicholson also win their weight classes

By JOE QUINN
Sports Writer

Senior captain Greg Schaefer used patience and precise punches to gain a split decision over sophomore Jeffrey Hausfeld in the 160-pound championship.

Schaefer sat back and waited on Hausfeld’s sometimes-wild punches, and when the opportunity presented itself, surpassed the Nanooks.

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

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The Irish remained undefeated at 11-0 with a sweep of the Illini Sunday.

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