Breytopia fans barred from gathering

Du Lac requires students to apply for permission from Student Activities Office to assemble

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

After being gang raped, Ann Simonton, a former fashion model who graced the covers of popular magazines and appeared in numerous television commercials, condemned the media's objectification and abuse of women Tuesday.

Simonton, whose lecture, "Sex, Power and the Media" was a part of Notre Dame's "Live As You Are: 2008 Health and Body Image Conference," at McKenna Hall said the media perpetuates objectification of women through the images and messages advertisements send out to women which advocate poor body and self image throughout the world.

Simonton, founder and director of "Media Watch: Challenging Media Oppression," a leading organization exposing the degrading effects of the media on society, gave up her modeling career in order to dedicate her life to challenging the abusive stereotypes of the commercial media and giving a voice to the marginalized victims of mass media.

When she realized that she "was a part of the system which makes women nothing more than objects and contributes to poor body image, depreciation of female and horrifying acts of violence and abuse," she refused to keep her eyes closed to the problem, Simonton said.

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Simonton condemns media stereotypes
Former model addresses harmful effects of pop culture on women at University conference

Huerta discusses diversity at College
Diversity lecture examines role of women in immigration, social change

By NIKKI TAYLOR
News Writer

Dolores Huerta, co-founder of the United Farm Workers and one of the leaders of the labor movement of the 20th century, spoke twice at Saint Mary's yesterday addressing the issues of a woman's role in social change and immigration reforms.

Immigration reform is a hot issue, especially in this election year, Huerta said.

"Unless you're Native American, we all come from somewhere," she said, telling everyone in the audience that they are diverse.

Huerta said there are many important jobs that potentially undocu­mented immigrants have in the United States. They pick our crops, watch our children, take care of our elderly, cook our food and clean our buildings. They come here to do these jobs, because there are no opportunities for them in their own countries, Huerta said.

"Nobody wants to leave their home to come here," she said. "They only do it out of sheer necessity."

This necessity, Huerta said, is partially America's fault.

Free trade with Mexico is wreaking havoc on Mexican small business owners in what Huerta called "economic colo­nization."

For example, America sells government subsidized corn in

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Group discusses Catholic faculty

By JOSEPH MCMAHON
Assistant News Editor

The Council of Representatives met Tuesday to discuss concerns raised by students during a February town hall meeting about the University's attitude about hiring a Catholic majority faculty.

Last summer, Notre Dame said that it would not allow the percentage of Catholic faculty to fall below 51 percent, but the University has yet to institute an official pol­icy on the subject.

"It's not a directive coming down," student body presi­dent Liz Brown said. "It's an issue that's been floating around for a while."

If the University continues its current hiring practices, however, it will eventually fall below that limit, executive recognizes that they are a
**INSIDE COLUMN**

Who would I be?

HBO has introduced this generation to two different casts of characters, who not only provide audiences with hours of entertainment, but also present unique personalities to whom viewers can personally relate.

In 2004, "Sex and the City" tragically ended its six-season long era of glory. Needless to say, I was devastated. It was like I had lost four good friends in Carrie, Miranda, Charlotte, and Samantha.

No, not only would I miss the four female friends of mine assert, "Me?" No, not only would I miss the four female friends of mine assert, "Me?"

For example, I often feel myself cyncical like Miranda, the urban attorney, while at the same time identify with the romaniscism and emotion of Charlotte. Similarly, Bill Brink, to my left, is a self-described Turtle, but I see him more as the charming, assertive E, taking charge of the various affairs that keep us all in line.

Identifying with these characters gives us reason to become utterly enthralled with these shows, and gives us reason to keep coming back for more.

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

**CORRECTIONS**

"The Vagina Monologues" will run from March 26-28, not March 24-26.

Cheryl Allen had 1,451 points, not 1,437, after a win.

Tina Holland is Senior Vice President, not the senior Vice President of Student Life, at Holy Cross College.

The Observer regrets these errors.

**QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR ST. PATRICK’S DAY?**

Greg Abbacchiamento, sophomore Morrissey

"I’m too tanned and good-looking to be Irish, so I don’t care."

Megan Wetekamp, senior LeMans

"I’m having brunch with my mom."

Kate Berkheimer, sophomore Lewis

"Watching Notre Dame win the Big East tournament."

Michelle Perone, sophomore Walsh

"Pretending I’m legitimately Irish for 72 straight hours."

Kelly Timko, freshman Welsh Family

"Indulging in adult-oriented beverages."

Freshman Ryan Pasiewicz throws a frisbee on South Quad Tuesday. Many students took advantage of the warmer weather by heading outside to play sports.

**OFFBEAT**

Unine prank makes students ill at Tenn. high school

CHURCH HILL, Tenn. — Investigators are searching for someone poured deer urine into an air conditioning unit at a school in eastern Tennessee. About a dozen students became ill after the prank at Volunteer High School in Church Hill.

Firefighters were sent to the school Monday after the odor became overpowering in one classroom, and paramedics treated students who complained of headache and nausea.

Church Hill Police Chief Mark Johnson says the stunt could result in a vandalism charge.

11-year-old girl sends Grandma’s car into pool

SEABROOK, La. — An 11-year-old girl is in some trouble after she sent her grandmother’s car plunging into a swimming pool at Kingston Village apartment complex near the southwestern Louisiana town.

Margaret Gober said she was in her apartment when she heard a commotion outside. Her grandson screamed, Gober went to the door and saw her car in the pool, with her grand­ daughter Dinesha inside.

The accident apparently happened as Dinesha was trying to turn on the car’s CD player. She accidentally put the car into drive and it accelerated in reverse. She then put it in reverse, sending it across the parking lot, through a fence and into the pool.

**IN BRIEF**

Saint Mary’s campus ministry will host a candlelight Mass tonight at 9 in the Holy Spirit Chapel in LeMans Hall to pray for the issue of immigration and immigrants all over the world.

Students from Soris College will be collecting candy donations at the LaFortune Elevator Lobby tonight from 4 to 7. They will donate the candy to the Boys and Girls Club of South Bend to help create Easter baskets.

The Notre Dame women’s lacrosse team will play Delaware at 3 p.m. Thursday on Moose Krause Field.

The film "I'm Not There," which tells the story of legendary singer Bob Dylan at different stages of his life and with different actors in the lead role, will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Thursday at 7 p.m.

There will be Stations of the Cross at Friday at 7:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Stations will be held each Friday during Lent.

Flipside will host an Easter egg hunt Saturday from 10 p.m. to midnight on Bond Quad. Participants will receive flashlights and will search for colored plastic Easter eggs containing candy.

Circle K will host an ice cream social Sunday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room of the LaFortune Student Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
Obama victorious in Mississippi
Illinois senator continues to win black vote in Deep South primary

There was little suspense about the outcome of the Illinois Senate primary, and both Clinton and Obama spent part of their campaign in Cleveland, Ohio, which has 158 delegates. The primary took place in a primary on April 22.

The volatile issue of race has been a prominent presence in the historic Democratic campaign, and it surfaced in the form of comments by Geraldine Ferraro, a Democratic vice presidential candidate and a Clinton supporter.

"If Obama was a white woman, she would not be in this position, and if he was a white man, she would not be in this position," she said.

Obama replied, "Some people have said we are caught up in a single issue, but I don’t think one issue will win this election. I want people to see that we have the experience to do what’s right for our country."

But the damage was deeper in South Carolina, where Obama lost by a margin of 3-1. Obama continued from page 1

"We have become spectators to the violence, abuse, body image and overall dissatisfaction with the way our physical appearance is looked at," Simonton said. "We must understand the value of women and their bodies, starting with the media."

In addition, Simonton made direct connections between the images in magazines, on television, and in advertising and the rising numbers of eating disorders. Simonton questioned why our society continues to be "pampered" by media and violence.

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Diversity continued from page 1

Mexico, which is cheaper than the produce they help sell and grown by the small Mexican farmers. The Mexican farmers are then put out of business. They then come to the US to work on our farms, Huerta said. Similarly the Wal-Mart Corporation has expanded to Mexico and is having the same effect on small business owners, Huerta said. Huerta said he feels there should be legislation making it easier for the undocumented people already in the country to become legal citizens. Undocumented people add billions of dollars to our economy, she said. She does not believe in deportation, as most of the people deported are active and live like any other citizen.

"These are people who have been here for fifteen years and what you can do to make this world a better place," Huerta said. "If we don't do it, nobody's going to do it for us. We have to use our power."
Admiral in charge of wars resigns

Fallon steps down over press reports portraying him as opposed to Bush's Iran policy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Navy admiral in charge of the war in Iraq is stepping down after an Afghan newspaper announced Tuesday that he is resigning over the Bush administration's response to the Iran nuclear program.

Adm. William J. Fallon, one of the most decorated officers in the U.S. military, said the reports were wrong but had become a distraction hampering his efforts in the Middle East. Fallon's area of responsibility includes Iran, which has so far been more outspoken about its nuclear program than most other nations.

"I don't believe there have ever been any differences about the objectives of policy in the central command area of responsibility," Fallon said, and regretted the "misunderstanding" that there is. He was in Iraq when he made the statement.

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates told a Pentagon news conference that he accepted Fallon's request to resign and retire from the Navy, agreeing that the Iran issue had become a distraction. But Gates said repeatedly that he believed there really were differences at all.

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“It has also opened up an avenue for people to take it seriously as they realize they are struggling with an eating disorder,” Gilbride said.

After submitting her letter, Gilbride said she has encountered two different reactions now that people are aware of her eating disorder.

“Either people are extremely supportive or really uncomfortable about it. Even some of my best friends have said nothing to me and don’t acknowledge it,” she said. “All the responses have either been positive or people are not comfortable with it, which is fine with because it’s a sensitive topic.”

For Gilbride, one of the greatest challenges she faces in battling anorexia is the misconceptions that others have of the disease.

“It’s a mental health issue. To me, it’s a disease like any other and it’s not something anyone chooses to have, so it shouldn’t be treated as something shameful,” Gilbride said.

She also said social influences can make it very difficult to deal with eating disorders.

“Images from media portray eating disorders as something shameful. Celebrities go into rehab in private … and people think you should be able to control it,” Gilbride said. “If you look at me you probably couldn’t tell. People can hide it really well. It’s not just the literally stick-thin girls who have eating disorders.”

Gilbride said these misconceptions pose serious health risks because many people don’t understand how grave eating disorders can be.

“I think the biggest misconception is that they are not harmful … you can die from them and they are damaging to your body,” she said. “Eating disorders can kill you and people don’t take it seriously as they should.”

Gilbride said her eating disorder was something that she had been dealing with at some level for many years and that it will continue to be an ongoing struggle throughout her life.

“I was runner in high school and I got injured, so I wasn’t doing physical activity but I was watching other people do physical activity,” she said. “This was coupled with coming to college and the pressures any college freshman faces.”

Gilbride said Notre Dame Health Services and the University Counseling Center have been essential in helping her get her eating disorder under control by providing her with counselors, physicians and nutritionists.

“Based on my experience, the University has enough resources, it’s just that not enough people are using them,” Gilbride said. “The resources are there and the University would bend over backwards to help students.”

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Government Accountability Office offers a sobering assessment of the ambitious effort to deliver oil prices surged to record high

Cost of oil reaches national average of $3.27 per gallon; challenges consumers

In Brief

Fed seeks to ease credit crisis

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve on Tuesday ramped up efforts to provide more relief to squeezed financial institutions, a coordinated action with other central banks aimed at easing a global credit crisis that threatens to push the U.S. economy into its first recession since 2001.

The Fed said it would make up to $200 billion in Treasury securities available to big Wall Street investment banks and banks. The new action is designed to ensure that there is an ample supply of Treasury securities. With strains in financial markets, demand has greatly outstripped supply at the U.S. government securities, considered the safest investment in the world because they are backed by the U.S. government.

On Wall Street, the Fed's action propelled stocks upward. The Dow Jones industrials jumped more than 190 points in afternoon trading.

The move comes as banks and other financial institutions face cash crunches.

"Pressures in some of these markets have recently increased again," the Fed said in a statement. "We all continue to work together and will take appropriate steps to address those liquidity pressures." The other banks involved are the Bank of Canada, the Bank of England, the Bank of Japan, the European Central Bank and the Swiss National Bank.

Military jet costs on the rise

WASHINGTON — The cost of buying and operating a new fleet of jet fighters for the U.S. military is nearing $1 trillion, according to a government audit that found the program was plagued by delays, manufacturing inefficiencies and price increases.

Released Tuesday, the report from the Government Accountability Office offers a sobering assessment of the ambitious effort to develop a modern series of aircraft known as the F-35 Lighting II to the Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

Tasked by Congress to conduct an annual assessment of the program, the GAO said costs have gone up by $23 billion since last year alone.

Close to $300 billion is needed to acquire 2,458 aircraft for the three services and another 662 billion will be needed to operate and maintain the fighters that are expected to be flying well into the 21st century, the report says.

Google takes control of ad service

SAN FRANCISCO — Google Inc.'s long-anticipated acquisition of online ad service DoubleClick Inc. is expected to turn the Internet search leader into an even more powerful marketing vehicle that's fueled by better insights about consumers.

The $3.1 billion deal, completed Tuesday, marks nearly a year of regulatory wrangling, also may intensify the pressure on Microsoft Corp. and Yahoo Inc. because Google now has a larger share of search leadership so they don't risk further difficulties while Google tries to sprint further ahead in its race for the ad-vertising revenue stream.

Google took control of DoubleClick a few hours after Europe's antitrust regulators removed the final stumbling block by approving a deal that was first announced 11 months ago.

U.S. regulators cleared the transaction in December, casting aside objections from Microsoft and other companies that argued DoubleClick would give Google too much control over online advertising and potentially sensitive information about consumer behavior on the Internet.

 Besides opening up new opportunities, Google's takeover of DoubleClick will create more challenges for a management team already grappling with concerns about how the slowing U.S. economy will affect the company's earnings growth this year.

Google Chairman Eric Schmidt acknowledged in a statement that the biggest acquisition in the company's 9 1/2-year history probably will trigger an unspecified number of layoffs after years of relentless hiring. The booming job hunt will be concentrated in the United States, although Schmidt said offices in other countries could be affected.

New York-based DoubleClick has 1,500 employees with offices in France, England, Germany, Ireland, Spain, Australia and Spain. Mountain View-based Google employs nearly 17,000 workers, up from 1,600 just four years ago.

Google's recently slumping shares soared with the rest of the stock market Tuesday, gaining $26.22, or 6.3 percent, to $439.84. The company's stock price remains down by 36 percent so far this year.

DoubleClick is expected to broaden Google's already extensive reach in the $40 billion Internet advertising market.

Google has been the market's most dominant player so far, generating more than $16 billion in revenue last year. Most of the money flowed from in short, written ads that Google places alongside search results and other Web content.

DoubleClick specializes in placing more dynamic, multimedia ads, a form of marketing that is expected to become more important in the next few years as big companies spend more money promoting their brands online.
Lawmakers seek to ban salvia

Hallucinogenic grows in popularity, thought to be the next marijuana

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — On Web sites touting the mind-blowing powers of Salvia divinorum, come-ons to buy the hallucinogenic herb are accompanied by warnings: "Time is running out!" and "stock up while you still can!"

That's because salvia is being targeted by lawmakers concerned that the inexpensive and easy-to-obtain plant could become the next marijuana.

Eight states have already placed restrictions on salvia; and 16 others, including Florida, are considering a ban or have previously.

"As soon as we make one drug illegal, kids start looking around for other drugs they can buy legally," said Florida state Rep. Mary Brandenburg, who has introduced a bill to make possession of salvia illegal.

"Parents, I would say, are pretty clueless," said Jonathan Appel, an assistant professor of psychology and criminal justice at Tiffin University in Ohio who has studied the emergence of the substance. "It's so much more powerful than marijuana."

Salvia's short-lasting effects and the fact that it is currently legal may make it seem more appealing to teens, lawmakers say. In the Delaware suicide, the boy's mother told reporters that salvia made his mood darker but he justified its use by citing its legality. According to reports, the autopsy found no traces of the drug in his system, but the medical examiner listed it as a contributing cause.

Mike Strain, Louisiana's Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner and former leg­islator, helped his state in 2005 become the first to make salvia illegal, along with a number of other plants. He said the response has been largely positive.

"I got some hostile e-mails from people who sold these products," Strain said. "You don't make everybody happy when you outlaw drugs. You save one child and it's worth it."

An ounce of salvia leaves sells for around $30 on the Internet. A liquid extract from the plant, salvinorin A, is also sold in various strengths labeled "5x" through "60x." A gram of the 5x strength, about the weight of a plastic pen cap, is about $12 while 60x strength is around $45. And in some cases the price varies in figures including apple, strawberry and spicypine.

Web sites such as Salviadragon.com tout the product with images like a waterfall and rainbow and include testimonials like "It might sound far fetched, but I experience immortality."
President leads cross-border raid against insurgents

Uribe recovers information from rebel laptops, learns of Ecuadorian and Venezuelan alliance with resistance group

Associated Press

BOGOTA — A cross-border raid into Ecuador to kill a senior Colombian guerrilla was a calculated risk that paid off for President Alvaro Uribe.

He survived a high-stakes diplomatic dustup and mapped out an escape plan for rebel hostages indicating Colombia’s leftist neighbors conspired with the insurgents against him. The biggest negative has been the anger of relatives of rebel hostages who fear the attack will impede more releases.

For the conservative Uribe, eliminating leftist rebel commandants is personal. Fighters of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, killed his rancher father in 1983. His two-term presidency has, to a considerable degree, been about payback.

The March 1 raid eliminated a member of the FARC’s ruling junta for the first time in the history of the Western Hemisphere’s oldest and most potent insurgency, which has been seeking to overthrow the neighboring territory’s Colombian governments since 1964.

Uribe told news executives at a palace briefing he had carefully calculated the risk. Then, the wonkish workaholic flew to a summit in the Dominican Republic to defend himself before Latin American leaders.

His fellow presidents were upset by Colombia’s violation of a neighbor’s territory. They unanimously condemned the attack despite Uribe’s argument that he acted only after repeatedly providing evidence to President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela and Rafael Correa of Ecuador that Colombian rebels shelter on their soil.

But Uribe’s widely broadcast finger-wagging show-down with Chavez and Correa in Santo Domingo on Friday ended with a mere apology and handshakes, likely due to Uribe’s stroke of luck in the raid.

Rushing in after Colombia’s air force dropped bombs that killed two dozen people at the rebel camp, commanders recovered three laptops. Electronic files from one laptop and Correa were conspired with to undermine Uribe. Colombian officials say.

Colombia quickly made public about 30 messages sent between Reyes and other rebel leaders that taint Correa and Correa calls fake.

But this may be just the beginning. Authorities told The Associated Press they also recovered intact two external hard drives and three USB memory sticks. They said they are studying these and the other two laptops with the help of Interpol and U.S. computer experts.

“They are working very carefully in order not to lose information because some files are password-protect with a Colombian police official said, insisting on anonymity because he was not authorized to be quoted.

In the documents already discovered, the Colombians say FARC chiefs admit to killing the sister of former President Cesar Gaviria and to planting a 2003 car bomb that killed 36 people at a club where Bogota’s upper crust gathered for squash and drinks.

Corner sales are discussed in other files, and a plan is floated to borrow money from Libya for the possible purchase of surface-to-air missiles, officials say. Uribe interprets several documents as indicating Chavez was planning to give the FARC $300 million.

Such allegations have deflected attention from Uribe’s own record.

There has been no official response to allegations he consorted with the FARC in 1970s, as a political up-and-comer. His camp is tainting him with revenge paramilitary death squads, a scandal that has landed 20 congressmen, most of them U r i b e a li e s , in jail. Colombian army also has a question-a-b e e human rights record after dozens of civilian killings.

Chavez, who openly displays his sympathy for the FARC, has cited all this and more in signaling it to “mafia boss” and “jack of the oligarchy” and “Washington.

Given their ideological differences, it marked a shift for Chavez who agreed last August to give Chavez a role in mediating a swap of more than 40 high-value FARC hostages for hundreds of jailed rebels. Uribe soon tried to push Chavez out, only to watch the FARC deliver six hostages into Chavez’s hands on live television.

When the last four were freed Feb. 27, the rebels reminded Uribe in a communiqué of their key demand for talks on a broader prisoner swap: the removal of troops for 45 days from a New York City-sized area of southwestern Colombia. Uribe says the FARC negotiators must show up unarmed, a condition the rebels won’t accept.

Four days later, Uribe oversaw the pre-dawn raid that killed Reyes.

His generals had known Reyes’s whereabouts for weeks through human intelligence, several senior Colombian officials told AP.

But it wasn’t that difficult to pinpoint Reyes’ camp, where journalists, leftist sympathizers and foreign envoys regularly met with the rebels’ public face. It was the main point of contact for the French government, which has been desperately seeking the release of Ingrid Betancourt, a dual French-Colombian national kidnapped while running against Uribe in 2002.

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job Rosano

Mother of kidnapped U.S. contractor

"You can’t win by constant fighting. You have to sit down and talk. Believe me.

"This could delay, obstruct negotiations," Betancourt’s husband, Juan Carlos Lomonte, told AP in discussing the attack. "It wasn’t the moment to do it. Things were going well with the releases.

On Saturday, Uribe scored another victory when a second member of the FARC’s secretariat, Ivan Rios, was killed by Rios’ own chief of security, who is seeking reward money.

Colombia’s military cheered the two killings as crippling for the FARC. But former Sen. Luis Eladio Perez, who spent 6 years as a FARC hostage until his release last week, doubts the rebels are seriously weakened. He said their movement provides the only economic opportunities for people in Colombia’s miserable, forgotten backwaters.

"The FARC doesn’t have trouble recruiting," Perez told AP. "It provides (its) thugs with food, allows them clothing, gives them a little something, like a watch.

Perez was held since July with three U.S. military contractors — Marc Gonzales, Keith Stansell and Thomas Bowes — who fell into FARC hands in 2003. Gonzales’ mother is at her wit’s end with Colombia’s leader.

"Uribe is constantly sabbaging any kind of release," Jo Rosano told AP by phone from Bristol, Conn. "You can’t talk by constant fighting. You have to sit down and talk. Believe me, I’m not any fan of the FARC. But enough is enough."

Columbia president Alvaro Uribe speaks in Santo Domingo, Colombia Friday. Uribe recently learned of conspiracies against him.

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The Laetare Medal has been worn only by men and women whose genius has embellished the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church, and enriched the heritage of humanity. For the last 15 years, the Laetare Medal has been given to General William Rosecrans, the subject of this week's Viewpoint. The 2008 recipient, Mary Sheen, a self-described "peace and justice activist," has been arrested at least 65 times for nonviolent obstruction and trespasses at military installations and other sites.

Mr. Sheen's many pronouncements on public issues merit discussion, including his views on homosexual rights, his "doubts" about the 9/11 Commission Report, and his personal but guarded opposition to abortion. Regrettably, his commendable opposition to the intentional killing of the innocent has never led him to appear at an abortuary to offer the sidewalk counseling which can immediately save innocent lives; such would be politically incorrect.

This column, however, is concerned with Sheen's attitude toward military service. In a 2003 interview with David Kupfer, Sheen denied the accusation "of not supporting the military." "Nothing could be further from the truth," Sheen said. "The leaders make the decisions...I support the soldiers as human beings."

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To participate in that defense is an honorable calling. Those who do so deserve appreciation and respect. They may be deceived by the principle of avoiding dis­paragement no matter how politically correct that disparagement might be. The Laetare award to Mr. Sheen implicitly and unjustifiably designates those who serve in the armed forces, including alumni and present students of Notre Dame.

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Chertoff's Real ID disturbing and ill-advised

Michael Chertoff, head of the Department of Homeland Security, is trying to push his Real ID nonsense through a boost of office. Despite his claims that this won't lead toward a national database, he's essentially just linking smaller databases into a national database. In a post-Sept. 11 world, it has become far too common that the government decides to do something it wants to do. It's like they're getting things done when they aren't really getting anything done at all.

The rationale behind this national system of American citizens is that it might keep terrorists from getting on planes. I'm not sure how identifying will give the government the kind of credit cards they need to separate any ne'er-do-wells in an airport.

Crime might have a history of crime, but I seriously doubt a suicide bomber will have a record of suicide bombings or terrorism. All the hijackers from Sept. 11 were all legal citizens and carrying legitimate identification.

These Real IDs (as opposed to Fake IDs, cleverly basically set up guidelines for states to make "legitimate" identification for people to travel throughout the country and even more so in airports. If your state happens to be one of the many that has rejected the idea, then you'll have to for a passport to even get on a plane. It is invasive to citizens and, as an open society, it seems unnecessary to implement.

Proving who you are in some situations is already a mind-numbing task as it is. What is so inflation about this Real ID? They state it will help deter illegal citizens from faking identification and that it would keep criminals from being able to commit identity theft.

...
By CAITLIN FERRARO
Scene Writer

Perhaps the creators behind the spectacle of “10,000 B.C.” hoped for “300”-type success with this project by also using a March release date and colossal special effects. However, the film fails to arouse the same sentiments as the Spartan epic. The usually entertaining direction and writing of Roland Emmerich falls short. Not even the narration of the great Omar Sharif (“Lawrence of Arabia”) can save this work.

The shaky foundation of the film is the love story between D’Leh (Steven Strait) and Evolet (Camilla Belle), but the character development is so poor that you never feel emotionally connected to their saga. Evolet joins D’Leh’s tribe after hers is massacred beginning “the legend of the child with blue eyes.” Emmerich misses the mark with his audience because those who loved “300” came for the action and didn’t stay for a hokey love story.

The basic premise is that “four-legged demons” — pillagers on horses — kidnap D’Leh’s people including his ladylove Evolet. Armed with the sacred White Spear and his 21st century perfect smile, D’Leh along with Tic’Tic (Cliff Curtis), the tribe’s community elder, must rescue her while fulfilling a few prophecies along the way.

In one scene D’Leh is trapped in a hole with a massive CGI saber-tooth tiger and instead of killing him he sets him free. Later the tiger remembers D’Leh as his releaser, which fills yet another cheesy prophecy as “the one who speaks to spear-tooth.” This allows him to garner support from other ransacked tribes to battle the evil empire. D’Leh and the warriors he rounds up, inspired by overly convenient prophecies, lead a revolt against a corrupt god-king who has been capturing slaves from primitive tribes to build pyramids.

Curtis is by far the strongest actor as his character mentors D’Leh through his journey. But, overall, the film fails to showcase the talents of the actors and instead displays the creativity of the CGI animators. The mammoth stampede and the warlord’s grand civilization were spectacular, but the plot was drab and underwritten leading the warlords to have the most interesting personalities. All of the actors do their best with weak dialogue, so instead the mammoths, saber-tooth tiger, and huge ostrich-like creatures are the best characters in the film.

Most audience members are not historians, nor do they mind stretching reality to create cinematic wonder, but the exceptional amount of historical inaccuracies was overwhelming. Viewers can stomach that D’Leh’s tribe speaks English, but did they have to have such atrocious accents? Not to mention the mascara dripping down Evolet’s cheek when she shed a tear or the hunters’ waxed chests. And how exactly does the climate change from bitter cold and blizzards in a tropical forest culminating in a barren desert in what felt like only a week’s span of time?

About an hour and a half into the film, the climax arrives, and there is finally some action. Be careful though because if you blink you might miss the big finale.

The battle scenes fail to pop off of the screen, perhaps due to the PG-13 rating. And while the film has marvelous landscapes for its one-dimensional heroes and villains to traverse, and the best computer effects that money can buy, the rest is simply a recycled combination of adventure clichés.

This film has so much untapped potential. At times it is entertaining and adventurous. But an abundance of awkward dialogue, historical errors and strange prophecies overshadow what should be the intense fun of this type of film.

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Scene Writer

10,000 B.C.
Warner Bros.

Director: Roland Emmerich
Written by: Roland Emmerich and Harald Kloesser
Starring: Steven Strait, Camilla Belle and Cliff Curtis

D’Leh (Steven Strait) has a face-to-fangs meeting with a saber-toothed tiger in “10,000 B.C.”
Hold On Now, Youngster...

Los Campesinos

Label: Arts & Crafts

Recommended Tracks: "Death to Los Campesinos!" and "Sweet Dreams and Sweet Cheeks" and "You! Me! Dancing!"

By MYCHAI STANLEY

Scene Writer

In a track on their first EP, Welsh newcomers Los Campesinos proclaimed they were trying to find the perfect match between pretentious and pop. This venture is nothing new in the genre of indie pop. One of the largest criticisms leveled at indie pop is that it’s too cute, too quaint.

And while tracks with titles like “This is How You Spell ‘HAHAHA, We Destroyed the Hopes and Dreams of a Generation of Faux-Romantics’” certainly give the air of pretension, one listen shows exactly how clever and joyful the band really is. They’ve certainly been able to reach that middle ground between the pop of indie pop and the pretentiousness of the genre.

As soon as the entire seven piece band admonishes the listener in the song “Don’t Tell Me To Do the Mal(h)s” to “give your life to literature, but DON’T READ JANE EYRE,” it’s impossible not to be sold on the exuberant cleverness of their music. Add on that the band is throwing pop hooks from instruments ranging from glockenspiels to violins, in addition to the usual drums, bass, and guitar, and you get a band that’s pretty much forcing you to get out of your chair and dance.

It doesn’t matter that the band bellows lines like, “the opposite of true love is as follows: REALITY!” in the song “We are All Accelerated Readers.” If being miserable and unlucky in love sounds this much fun, pretty much anyone can do without love for a little while. But the hilariously clever lyrics don’t end there.

When Gareth sarcastically shouts, “Four sweaty boys with guitars tell me NOTHING about my life,” in “...And We Exhale and Roll Our Eyes in Unison,” you’ll wonder why you put so much weight in a band’s words. The band may tell you that “this song is not gonna save your relationship,” but it is easy to see that they are a group of seven people who love and worship music as much as you do. They just decided to pick up instruments and make some of their own.

The Do-It-Yourself attitude of the music does poke through. The instruments are played loud and all at once. Gareth and Aleksandra Campesinos! trade yelps until the entire band joins in the shouting. Their love for the music they’re making is immediately apparent because they just seem to be having so much fun in the studio. It’s the kind of jubilation found in the best songs of bands like Architecture in Helsinki, I’m From Barcelona, and The Polyphonic Spree, except with Los Campesinos!, it just seems so effortless.

A bit against the band and their music, however, is that they have very little subtlety. Their lyrics and wordplay are clever, but there’s little doubt about what they’re singing. The vocals consist of one, two, or all seven band members trading shouts. And while their use of melodic hooks, crescendos, and interludes are wonderfully placed and constructed, they play their instruments all at the same time and at the same volume. One could call them hokey and unrefined, but they’re just having too much fun to care.

The hard copy of this album doesn’t come out until April 1st, but is already available digitally. Seriously, go to their MySpace page and try out some of their songs. Consider buying their album, or at least an EP. If you do this, you may have just found your new favorite band. They’re that good.

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Brandon Nick Young takes charge of Portland in win over Minnesota

Portland's LaMarcus Aldridge and Brandon Roy both scored 20 points against the Portland win.

NBA

Nick Young has just that kind of night Tuesday, scoring a career-high 22 points and leading the Washington Wizards to a surely needed win over the Milwaukee Bucks.

"I'm tired of (teammate) Brendan Haywood calling me a practice dunker and all kinds of stuff," said Young, who shot 9-for-15 and had pair of three-point plays in the decisive fourth quarter. "So it was my way to show them that I belong here - and I can jump a little bit."

Antawn Jamison had 23 points, eight rebounds and eight turnovers and left in the final minute with a lower back strain, the latest ailment to hit the injury-riddled Wizards. He can hardly afford to take a game off, however, given that Gilbert Arenas and Caron Butler are still out.

Haywood added 15 points and five blocks for the Wizards, who sliced and diced through the Bucks' defense to shoot 50 percent with 66 points in the paint. It was a morale-restoring effort following Saturday's dispiriting loss to the Sacramento Kings.

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Mariners outfielder Ichiro Suzuki signs autographs before a spring training game against Colorado Tuesday in Tuscon, Ariz. Suzuki has gone 0-23 at bat in spring training, after having seven straight 200-hit seasons.

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**In Brief**

**Landis to make final appeal for lost Tour de France title**

GENEVA — Floyd Landis will make his final appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in New York next week in an effort to regain the 2006 Tour de France title he lost because of a positive doping test.

The hearing that begins March 19 is expected to last six days. "It will be a hearing behind closed doors unlike the previous arbitration hearing," CAS secretary-general Matthieu Reeb told The Associated Press on Tuesday. Landis went to CAS, world sport's highest appeal body, after losing a public hearing by the American Arbitration Association last year. That panel upheld the results of a laboratory test that indicated Landis used synthetic testosterone during a comeback win in the 17th stage of the 2006 Tour.

Jarrett supports Stewart's claims against Goodyear

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Dale Jarrett on Tuesday called on Goodyear to listen carefully to Tony Stewart's complaints about the tires the company has produced this season.

Although some drivers believe Stewart went overboard in his criticism of Goodyear following Sunday's race in Atlanta, Jarrett said the manufacturer needs to start constructing a better tire for Sprint Cup racing.

"I have no problem with what Tony Stewart said. I'm a huge supporter of Goodyear and all that they have done over the years, but somebody needs to wake up right now and listen to these guys," said Jarrett, the former series champion who is retiring following Sunday's race in Bristol, Tenn.

Goodyear has staunchly defended its product.

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NBA

Alston crucial part of Rocket’s win streak

Houston guard Rafer Alston drives to the basket against New Orleans on Saturday. The Rockets have won 19 straight games.

Associated Press

HOUSTON — At halftime of the Houston Rockets’ game in Dallas last Thursday, Rafer Alston promised his team that he would shut down Jason Terry. The Mavericks’ point guard didn’t score again and the Rockets won 113-98.

Last Saturday, Alston scored 20 points, then faced off at midcourt with New Orleans big man Tyson Chandler after Houston beat the Hornets 106-96.

Houston has won 19 consecutive games and not coincidentally, Alston is playing the best basketball of his career and growing more confident with each victory.

The 6-foot-2 point guard has averaged 15 points and seven assists and gone 45-for-115 from 3-point range (39 percent) during the victory streak, the third-longest in NBA history.

Alston and the Rockets will go for their 20th straight win in Atlanta on Wednesday.

“TI hope he doesn’t turn it off,” Tracy McGrady said. “I love the way he’s playing. He’s a real fierce competitor right now. He’s knocking down the outside shot, he’s penetrating. He’s doing it all.”

Alston has come a long way since the preseason, when he wasn’t even sure the Rockets wanted to keep him.

Houston drafted Aaron Brooks, then brought in Steve Francis and Mike James, creating a crowded competition. Alston accepted the challenge, quietly believing that he was the best match for coach Rick Adelman’s offensive system.

“Even from the start, I knew it would be a good fit for me,” Alston said. “I can be a playmaker at times, I can be a scorer at times. It made me more involved. I’m a weapon in it.”

Early in the season, Alston split minutes with James and Francis as Adelman searched for the right man to run the offense.

Francis eventually suffered a season-ending quadriceps injury, James was traded and Brooks was relegated to a reserve role, leaving the responsibility to Alston.

“Now, he’s playing at a very high level, and that’s what we need,” Adelman said. “We need him to have a level like this.”
John Daly dumped by coach for drunkenness

Tampa Bay coach John Gruden caddies for John Daly at the PODS Championship Golf Tournament on Thursday in Palm Harbor, Fla. "My whole goal for him was he's got to show me golf is the most important thing in his life," Harmon said from his golf school in Las Vegas. "And the most important thing in his life is getting drunk."

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Associated Press

John Daly has been cut loose by swing coach Butch Harmon, who said Tuesday he was not going to waste his time with a two-time major champion who is more interested in drinking than working on his golf game.

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Bengal Bouts

Defending champion Perez heading to finals
Bennett takes down senior captain O'Brien

By MATT GAMBER and SAM WERNER
Sports Writers

149 lb.
Kris Perez def. Matt Posluszny
Perez, a junior, took advantage of a strong second round and cruised to a victory by unanimous decision over Posluszny, also a junior.

After a quiet first round that saw neither fighter take a clear lead, Perez took control in the second, getting in several good body shots against the taller fighter.

"I had to find a way to get on top and not just exploit the bottom," Perez said. "That's where I had more surface to hit." Perez didn't strain himself in the final round, and comfortably moved on to the finals, where he will face senior Lawrence O'Brien.

"He's bigger and stronger and I'm slicker and quicker," Perez said of his upcoming bout. "Styles make fights and it's going to be a good one."

155-pound
Alex Gonzalez def. Ryan Frost
Gonzalez had waited long enough to throw his first punch — thanks to a first-round bye and a second-round scheduled opponent who was unable to fight due to a concussion, this semifinal bout was Gonzalez's first of the year.

"Speedy" Gonzalez honored his nickname, barreling into Frost just as the opening bell sounded.

"I had a lot of frustration because of that, a lot of jitters because I hadn't fought yet, but other than that, it was just like any other fight," Frost said. "Getting rid of the jitters and listening to my corner [were definitely the biggest keys]. Whenever they told me to throw a combo, I'd do it, and it worked out." Gonzalez maintained his early momentum throughout, avoiding any major blows and landing several of his own en route to the victory by unanimous decision.

Mark Bennett def. Pat O'Brien
Bennett, a senior, came out swinging and held on to defeat O'Brien, a senior captain, by a split decision.

O'Brien seemed to be caught off-guard when Bennett came out energetically with a frenzy of jabs. O'Brien seemed to regain his composure by the end, but the first round ended with neither clearly in the lead.

"(Bennett) came out there with a lot of intensity," O'Brien said. "It was a tough fight."

In the second round, the fighters traded jabs, with Bennett landing a few good shots and what appeared to be a slight lead after two rounds.

O'Brien came back in the final round, landing a solid right hook, but was knocked down when he appeared to trip after getting hit by Bennett.

After the fight, Bennett said that his style matched up well with O'Brien's.

"I knew that Pat was going to be really aggressive and that's kind of my style as well," Bennett said. "I knew that I was in real good shape and I was ready to go to battle with him."

157-pound
Jim Devereau def. Jesse Brawer
After a rough first round-and-a-half that culminated in Devereau landing the win knocked out of him and having to retreat to the corner, completely bunched over, only one thing was running through his head.

"Uh, try not to get hit in the ribs again," Devereau said with a laugh following his victory by unanimous decision. "He took the wind out of me pretty good there."

The bout saw a senior captain fall for the second straight fight, as Brawer controlled the fight's first half and looked to have set himself up for an easy victory by the middle of the second round, when the fight was briefly stopped as Devereau caught his breath.

From there, though, it was all Devereau, as he landed a bevy of strong jabs and uppercuts that got the crowd more involved than in any fight before it.

After battling back to a near deadlock through two rounds, Devereau left no doubt in the third, as Brawer slowed down considerably in the fight's final 30 seconds. Brawer, who began the fight with a series of lightning-quick jabs, couldn't muster much of an attack against the lefty.

"I think the righties have it a little tougher because they don't get to see the lefties in practice as much," Devereau said. "Lefties are always seeing righties in practice, so we're used to it."

Jordan Bucci def. Nathan Rothenberger
Bucci, a sophomore from Alumni, held off a late rally from Rothenberger, a sophomore from Kevough, to win by unanimous decision.

Both fighters came out strong, trading a flurry of jabs, and the first round ended with no clear leader.

In the second, Bucci landed some good hooks on Rothenberger and appeared to take a slight lead.

Rothenberger came back strong in the third round, even managing to get Bucci against the ropes and land several hooks. Bucci countered well though, and did just enough to take the fight.

"I didn't know I won until they called my shorts," Bucci said. "I thought it was super close."

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

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BENGAL BOUTS

Hopke rallies from behind to win southpaw battle

By MATT GAMBER and ANDY ZICCARDI
Sports Writers

163-pound
Matt Hopke def. Nick Porcio

Hopke tripped and hit the canvas in the first round, but the lanky left-hander struck back, going on the attack and forcing Porcio to survive 1 1/2 rounds

"I knew that since I was going against a shorter guy I'd need to keep him outside, because I knew he was going to work the body," Hopke said. "I practiced for him against my roommate who's 5-foot-6 and in my weight class, so I got a couple seconds in him with all he does go to the body. I was perfecting the same thing from Nick."

Dan Rodgers def. Jason Miller

Both Rodgers and Miller were aggressive and high and low. Miller threw and landed, a significant amount of punches in the round.

The second round was similarly fast, but both fighters took turns being on the offensive and on the defensive.

"I think we saw how much of an effect all of the movement in the ring had on both of us," Rodgers said. "The third round, which was more sluggish than the first two, Rodgers was able to control and land more punches.

It was won by unanimous decision and will move onto the finals.

166-pound
Charlie Gough def. Bryan Grissinger

Gough showed prowess with both his left and right hands during an impressive victory by unanimous decision. Grissinger had a solid repertoire complete with a series of jabs, hooks and uppercuts, but was unable to keep Gough at bay.

"I like to switch it up, both left and right, high and low," Gough said. "Not a lot of guys in the bouts go to the body much, so I try to keep Grissinger at bay.

Gough landed a few early uppercuts and hooks that looked likely to slip inside those jabs just as Grissinger didn't show any signs of stumbling back or growing tired in the first round.

Grissinger continued to attack, but Gough's punches continued to overpower him in the second, preventing Grissinger from landing and keeping him from taking any combinations.

Joseph Meares def. Scott Whalen

In a matchup of fighters of differing sizes, Meares was able to overcome his lack of reach and power his way into the finals with a victory in a split decision. The key for Meares was being able to land his right power hand.

"I was just trying to land my power because he is taller than I am," he said.

Whalen attempted to use his reach to get inside and away, and it was noticed by Meares.

"He started to tag me with that jab a little bit," Meares said. "We fought two rounds, and with each fighting their own style. However, in the end, Meares was able to pull inside those jabs just enough to pull land his right hooks.

170-pound
Ben O'Brien def. Mike Cinimo
Cinimo, ruled out because of a concussion, forfeited the match, allowing Cinimo to advance to the title bout by walkover.

Bernardo Garcia def. Matt Garzia

Both Garcia and Garzia had their turns on the offensive in their first fight. However, a late comeback of strong right hooks gave Garcia the win in a unanimous decision.

"It was my right hand [that made the difference]," Garcia said. "He was dropping his guard every time he threw, so when he threw, so did I."

Garzia took the lead in after a very fast paced second-round. He opened with numerous strong right hooks, never allowing Garcia to establish himself in the second. However, after regrouping, Garcia was able to come up with a game plan that would change the tide of the fight. However simple it may have seemed.

176-pound
Mike Lee def. Pat Jackson

Lee, a freshman, showed why he is considered one of the most exciting fighters by displaying an almost alarming out of a lack of a clearly flawed performance.

"Last year when I fought I got too aggressive and too wild and got hit a lot of times, said Lee, a reigning champ, "so this year I'm trying to focus on the fundamentals and really just keep my hands up, so it's just more accurate punches instead of wild punches.

Lee was impressive yet patient and quick but under control, using his left hand to swing in the ring, to the body, and left.

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Brey

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coaches fritter away talent because they can't bring them together. Instead, they rely on their individual athleticism, hoping somebody will make a play at a crucial time. But on a true team, like Notre Dame, anybody can make that big play, and no one person carries too much of the load.

Team building is an underrated art, but Brey and the Irish have found the right groove. Part of that has to do with Brey's recruiting. At Notre Dame, he's probably not going to attract the Michael Beasley or the Kevin Durant type of recruit, but he does get solid, smart players who just need time to develop. While they develop as freshmen and sophomores, they develop a rapport together. Teams with one-and-done freshmen don't have as much time to develop that teamwork.

Brey made another pivotal move, or should I say non-move, before the season began. After watching his team practice, he realized they didn't really need a set offense and so he didn't implement one. To be sure, there are basic principles to Notre Dame's offense — ball screens to start a possession, getting the ball to Harangody at least once every possession and otherwise the players run the show. Thanks to the chemistry these players developed over the past few years, they're comfortable playing together and don't need a set offense cramping their style.

And give Brey a lot of credit for staying out of the way. Some coaches have too big of an ego to let their players play. They have to prove that they can out-x-and-o the opposing coach. But Brey doesn't have that ego problem. He stayed out of the way, let his players play, and Notre Dame became the best scoring team in the Big East.

Brey also has a top-notch staff of assistants who have helped the main eight players develop their talents and find their niche in the lineup. Together, the coaching staff has done a remarkable job developing Harangody and helping him handle the pressures of the attention he's been getting on and off the court.

But all the success on the court would mean nothing if Brey didn't do it the right way. Brey is a consummate class act, gets involved with the community through his charity work with Coaches vs. Cancer and the military and treats his players, the media, fans and opponents with respect. Oh, and there's never been a whiff of recruiting violations around his program. He practices and preaches the values of his employer.

What more could you ask for of a coach?

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"Our No. 2 and No. 3 doubles feed off of them, knowing that they probably will get a victory from the 1 spot," Louderback said. "It really takes the pressure off of them. Our No. 2 team has played especially well. Cosmina and Colleen have looked comfortable behind Buck and Tefft and stand at 9-1 on the year."

However, the Illini remain the task at hand, and Notre Dame hasn't won in any specific areas of its game, but rather has focused on improving all aspects of play.

We really just went out there to hit balls," Louderback said. "We didn't stress one thing in particular, we just wanted to focus and work on everything in general."

Louderback is aware of the Illini's efficiency to challenge their opponents on the road and doesn't want to let them live up to their reputation.

"They compete really well," Louderback said. "This year they've improved and they've just been much better overall. One thing that they do well is play on the road. They're used to coming to foreign environments and coming up with wins so it's going to be a challenge but we're looking forward to it."

The Illini are scheduled to battle the Irish at 3:30 today atthe Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Awards
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both categories with 23.3 points and 11.3 rebounds per game.
"This is huge for our pro-
gram," said Brey of
Harangody's award in a phone
interview Tuesday. "It's the
 culmination of a great story
not only in our league but in
all of college basketball for
him and how far he's come.
And then throughout it all is
that he's such a good team-
mate as all these awards have
been coming in."

Harangody's wrecking-ball
style of play all season fit right
in with the physical nature of
the Big East and allowed him
to take on taller big men like
Louisville’s David Padgett,
Connecticut’s Hasheem Thabeet and Georgetown's Roy
Lousville’s David Padgett,

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few jab-hook combos that
camed Powers to stagger
backward early in the third
round, but Powers was able
to keep his hands up and block
the devastating punch Cugliari
needed to land to overcome
Powers' early lead.

Chris Hartstein def. John
Biddle
In a fight that saw more
wrap-ups than big punches,
Hartstein defeated Biddle by
unanimous decision. Hartstein,
the shorter fighter,
came out more aggressively
than Biddle, getting him
against the ropes a few times
in the first round.

"It's hard when a guys taller,
you've got to get inside,"
Hartstein said. "I just dropped
low and tried to come up there
and go the distance. He was
a tough fighter."

After an uneventful
round, Hartstein managed to
back Biddle into a corner in
the final round. By the end,
both fighters were visibly
exhausted, exchanging punch-
es for only a few seconds
before wrapping each other up
again.

146-pound
Mark Costanzo def. Mark
Weber
Costanzo did most of his
damage in the latter half of
the first two rounds before
dominating the final round.

"I was just trying to figure
out what his game plan was,
and once I saw what he was
doing, I was able to work
around it, get in there, and
counter as much as I could,"
Costanzo said. "My strength
is my movement — I try to stay
pretty quick in the ring —
and strategy, knowing what
my opponent’s doing and being
able to counter it."

Weber held a slight edge for
the first two rounds before
Costanzo closed out the second
with a series of sharp hooks
that sent Weber staggering
back. Costanzo was able to
drive Weber toward the ropes
multiple times in the final
minute to secure the victory.

Tim Thayer def. Phillip Hicks
"Boston Tea Party" Hicks
quickly turned into the Boston
Massacre, as Thayer, a sopho-
more from Zahm, quickly dis-
pensed of the senior from Dillon
in a first round knockout.

Thayer landed a few
good jabs to open the round, and fol-
lowed with a resounding hook
that knocked Hicks to the mat
and left him visibly dazed.

"I was just a little off balance,"
Thayer said. "I just caught him
leaving a couple of times."

149-pound
Lawrence Sullivan def. Paul
Mower
Heading into last night's
semifinal bout, Sullivan, a sen-
ior captain and reigning cham-
per, had seen it all in his time
in the boxing program —
except for a left-handed oppo-
nent. "I was fighting a lefthy,
which I've never done before —
I've never really even sparred
against a lefty," Sullivan.
"I watched a lot of films of some
good pro fighters fighting left-
ies, and it took the first round
to kind of feel it out before I settled in. There were things I
would have liked to have done
better, but I was happy to take
the win against a lefty."

Sullivan was able to hand
Mower, a fellow senior, the first
knockdown of his career with a
d big right hook early in the sec-
ond round. Sullivan displayed
the quickness and tenacity that
allowed him to defeat Mike
Henning, a senior captain a year
ago, in last year’s title fight, and
a dominating performance
earned him the right to defend
his crown.

Sullivan was the only one of
this year's four senior captains
to advance to a championship
bout — a testament, he said, to
the captains' ability not only as
boxers, but as teachers.

"It's hard because the sen-
iors are working on coaching
a lot of people, and you can see
just from the level of fighting
this year that they did a really
good job at transmitting in the
fundamentals," Sullivan said.
"I think maybe they were try-
ing some new, more advanced
stuff, and got away from the
fundamentals that kids they
taught actually beat them with.
It's tough to see since they
gave so much."

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Matthew Conti def. Andrew Mok

“The Steel Curtain” Conti came down hard on Mok, with Conti winning by unanimous decision.

In the first round, Conti managed to knock Mok to the mat twice, and he stayed on the offensive for the entire round. Mok attempted to evade his opponent, but Conti chased the fellow freshman around the ring, keeping Mok on the defensive for all three rounds.

In the final round, Mok made a few attempts at a comeback, but any move made was countered by a series of blows from Conti, who continued to dominate the fight.

Women’s Tennis

Irish set to face Illini after 3-game road trip

By LORENZO REYES

After a three-match road trip in which No. 23 Notre Dame went 1-2 over spring break, the Irish return home to face No. 61 Illinois.

In the first two matches last week, the Irish dropped consecutive decisions to North Carolina and No. 2 Georgia Tech before handling Hawaii by a score of 7-0.

The contest against the Rainbow Wahine marked the first time Notre Dame played outdoors all season and the Irish were in top form, never dropping a set in the entire match.

As the new ITA Women’s Tennis rankings were released, the prolific doubles pair of senior Brook Buck and junior Keiley Tefft received the honor of becoming only the second Irish doubles tandem to be ranked No. 1 nationally since Christian and Catrina Thompson achieved the feat in 2006.

Heading into the match against Illinois, the pair is riding the hottest streak of their careers, and the doubles tandem are now No. 4 nationally.

The Irish return home to face No. 61 Illinois on Wednesday, March 12, 2008.