College Dems react to Obama address

President presents agenda for 'making government smarter' before a joint session of Congress

By ROBERT SINGER
News Writer

Facing a sinking economy and staunch resistance from Republicans in Congress, President Barack Obama put forward a bold agenda Tuesday night in an address to a joint session of Congress that met the expectations of College Democrats president Spencer Howard. "Even with the current situation we're in, it was nice for him to raise the bar for what the government is doing," Howard said. "He wants us to reach for things that we've haven't thought possible." The agenda Obama set in his speech, which detailed sweeping changes to education, energy policy and health care, did not prioritize expanding the government so much as improving its ability to meet people's needs, Howard said. "It's not about making government bigger, he said. "It's about making government smarter. You don't want to over-regulate, but you can't let people run amok." Obama not only described the current crisis while laying the groundwork for a short-term recovery plan, but also detailed his plans to strengthen the economy for future generations. Weaknesses in energy policy, a fractured health care system and lagging public finances were the focus of today's remarks..."The 5:15 [p.m.] Mass is always pretty packed, all the way back to the Lady Chapel, and the 11:30 [a.m.] Mass is usually quite full too," Bocca said. "It's a wonderful thing because the vast majority of students go to Mass because they really want to," Bocca said. "They want a good prayer service, and most students are happy to join in a life-changing ritual that helps them grow as individuals and as a community, he continues..."It's not about making government bigger," he said. "It's about making government smarter. You don't want to over-regulate, but you can't let people run amok."

Architecture School receives top-10 ranking

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

Notre Dame’s School of Architecture recently received some good news in the form of a top-10 ranking in the annual America’s Best Architecture Schools survey. The survey is conducted every year by the Design Futures Council and has consistently given Notre Dame’s architecture program a high ranking. Last year, the program was ranked 12th, while Cornell University occupied the 10th-place spot. The highest rating Notre Dame has ever received in the survey was ninth place. Michael Lykoudis, the dean of Notre Dame’s School of Architecture, said he and his colleagues are satisfied with the high rating, as well as the high rankings of past years. "We've been ranked in that area for some time now," Lykoudis said. "Tenth place is an improvement over last year, which was an improvement over the previous year, and so on. So, certainly we're pleased." Lykoudis said the survey's rankings are determined based on which colleges' students are preferred by top architecture firms looking to recruit employees for their company. Therefore, Notre Dame's high place on the list means that architecture students at the University are wanted more for jobs after they graduate than students at many other schools. Lykoudis said the high ranking reflects well on all students, according to police reports, officers were first called to Memorial Hospital after a female was admitted with a gunshot wound to her arm. The student, who police said was intoxicated, told officers that she and a 23-year-old friend had left Club 23, a bar located at the corner of South Bend and Notre Dame Avenues, and walked to their house, where they

Last Lecture’ draws crowd

Ackermann advises students on careers in the series’ second installment

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Pursuing a career without considering financial gain may seem counterintuitive in an economic downturn, but finance professor Carl Ackermann said students embarking on a career path must do what makes them happy. "If you do what you really enjoy, you will be a happier and more productive person," he said. "Financial awards will follow." Ackermann spoke to a packed room Tuesday night in the Coleman-Morse Lounge for the second installment of the "Last Lecture" series hosted by student government. The series invites professors to impart wisdom in a lecture as if it were their last chance to do so, modeled off of the story of Carnegie Mellon professor Randy
iPod Manifesto

When the iPod became popular, it not only changed how people listened to music, but also how people threw house parties.

All you have to do is buy an iPod dock, make a playlist and you're set. The iPod has turned everyone into a DJ. This is a problem.

I was recently at a house party and everyone was dancing. People were laughing, having a good time, but as it got later in the night, some of my fellow partygoers became dissatisfied with the music. This began a spiral effect that nearly killed the party. One girl, we'll call her Girl No. 1, went over to the iPod, looked for a favorite song of hers and put it on. Happy with herself, she resumed dancing but her joy was negated by the disappointment of another girl.

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student body president

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The survey will have four answer choices in stead of "not sure" in the survey. Reish said it was important because it is highly influential to the actions of student government.

"Over half the student body wants to add additional questions to the survey because it has the potential to change student government," he said. "It is really important because it has the potential to change student government.

In other COR news

Reish asked COR members for feedback on what they would like to see discussed at Tuesday's Council of Representatives meeting.

The intercollegiate Symposium will take place on March 28. Members suggested a range of topics including the usage of student finances and services provided to students.

COR said goodbye to two-year member Kamala Gaines. The Student Union Treasurer will be replaced by the new Student Union Treasurer Nick Danna at the next meeting.

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The Saint Mary's College Program in Dance presents

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Students give thanks to alumni with notes

By PUJA PARIKH
News Writer

Those green “Holla Back” T-shirts you may see students wearing around campus are part of the Thanksgiving in February event held by The Notre Dame Annual Fund and Student Development Committee.

The two-day event, which took place Monday and Tuesday, was designed to have students write personal thank-you notes to alumni who have donated to Notre Dame this year.

All Notre Dame students were encouraged to go to the Soil Room in the LaFayette Student Center and write the letters.

The Annual Fund and Student Development Committee said donations made by United by alumni “… have supported our dorms, clubs, academic programs, building maintenance and repairs, campus-wide electricity and heating, financial aid packages, and much more.”

Posters placed throughout the residence halls and in LaFayette encouraged students to stop by and write a note to alumni.

The goal of the program was to raise awareness regarding the importance of alumni support of the University by having students write a short handwritten thank-you note, organizers said.

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schools have contributed to the nation facing the country, but these things can be fixed, Obama said.

“If we’re honest with ourselves, we’ll admit that for too long, we have not always met these responsibilities — as a government or as a people,” Obama said. “I say this not to lay blame or look backwards, but because it is only by understanding how we arrived at this moment that we’ll be able to lift ourselves out of this predicament.”

Freshman Michael Fedynsky said he agreed with Obama’s view that the nation faces a “cross-roads in history, challenges in health care, energy, and education have converged to threaten the nation’s future.”

“I feel the next few generations will look at this point either as the beginning of the end of our time as a superpower or a rebirth of American power,” Fedynsky said. “Obama said that American and education have converged to threaten the nation’s future and it’s our responsibility to keep it on the right path. I think he understands what people are going through and that’s why he came out here.”

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Howard also spoke favorably of Obama’s plan to pull the nation out of the recession. The stimulus package recently passed into law will have an immediate impact on the economy by helping ordinary people, Howard said.

“Our economy can’t get going if people aren’t working,” he said.

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**President Obama addresses national problems**

President assures citizens that United States will survive the 'day of reckoning'

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**International News**

Islamic court gets women judges

RAMALLAH, West Bank — The Islamic court in the West Bank has appointed 21 new women judges. The new list, released Saturday, will be the first time women have held such positions in Palestinian society, where women have been presidential candidates, police officers and the like.

Two stern-looking women in Muslim head scarves and black robes have smashed through the thick glass ceiling of the Islamic court in the West Bank town of Bethlehem. The women, dressed in black robes and wearing head scarves, had a bullet hole in its fuel tank from the gunlight that broke, out with guards during the shooting.

President Obama addressed the nation in a prime-time speech from the House of Representatives Tuesday night. Obama proposed solutions for the current financial crisis.

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**National News**

CEO shipped tainted syringes

RALEIGH, N.C. — For months, prosecutors say, technicians in the gloom of a rundown factory have been trying to fire a version of its most advanced missile — capable of reaching the U.S. — in coming days, in violation of a U.S. Security Council resolution.

North Korea asserted last week that it bears the right to "space development" — words the regime has used in the past to disguise missile tests. It now appears that North Korea test-fired a Taepodong-1 ballistic missile over Japan and then claimed to have put a satellite into orbit. The chartered helicopter was found abandoned near a highway north of Athens Sunday. It had a bullet hole in its fuel tank from the gunlight that broke, out with guards during the shooting.

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**Local News**

Bill against illegal immigrants passed

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Marc Poklinski, general manager of South Dining Hall, said, "We have no meatless meals on Ash Wednesday and on Fridays throughout Lent. This is a University policy that's always existed. But two times in the past 10 years, this issue has been brought up to the administration." Despite student complaints, the dining halls will not change this practice any time soon.

“We're a Catholic university, and the administration really wanted to continue that tradition,” Poklinski said.

To appease disgruntled students, the dining halls will serve "meatless favorites," vegetarian foods students love. Poklinski said these items included cheese-filled breadsticks, cheese lasagna and pizza on a wooden board, like shrimp.

"We look for things that are really popular with students to serve in place of meat," Poklinski said. "A lot of students come in disappointed, so we try to make it easier on them."

Jone Cortes, a supervisor at South Dining Hall, supports the meal schedules. The job combined his interest in baseball, logic and math, but he declined the job offer.

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Hamas, Fatah begin unity talks

Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The Islamic militants of Hamas and the moderates of Fatah have never had more compelling reasons to repair the rift between them that it has destroyed their dreams for a Palestinian state.

As they begin a new round of unity talks after several failed attempts, Hamas needs the Western-backed Fatah’s legitimacy to gain foreign aid to rebuild Gaza, which was devastated in Israel’s recent offensive.

Fatah chief Mahmoud Abbas bluntly needs an alliance with Hamas to bolster his political standing, eroded after his term as Palestinian president expired and a victory by Hamas liners in Israel’s elections reminded the pragmatists’ central tenet that peaceful negotiations will win Israel will win Palestinians a state.

But a unity agreement appears to be a long shot. Disturb at Hamas and Fatah of the struggle for a year power struggle, including a civil war that ended with Hamas’ violent takeover of Gaza in 2007, leaving Abbas’ Fatah in charge of just the West Bank.

Sami Suboh, a 32-year-old doctor whose house was destroyed during Israel’s Gaza offensive, hopes he has his unity deal soon.

“With the unity government, everything would go back to normal. I hope they can reach an agreement.”

Sami Suboh
victim of Israel’s Gaza offensive

Hamas claimed Abbas’ government ran a Gaza spy ring that fed Israel information about Hamas targets during the fighting. Fatah accused Hamas of killing and wounding dozens of Fatah activists under the cover of the war.

“All Hamas has been doing is poison the atmosphere,” said Abbas aide Nabil Ehab Ghussein, a Hamas official. “We’ll want to see it fall apart in bickering and economic losses.”

Conference participants will closely watch the unity talks, particularly progress on forming a new Palestinian government. Such a government could be made up of figures not affiliated with either movement or consist of a Hamas-Fatah coalition that would run the West Bank and Gaza until elections are held.

The international community won’t give huge reconstruction sums directly to Gaza’s Hamas rulers, but might entrust aid to an interim coalition, provided Abbas is involved.

“For the donors, the issue is not so much unity, but using unity as a vehicle to strengthen Abbas and Gaza until elections are held.”

Abbas rejects the demand because it would amount to redrawing the Palestinian national movement. The Fatah bloc’s PLO status is an agreement of mutual recognition with Israel in 1993, while Hamas remains committed to the destruction of the Jewish state.

Other issues seem just as daunting, particularly restructuring the security forces. Hamas controls some 20,000 troops in Gaza, while Abbas’ thousands of armed men in the West Bank are undergoing Western training. Under a unity deal, the forces would have to be merged and depoliticized.

Gaza-based political scientist Naji Shurrab said outsiders, including Hamas backers Syria and Iran, could decide to sabotage unity efforts. And it is not clear whether the Obama administration will be more supportive of a unity government than its predecessor.

“The way is still long, and there are many obstacles.”

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Palin must pay Alaska nearly $7,000 for her kids’ trips

Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska — Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin will reimburse the state nearly $7,000 for costs associated with nine trips taken by her children, her attorney said Tuesday.

Palin must reimburse the state within 120 days, according to a settlement agreement filed by a special investigator hired by the Alaska Personnel Board to investigate an ethics complaint filed against her.

The exact amount will be determined by the Alaska Department of Administration, said Palin’s attorney, Thomas Van Flein. He estimated the amount would be $6,800.

There is no state law prohibiting the governor’s family from traveling with her and the personnel board found no wrongdoing on the part of the governor. But the investigator, Timothy Petumenos, interpreted the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act to require that the state only pay if the first family serves an important state interest.

Petumenos said “some of the travel raised by the Complaint does not meet this standard,” according to the agreement.

Van Flein said 72 travel authorizations were studied, with nine found to be of questionable state interest.

Those include airfare and one meal for her daughter Bristol Palin, who accompanied the governor to New York for Newsweek’s Third Annual Women and Leadership Conference in October 2007.

Other trips include Bristol attending “Beauty and the Beast” at the Valley Performing Arts Center, airfare for daughters Piper and Bristol to travel to Juneau from Anchorage for the State of the State address and airfare for Piper to attend the start of the Iron Dog snowmachine race and the Alaska Outdoor Council Banquet.

In a statement issued Tuesday, Palin said she was gratified that no fault was ascribed to her. She said she agreed to support a clarification of the rules to avoid similar disputes in the future.

Although I am not required to do so, I will set a new standard on travel now by assuming the burden of these particular expenses,” Palin said.

The former Republican vice presidential candidate called the complaint “an obvious political weapon” filed just before the election.

Gwartney’s complaint followed a report by The Associated Press that Palin barged the state more than $21,000 for her three daughters’ commercial flights, including events where they weren’t invited, and later ordered their expense forms amended to specify official state business.

Administration officials have said Alaska law allows governors to charge the state for their family’s travel if they conduct state business.

Van Flein said the governor’s action in reaching the agreement was voluntary and above what was legally and ethically required of her.

“She did not have to do this. She did not have to reach this agreement and she’s been fully cleared by this investigation,” he said. "The problem that was raised by the complaint was determined to be a lack of clarity in the rules and regulations and a lack of familiarity, because of that lack of clarity, with long-term state employees whose job it is to handle this.”

Petumenos was asked to examine the complaint at the same time he was investigating allegations that Palin fired her public safety commissioner over his refusal to let go a state trooper involved in a contentious divorce with Palin’s sister.

Thomas Van Flein, attorney for Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, talks about the ethics complaint involving protocol travel during a news conference in Anchorage, Alaska, Tuesday.
Iowa knew of disabled workers

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Iowa’s social-services agency acknowledged Tuesday that it looked into a company’s treatment of its mentally disabled meatpacking workers as early as the 1970s, but decided it lacked the jurisdiction or enough evidence to act.

State officials say the 21 Texas men lived for decades in a battered house in the tiny eastern Iowa town of Atalissa and were paid little for their work. The fire marshal closed the living quarters Feb. 7, the men were placed in state custody and a state agency is considering criminal charges.

Social workers, however, had looked into the workers’ housing situation twice before without taking action: once in the 1970s and again in 1997, according to a 38-page file discovered about three years ago, “I’m not going to debate whether I would have done something differently 35 years ago,” Gene Gessow, the agency’s director, said in a statement.

“I will do is pledge that from now forward, the Department of Human Services will be aggressively vigilant to protect the rights of dependent adults,” his department said the file was incomplete, making it “difficult to put all of the decisions in context.”

Last week, Gessow referred to the newly discovered file in his testimony before the Legislature’s Government Oversight Committee, which was looking into the state’s response to the situation. A redacted version of the file was made public on Tuesday.

The men lived at a 106-year-old house that locals called the bunkhouse. The city of Atalissa owned the home, and city officials recently acknowledged that some of its doors were padlocked, windows were boarded up and the heating system was broken, leaving only space heaters.

The men worked for Henry’s Turkey Service, a Texas company that provided labor for a meat-packer near Atalissa in West Liberty. Recent inquiries showed the company diverted much of the mentally disabled men’s paycheck and government payments to living expenses, leaving them about $6.5 a month in wages.

The file said that in 1975 Henry’s Turkey service was an ancillary firm of Hill Country Farms, based near Goldthwaite, Texas, and described that company’s work as social and vocational training of mentally disabled men. It was unclear where operations for Henry’s Turkey Service are now located.

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The state file includes a Dec. 4, 1974, memo from social worker Ed George, who tells district manager James Strickland that the mentally disabled men lack adequate housing and are deprived of their families, among other problems.

State-run television immediately cut off the live broadcast of legislator Ahmet Turk, ostensibly to celebrate UNESCO world languages week. But his real aim was to challenge the country’s policy toward its Kurdish population, a suppression of rights that only recently has started to ease.

“Kurds have long been oppressed because they did not know any other language,” Turk said. “I promised myself that I would speak in my mother tongue at any official meeting one day.”

But a 21-legislators gave Turk a standing ovation. His party has 21 legislators in the 550-seat parliament.

Turk’s prime minister himself spoke this month in Kurdish at a campaign rally over the weekend. But fears of national division — supported by a war between the Turkish military and a Kurdish rebel group in the city — propose any concerted effort to repeal the laws.

Turk is caught between the long-held suspicion that outsiders and minorities can threaten state unity, and its moves toward a kind of Western-style democracy that would consider a language ban an affront to human rights.

Turkish law banned the speaking of Kurdish at all until 1991, and today it is barred in schools, parliament and other official settings on the grounds that it would divide the country along ethnic lines. Kurds, who are also present in large numbers in neighboring Iran, Iraq and Syria, make up about a fifth of Turkey’s 76 million people.

“The official language is Turkish,” Parliament Speaker Koksal Toptan said after Turk spoke. “This meeting should have been conducted in Turkish.”

Private NTV television reported that prosecutors launched an investigation.

It was not clear whether he would face charges. As a lawmaker, he has immunity. In certain cases, a normal citizen speaking Kurdish in an official setting could go to jail.

But Tuesday’s incident could hurt Turk’s party, which is already accused by prosecutors of having ties to separatist Kurdish guerrillas.

Turkey’s power structure could be at odds over what course to take on the speech. The Islamic-oriented government has often sparred with secular circles backed by the judiciary and many Kurds.

In a similar incident in 1991, a Kurdish lawmaker took the oath in parliament in Kurdish. Leyla Zana was later stripped of her immunity, prosecuted on charges of separatism and links to the rebels and served a decade in prison along with three other Kurdish legislators.

But heavy-handed action by the state this time could backfire, exposing it to accusations of authoritarian behavior and further alienating Kurds ahead of local elections on March 29.

Turk’s speech was also a vote-getting stunt, as the elections will determine whether his Democratic Society Party can keep southeastern strongholds in the face of an aggressive campaign by the ruling party.

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Sen. Burris refuses to resign
Associated Press
WASHINGTON -- Sen. Roland Burris refused to resign on Tuesday, rebuffing a call from the Senate's No. 2 Democrat who made it clear the embattled Illinois lawmaker has little hope next year of winning the seat vacated by President Barack Obama.

"I told him that under the circumstances, I would resign," fellow Illinois Sen. Richard Durbin told reporters after an hour-long meeting with Burris. "He said, 'I'm not going to resign.'"

"I can't force him," Durbin added.

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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama plans to reduce the number of U.S. combat troops from Iraq by August of next year, administration officials said Tuesday, ending the war that helped define his first presidential campaign — although a little more slowly than he promised.

The withdrawal plan — an announcement that could come as early as this week — could help Obama turn his attention to another campaign pledge: Deploying more troops to Afghanistan and a region he calls the central front in the war on terror.

The timetable is a compromise. Removing so many troops so quickly, and tons of equipment, presents logistical difficulties. Some commanders and administration officials say that security gains could backslide in Iraq if troops are withdrawn too soon, while others think the bulk of U.S. combat work is already done.

Obama built enormous grass-roots support for his White House bid by pledging to withdraw troops from Iraq 16 months after taking other parts of office. That schedule, based on removing roughly one brigade a month, was predicated on commanders determining that it would not endanger U.S. troops left behind or Iraq's fragile security.

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"There is still a security issue there, but in the central region of the Sunni army and the police are more than handling the remnants of what used to be al-Qaida," Kelly said. "There's a counterinsurgency movement that aren't going quite as well as all of Iraq is doing pretty well."

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It was in my last semester of high school that I first heard the basics of Post-colonialism explained in plain language. “So it involves a white colonizer,” Mrs. G explained to a class full of kids who either needed the English credit to graduate or were just taking the extra class for fun. “Colonizing a subject country that’s non-white. Think of China, South Africa, India, Ireland….” I raised my hand. “Ireland is considered non-white?” Mrs. G paused, and tilted her head in thought. “Huh. Hmm… well, I guess Ireland would be an exception there.”

We went on to discuss minority, the imitation of one’s colonizer. Mrs. G committed afternoons to India as an example. Then we discussed technology as a means of “civilizing” the colonized. I remember a classroom proponent that irrigation might not always be a means to oppress a diverse community of Others. The outcome of that discussion hasn’t, for whatever reason, stuck with me. But Ireland, as “non-white”? That hasn’t.

Maybe because a little over two years later, studying post-Famine emigration in a very different class, we learned that “whiteness” was only a construct, such that more established, “real” Americans were considered “whiter” than the also Caucasian Irish newcomers. I now may owe an apology to Mrs. G. If “whiteness” is a term for social dominance, then Ireland, while colonized, would constitute a “non-white” civilization.

So I’m sorry, Mrs. G. For briefly offering the critique. In terms of critical theory, you were right. Now, how about a nice cup of tea while we wait for all this discourse to kick over?

But seriously, Whiteness. Language may evolve. Connotations may change. Some words grow unusable; others become proper. But “white” and “whiteness,” and other terms referring to color, refer on an actual, literal level to just that: physical color. Sure, at some point color came to connote what we and others historically have called race, but far from accurately. In Pre-K, I was confused when I first heard a girl on my bus, the girl with the pretty pink and green beads in her hair, referred to as “black.” What? Little Lenna was brown. My mother, at around the same age, had a scar on her arm “puff up” (say hello to the keloid gene). She too was confused when someone told my grandmother that this must have resulted from “colored blood.” Mom was unaware at the time that some blood is clear.

So from the Upper Midwest in 1992 and my mother’s England in the 1960s, let’s jump to Notre Dame in the late 2000s. Have my gorgeously porcelain skinned acquaintance Raquel once complained that a crude loudmouth on the quad had incorrectly identified her as “white” (and felt the need to make his misconception clear to her). Someone back home needs to learn to hold his Natty.

So “color” terms, whether socially acceptable or offensive, may not accurately describe “race,” however that term is defined. Yet “white” and “non-white” now not only refer to color and race, but also apparently to status (in the case of immigration) and character (in the case of oppressive tea-mongering colonizers and unassuming, blissfully unirrigated subjects). And there’s the problem. Too many meanings — some contradictory — are appropriated to color. And language.

As for people being people, the four of us, in spite of and along with everything else, remain ourselves. No one, no matter the theory, is put in a box. One is not just “white” or “non-white,” colonizer or subject. One is not just one’s religion or romantic preference. One is not even the sum of one’s conduct as that is viewed at this very instant. One is who one is, that is, a person. The suggestion that one is anything else is dehumanizing. Which may be why most explanations of Post-colonialism don’t involve plain language.

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The Observer expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
While I realize the purpose of his article was to most likely to spread awareness for Dillon Hall's nascent Swimming and Diving team, I definitely think he forgot to mention my friend's fabulous mustache. It was the final race of the evening that gave Louisville its first place win. At the end of the meet, the Irish men had pulled a huge lead by the end of the second leg to .52 faster than Notre Dame (3:02.86). In order to win the title, the Irish men would have to be a clear underdog Irish men's relay team a win would be uncharted territory for the Irish.

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"Guernica," Notre Dame's Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) department's latest production, offers a deeply introspective and surrealistic presentation of wrongful death, frustrated ambitions and man's inhumanity towards man.

Yiannis Lymstis's "Guernica" begins with a media-infused explanation of the circumstances leading up to the play's start, specifically the sinking of an Albanian refugee ship on route to Italy after a collision with an Italian warship. This results in the deaths of hundreds of refugees, and one of the play's many questions is whether or not the act was intentional. "Guernica" is set underneath the Mediterranean Sea and tells the story of four of the victims in this collision, who have drowned, but are conscious and unaware that they are dead.

"Guernica" grabs you from the moment you enter the theatre, with intricate sets that almost reach to the seats of the Philbin Studio Theatre. Indeed, the production's visual elements alone are reason enough to attend — the lighting, scenery, costumes and even the movements of the actors pull you into the watery purgatory of the play's setting. This is not a play that provides a passive viewing experience; the actors deliberately interact with those seated in the front row and draw the audience further into a story.

Director Anton Juan's intimate understanding of the script — he translated the work from its original Greek — is apparent in the integrated nature of the performance. Audiovisual effects (music, video, off-stage narration) add to the overall experience rather than detract, as is often the case in theatrical presentations.

The smallness of the cast — only five actors — highlights the strength of Notre Dame's theatre program. These five undergraduate students present the play's dark material with grace, heart-wrenching poignancy and impeccable Albanian accents.

The history behind "Guernica"

By ELLIE HALL
Scene Writer

Yiannis lymstis's "Guernica" is based upon a true historical event marked by the deaths of innocent civilians, but not the ones you might be thinking of after looking at the play's title.

The play "Guernica" takes its name from the 1937 aerial bombing by German and Italian fascists of the Basque town of Guernica, Spain during the Spanish Civil War. The bombings at Guernica were some of the first examples of terror bombing, as the town was not a military stronghold and had no aerial defense. The numbers are still a subject of controversy, but approximately 250 to 300 civilians were killed in the bombings. Pablo Picasso heard of the tragedy and created the painting "Guernica," which brought international attention to the plight of the innocent in the ongoing civil war when it was first displayed during the 1937 World's Fair. The painting remains a symbol of the horrors of war and a tapestry of the work hangs in the United Nations building in front of the entrance to the Security Council chambers to remind the delegates of their goals of peace and international cooperation.

But "Guernica" is not a play about the bombings in northern Spain. Confused? Don't be.

"Guernica" is about the sinking of an Albanian ship, the Kateri I Rades, in the Straight of Otranto in the Mediterranean Sea after colliding with the Sybilia, an Italian warship on March 24, 1997. Approximately 89-120 refugees were crammed onto this ship, which was built to hold a maximum of 30 passengers. Only 30 of the refugees survived the crash and these survivors claim that the collision was not an accident.

The events leading up to the sinking of the Kateri I Rades indicate the Italian government's dissatisfaction with the influx of Albanian refugees. The de facto collapse of democracy in Albania on March 1, 1997, and Albanian president Sali Berisha's simultaneous declaration of a state of emergency, sparked the immediate migration of over 10,000 Albanians to nearby Italy. Foreign governments pulled their citizens out of the country.

As anarchy took hold in Albania, Italian officials, suddenly dealing with a refugee crisis, expressed resentment to the United Nations and asked for the organization's support of a naval blockade to stem the flow of illegal immigrants. On March 27, 1997, the United Nations instead authorized a peacekeeping force to restore order in Albania and asked surrounding countries to provide protection for the refugees. The Kateri I Rades sank the next day.

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Designing 'Guernica'

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Editor

One aspect of "Guernica," the latest Mainstage production of the Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) Department at Notre Dame, which might go unnoticed to the untrained eye, is its list of credits, and one of the show's top design credits goes to a student.

Kimberly Mering, a senior FTT major from Baraboo, Wis., is the set designer for "Guernica." Mering is taking on the project for her senior thesis in FTT.

"Designing the set for "Guernica" has been a challenging and collaborative task for me," Mering said.

"In order to design the set, I had to work from the script and in discussion with the director and other designers to come up with a design that works for the show and in the space where the piece is being performed," Mering said.

That space, the Philbin Theater, is known as a "black box" theater, a versatile facility in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center that functions as something of a blank slate for each new production.

The set itself, Mering said, draws its inspiration from the interaction between man and nature, a theme that runs through the production.

"The set is based on the idea that while humans intrude on natural settings, causing dissonance in something that should be beautiful, eventually nature is able to restore itself by overwhelming the intrusion," she said.

Mering's design incorporates a variety of "natural looking elements," including sand, rocks, water and seashells. Still, the human touch lingers on the environment Mering has designed.

"There is human stuff all over the place," she said, blending and eroding into the larger landscape surrounding it.

The process of designing was a difficult one, Mering admitted, and unlike her previous challenges on other productions.

"Designing and building was tough," she said. "I never realized just how much goes into getting a design from that first reading ... to up-and-running by opening night.

"But it was really rewarding to finally see everything as it came together after months of work."

Designing the set for "Guernica" presented another layer of pressure for Mering, as the project is effectively her senior thesis, the culmination of four years of work in the major. Mering said that while the design is now a cohesive whole, the process of working towards that design had its twists and turns.

"I knew I wanted to work on a creative project," Mering said. "What really excites me about theater is the chance to be part of a collaborative process that results in something as beautiful as "Guernica." Through the careful guidance of several members of the FTT faculty, Mering decided to take on the set design of a mainstage show, leading to her position as the "Guernica" set designer.

If students are wavering in their decision to see "Guernica," Mering said the play will no doubt interest them long after the final curtain falls.

"It's a very tragically beautiful show," she said. "You'll walk out thinking about something you saw or heard happen to the characters."

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Colts release receiver Harrison from contract

After 13 years with Indianapolis, leading career receiver released after refusing pay cut, becomes free agent

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Michael Harrison, who did not attend the news conference, ranks second in NFL career receptions with 1,102, the vast majority from quarterback Peyton Manning’s passes, together they helped make the Colts one of the most prolific passing teams in the league for more than a decade. Harrison made eight Pro Bowls and earned a Super Bowl ring and his 14,550 yards rank fourth on the NFL’s career list. He is No. 5 all-time with 128 TD catches and holds all major single-season and career receiving marks for the Colts.

Colts coach Bill Polian said he talked with Harrison Saturday in from the draft into our complex and talking to him and meeting him for the first time, and the journey began.

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WASHINGTON — Former first baseman Ryan Zimmerman, normally quiet and dignity, with superb professionalism and with a sense of contribution to the team that really is second to none. He is a Hall of Famer, no question. He’s the transcendent receiver of this generation."

Harrison’s agent, Tom Condon, said Monday that the Colts had agreed to release Harrison after he declined a pay cut. Harrison signed the highest cap number of any NFL receiver at $13.4 million in 2008.

Colts’ receiver Marvin Harrison scores a touchdown against the Jaguars in a Dec. 5, 2005 game. Harrison was released Tuesday.

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Marana, Ariz. — Tiger Woods pulled into the parking set as sunlight began to filter across the desert floor. He ducked into the clubhouse to see his family, who was headed out for a practice round, a routine he has followed for a dozen years. For a moment, it didn’t seem as though he had even gone from golf for the last eight months recovering from knee surgery. "It feels the same. Nothing feels any different," Woods said, recalling a conversation with his wife Tuesday morning. "Just because it feels like I’m coming back to what I used to do."

There was but one change that brought so much satisfaction. Standing on the first tee at Dove Mountain, he drew back his 3-wood and sent the ball soaring against the Arizona sky, his swing looking just as good as it did that Monday in June at Torrey Pines when he won the U.S. Open in a playoff. "I’ve played one tournament in 10 months," Woods said. "I’ve simulated tournaments the best I possibly can, but it’s hard to get the adrenaline up to where it’s going to be tomorrow when I play. I’m trying to get into the rhythm of the round as fast as I possibly can."

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GOLF

Woods returns to practice

After knee surgery and long recovery, Tiger plays without pain

Nothing hurt.

"I feel great," Woods said. "I didn’t think it would feel this good before the surgery, or even just after the surgery, because I didn’t know what it would be like to feel this way. It’s been so long. So to have it feel this healthy and this solid and secure, man, it’s a great feeling."

He was about an hour late for his press conference, but he had a good excuse. It was his first time walking 18 holes since the U.S. Open, and "I forgot how long it takes," said Woods, who has been riding a cart at home. Woods does not know what to expect from his game at the Accenture Match Play Championship begins Wednesday, mainly because there is sure to be rust. He has not competed since surgery to rebuild ligaments in his left knee the week before Torrey Pines.

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New York's Stephon Marbury watches a game against the Milwaukee Bucks in November on the bench at Madison Square Garden. Marbury has not played in a game this season under new coach Mike D'Antoni.

Marbury waived by Knicks

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Knicks are free of Stephon Marbury, and the troublesome point guard is free to join a playoff contender.

Marbury was waived Tuesday by the Knicks, ending a turbulent five-year stint in which the former All-Star couldn't lead his hometown team to a single playoff victory.

The team released a statement saying an agreement between the Knicks and Marbury had been reached, but did not disclose financial terms.

Knicks president Donnie Walsh has said the team and Marbury have been trying to work out a buyout. Walsh's hope was to get something for Marbury in a trade, but with Marbury's salary of close to $21 million this season and a divisive personality, he knew a deal was improbable.

Marbury would be eligible to play in the postseason for any team that signs him. But the former All-Star has been linked to the Boston Celtics, who are in need of a backup guard with Tony Allen injured. The Celtics are focused on defending our championship and are working day and night to finalize our playoff roster," owner Wyman Grousbeck said. "We don't have anything to announce at this point except that we intend to do everything we can to raise Banner 18."

Though perhaps the most talented player on the roster, Marbury hadn't played in a game this season as new coach Mike D'Antoni preferred to stick with the players who would be part of the Knicks' future. He never gave the temperament guard a chance to cause the same troubles for him that he did for Larry Brown and Isiah Thomas.

The Knicks' statement also said Marbury's grievance against the Knicks had been resolved. The sides attended an arbitration hearing earlier Tuesday regarding the nearly $400,000 in salary the team had docked the point guard after alleging he refused D'Antoni's request to play in a game in Detroit in November when the team was short-handed.

He then publicly criticized D'Antoni and said he would never play for the coach because he didn't trust him. Marbury sought his departure soon after that episode, but hadn't met face-to-face with Walsh since Dec. 1, when he left a meeting after just 20 minutes because they weren't close on a buyout agreement.

Oden sidelined again by bone chips in knee

PORTLAND Portland Trail Blazers center Greg Oden will miss at least two more games because of a bone chip in his left knee.

Oden was hurt in a collision during a game at Golden State before the All-Star break. The 7-foot Oden missed the rookie challenge and will miss sit out Tuesday's game in Houston and Wednesday's game in San Antonio.

Coach Nate McMillan said there was a "slight chance" Oden would participate in practice on Thursday. McMillan said he wanted to see Oden run before determining when Oden would play again.

"We thought, everybody thought, he would be able to be moving by now," McMillan said. "Things just keep getting bumped back."

McMillan said doctors have assured him that the injury won't turn into a long-term absence.

IN BRIEF

WR Crabtree indecisive on whether to run for scouts

INDIANAPOLIS Michael Crabtree might not perform in front of NFL scouts, after all.

The top-rated receiver in this year's draft told NFL Network on Tuesday there was only a 50-50 chance he would run at his personal workout next month in Lubbock, Texas.

On Saturday, doctors at the league's annual scouting combine diagnosed a stress fracture in his left foot and recommended surgery to insert a screw. Rehabilitation is expected to take 10 weeks or more, meaning Crabtree wouldn't be able to work out for scouts before the draft if the procedure was done soon. The draft is April 25-26.

On Sunday, Crabtree changed his plans. He said he would delay surgery until after his personal workout. Now that could change.

IN BRIEF

Texas Tech's Knight gets suspension for arguing

KANSAS CITY — The Big 12 Conference suspended Texas Tech coach Pat Knight for one game on Monday for complaining about the officials after a loss to Texas A&M.

Knight received a technical foul in the second half of the 79-72 loss on Saturday for arguing a foul call and complained about the officials after the game to reporters, saying he didn't care what the Big 12 thought.

The son of Bob Knight, Pat Knight also was publicly reprimanded by the Big 12 earlier this month for being ejected after runnining onto the court twice to argue a foul call in a game against Nebraska.

Assistant coach Stew Robinson will replace Knight for Wednesday's game against Texas. "I wasn't surprised because I broke a rule," Knight said during the Big 12 coaches teleconference.
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The founders of a new U.S.-based Formula One team plan to hire a pair of American drivers, and Mario Andretti believes his grandson is the perfect choice to fill one of the seats.

Ken Anderson and Peter Windsor, the principals behind the team they call USF1, officially announced their intent Tuesday to run the 2010 schedule. The motorsports veterans said they'll base the team in Charlotte, home for most NASCAR teams, and scour the market for young American drivers.

"Who they are ... your guess is as good as mine," said Windsor, a former team manager for Ferrari and Williams and current F1 pit reporter for Speed TV. "But two American drivers, that's what we intend to do."

Windsor rattled off a prospect list of relatively unknown open-wheel drivers currently competing in lower ranks, the most notable Jonathan Summerton, a 21-year-old Florida native racing in Europe in the A1GP Series.

Then he and Anderson turned to their dream list, which included former F1 driver Scott Speed, NASCAR star Kyle Busch and IndyCar glamour girl Danica Patrick. But Speed has said he and Patrick both are willing to discuss the opportunity, but neither has been contacted by USF1 representatives.

Neither principal mentioned Marco Andretti, the budding IndyCar star and grandson of 1978 F1 world champion Mario Andretti.

Mario Andretti called into the news conference, which was televised live on Speed TV, as an invited guest in support of the USF1 team. During his comments, he recommended his 22-year-old grandson for a future F1 ride.

"Every time I mention Formula One, he says 'I'd give anything to have this opportunity,'" Andretti said. "If I were to design a Formula One driver today, I would design Marco. We'll see what the future brings for him."

Marco Andretti signed a contract extension last year with Andretti Green Racing, the team co-owned by his father, Michael. He was testing Tuesday at Homestead-Miami Speedway and not immediately available for comment.

After Andretti hung up, Windsor added Marco Andretti to the list of potential hires, as well as Graham Rahal, a 20-year-old IndyCar driver.

There has not been an American driver in F1 since Speed was released from Toro Rosso in the summer of 2007. Speed, who has since moved to NASCAR, was the first American driver since Michael Andretti in 1993.

The list of potential drivers was one of the few details revealed, as Windsor and Anderson had nothing concrete to offer about their planned race team.

They are looking at a building in Charlotte to house the operation, and plan to hire roughly 100 team members and operate with an annual budget of about $64 million. They also plan to have a "logistical base" in Europe to house transporters and equipment.

"Beyond that, they would reveal little else," Windsor said.

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Dwyane Wade sets career high in Heat’s win over Pistons

Spurs hold Mavericks to worst offensive showing of season while All-Star Duncan sits out with sore knee

MIAMI — Not only did Dwyane Wade continue his run of career highs, he sent the Detroit Pistons to a new low.

Wade scored 31 points and set a personal best with 16 assists, leading the Miami Heat to a 103-91 win and handing the Pistons their seventh straight loss — Detroit’s longest slide in more than seven years.

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The fourth floor Babes

Tony Parker had 37 points, Manu Ginobili, who hasn’t played since the All-Star break, added 18 in their last three games.

The Spurs exploited the Detroit defense in the third quarter, chipping the Pistons’ third straight loss.

The Spurs outrebounded Detroit 44-34 — an impressive stat, considering the Heat had been outrebounded by an average of 18 in their last three games.

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Friars upset No. 1 Pittsburgh

Associated Press
PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — All Providence coach Keno Davis wanted was for his team to be part of the conversation about who will be in the NCAA tournament field.

They're talking about the Friars now.

Weymii Kikjoku scored 16 points for Providence, which took a 20-point lead and then turned back one last rally by No. 1 Pittsburgh for an 81-73 victory Tuesday night, the school's second win ever over a top-ranked team.

"I think they fouled out in two of Pitt's three losses. They deserved it. We gave them that game," said Blair, who has fouled out in two of Pitt's last six games.

Blair had 17 points and eight rebounds, and Sam Young had 16 points and eight rebounds for Pitt, which had won seven straight games and beaten Providence eight consecutive times.

"We weren't here to get rolled on," Providence forward Jonathna Kale said. "We know we had to win one. It happened to be Pitt. They happened to be No. 1."

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Pittsburgh led by 20 points at halftime, then his fifth with 46 seconds left after Pitt had a chance to make it a four-point game.

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Sharaud Curry added 15 points for the Friars, while Geoff McHermness had 17 points, six assists and three of Providence's 11 steals.

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Harangody said. "It's going to be a tough game. It's a Big East game and it's going to be tough, no matter who you're playing."

Junior guard Jonathon Peoples made a statement with his performance Saturday against Providence. Against the Friars, Peoples enjoyed a breakout performance in which he played 28 minutes setting career highs in points (13) and assists (nine). His ball-handling against the Friars' press was a key part of the season-high 103 points put up by the Irish.

"We were jumping around with him. He needs to play like that for us that all the time," Harangody said. "We know he's capable of doing that. I think he just needed a little confidence. Now, he's sky high, and that's great for us." Luke Harangody
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"We knew Peoples is capable of doing that, I think he just needed a little confidence. Now, he's sky high, and that's great for us," McAlarney was also impressed with Peoples' performance. "It was a breakout game for him. He's capable of that," he said. "He handles the ball well. He's strong and makes great decisions. I think that was evident against Providence. He made big decisions with the ball. Tory was out most of the game and he did a good job of playing with the team and not slowing us down at all."

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Whether its Peoples or regular starter junior Tory Jackson handling the point guard duties, Notre Dame will need a strong performance from its backcourt. The Scarlet Knights are led by their guard duo of Mike Rosario and Anthony Farmer who, combined, average just over 26 points per game. Last season, Rutgers gave Notre Dame a scare in Piscataway. The heavily-favored Irish escaped with a 71-68 win.

"From what I can remember they have drivers. Guards who can really get in the paint and drive the ball," Kyle McAlarney
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The next game for the Belles should be a little tougher as they face another 16-9 team in Calvin. Earlier this season, the Belles won their matchup 72-68 in overtime.

The game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Angela Athletic Complex.

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Johnson puts up impressive numbers in Purdue's defeat of Indiana, possible conference player of year candidate

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, LA. — Trent Johnson took over a LSU basketball program last April that had gone through consecutive losing seasons in the Southeastern Conference. Now in Johnson's first season the Tigers are SEC champions again, clinching at least a share of the conference crown with an 81-75 victory over Florida on Tuesday night.

Marcus Thornton scored 32 points for the Tigers (24-4, 12-1), who have won nine straight overall and 12 in a row in SEC play. They can win their second outright conference title in the last four seasons with one victory in the last three games.

"I'm so happy for these guys, you have no idea," Johnson said. "I don't believe in all that destiny stuff. This is a good basketball team. The thing I really appreciate about these guys is they speak from the heart and they have a sense of security."

Garett Temple scored a career-high 21 points for the Tigers. Tasmin Mitchell added 12 points.

It's been a huge turnaround for LSU, which fired coach John Brady during last season's losing campaign. Johnson was lured away from Stanford after the season.

"Winning is always fun," Thornton said. "Last year, we didn't have the season like we wanted to have. Nobody but the guys in this locker room thought we could have a season like this."

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"We really got after them and guarded them in the second half," Trent Johnson said. "At halftime, we made a couple of adjustments to attack their zone. We made a decision to run our man stuff against it."

Tyus had 15 points for Florida and Chandler Parsons and Nick Calathes each had 12 points.

Florida, which trailed for most of the opening 20 minutes, closed the first half on a 17-5 run to take a four-point lead. The Gators were behind 24-17 early in the first half. A layup by Parsons put the Gators up 32-24 after Thornton made his third three-pointer with 6:58 remaining before halftime.

A three-pointer by Dan Werner began the Florida outburst. Tyus and Calathes combined to score the Gators' next ten points. A three-pointer by Tyus tied the score at 37 with 1:19 left in the first half.

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hold for a week.

The fight opened with Crepeau throwing the first punch but Burroughs making the first contact.

After a few combinations, Crepeau's body, Burroughs managed a left jab to his opponent's chin, which set up his right hook that landed cleanly and with great force.

Crepeau could not find the holes in Burroughs' defense to land any punches of his own, and the first round went to Burroughs.

Crepeau made his strongest effort in the second round, landing multiple right-left combinations complemented by right jabs, but none of it was enough to seriously disrupt Burroughs' momentum.

In the final round, Crepeau attacked in order to win, but Burroughs met him, refusing to dance away or try to coast to a victory on points. By the end of the round, Burroughs dispensed numerous shots to Crepeau's body, as well as right and left hooks to the Duncan sophomore's head.

But Crepeau fought until the very end, mounting one last stand in the closing minute. He did live a dream, a few combinations Burroughs, and each landed cleanly, blessing Burroughs with a considerable black eye only an hour later. But considering such an onslaught came in the final minute of the final round, it was indeed too little, too late.

Burroughs claimed the first-place trophy with a unanimous decision but could already foresee who would hold the title in the coming years.

"Kevin is a great fighter, I consider him a good friend, and I wish him the greatest luck," Burroughs said after icing that black eye from his friend. "He brought it tonight. It was definitely in no ways easy. I look forward to watching him fight in these coming competitions."

130 pounds

Joe 'David Hassel' Hof def. Chris 'Cougar' Cugliari

The semifinals began with a close split decision victory for Hof that did nothing to either fighter.

Cugliari easily won the first round, landing two-and-three-hit combinations interspersed with body shots set up by his jab while taking little damage from Hof. Perhaps knowing the first round had not gone his way, Hof came out much more aggressively in the second, scoring a split of the early exchanges. By the end of the round, though, Cugliari managed a backhand and drew defending the bell rang.

Coming into the third round, neither fighter seemed to have much of an advantage, and it carried over into the round. After a stoppage to clean up Hof's blood, the two gave it their all in the final 30 seconds, with Cugliari landed a big uppercut.

Drawing blood and landing big in the end was not enough, however, as an笪 decision sent Hof to the finals.

Michael 'The Silver City Slugger' Sayles def. Sean 'Boarder' McNichols

Both fighters showed what it means to "fight 'til the final bell," as neither seemed willing to let up until the fight was over.

The two took turns initiating early on, with the more aggressive fighter winning most of the exchanges until the end of the first round, when Sayles got McNichols against the ropes and dealt out some public damage.

The second round was all Sayles, as he came out the clear aggressor for the round, initiating "a chain of exchanges. McNichols' offense was largely ineffective in the second, with Sayles driving in two and three punches for each one his opponent landed.

This pace did not slow down in the final round, as both fighters continued to pressure their opponent. McNichols finally managed an effective offense, but it was not enough, as Sayles moved on with a unanimous decision victory.

140 pounds

Kristopher 'El Azteca' Perez def. Kieran 'The Bulge' Bulger

Showing why he has not lost a match in four years, the three-time champion Perez was all business in the opening round.

Perez started off slow, staking Bulger throughout the first round, yet landing nearly everything he did throw, notably a clean hook to the face early but typically ended up backing off after eating a couple of hard shots.

The second, and ultimately final, round was all Perez, with both of the beginning of the opening round, when Bulger appeared to have landed a clear uppercut. Perez1's reaction was swift.

Loos can be deceiving, though, as Perez landed five or six hard shots while against the ropes to force the ref to cau a stop to the action after the final round. This was followed quickly by another stoppage.

Mark Weberg def. James 'Francis' Woods

In a match where the only person to get knocked down was the referee, the first round saw Johnston pushing the pace, with东莞市 using effective charging, becoming a much stronger opponent. Combo hook to chase Posluszny back to the fence. Posluszny found his right hand and was able to land several punches, but unable to do crucial damage to the hand in the ring. Woods gave it a good run but was unable to take down Weberg, the boxing club president.

Woods was aggressive early on, and was able to land several punches in the first, despite being warned twice for punching while holding the back of Weberg's head. Weberg responded to the second, trapping Weberg in the corner and unleashing counts. Woods managed to bear hug Weberg, causing the referee to separate the two and awarding Weberg the offense in the second.

The final round saw Weberg again schooling Woods on technique, with an early flurry for the round, and then landing a couple shots that left the sophomore stunned. Woods was warned for grabbing the back of his neck, and again after landing a spinning backtake.

Sophomore Jamie Koeppe1, left, attempts a left jab at junior Timothy Thayer during a semifinal fight in the 150-pound weight division in Tuesday's Bengal Bouts.

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In the first round, Devereaux battered Maier with a series of right hooks
that knocked him down and sent him staggering. Maier was
dazed by his punches, but he quickly recovered and landed a
right hook of his own. The two fighters exchanged blows
for the remainder of the round, with Devereaux continuing to
land the better punches. Maier, however, was not without
his own moments of success, as he managed to score a
knockout in the final minutes.

In the second round, Devereaux continued to dominate
Maier, landing a series of powerful uppercuts and straight
punches. Maier, on the other hand, struggled to
land his own punches and was forced to defend
aggressively. Devereaux's combination punches,
however, proved too much for Maier, who
came close to falling to the canvas. The
outcome of the round was clear, with
Devereaux victorious by a unanimous
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Just as Notre Dame went to the line often early in the second half, Syracuse got some help in the foul department later on. Notre Dame committed seven fouls in just over three minutes, including Schrader's third and fourth and two three-point plays. Syracuse made all five free throws during the stretch and pulled within 70-61 with 5:57 left.

In the first half, Schrader had 11 points in the first seven minutes and two free throws gave Notre Dame a 22-7 lead. At 13:30 remaining Notre Dame started the game on a 16-3 run and led 24-9 with 6:51 minutes left in the first half. Three Syracuse fouls in a minute and a half helped Notre Dame start shooting foul fewer and quicker. The Irish got to the one-and-one mark with 8:33 remaining in the half.

Two quick baskets by Morrow brought Syracuse within 10, but Brzozowski converted a 3-point play to make the score 36-23 with 5:13 remaining.

With some help from Jones, Syracuse worked its way back. A three-point play by Tasha Harris tied the score at 36, capping a 13-3 Orange run. The half ended with Notre Dame ahead 38-36. Schrader finished the half with 15 points on 6-of-7 shooting.

Notes:
- Williamson now has more than 100 blocked shots, with 102, good for 9th on the all-time list at Notre Dame.
- Schrader is now six points away from 1,000 for her career.

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Notre Dame's two senior captains, Jillian Byers and Shannon Burke, continue to flow. "It was an honor to be named to the preseason all-Big East team," Blaney said. "There are so many great competitors within the Big East and to be recognized as one along with Jill and Shannon was really awesome."

More than her individual statistics and honors, however, Blaney said she values the strong relationships she has built with her teammates. "I have countless memories from this team," Blaney said. "We always have a blast. I have to say some of my favorite memories include our pre-game dancing in the locker room, winning big games and going out with each other at night. They're my best friends.

"We are such a close group of girls, I would do anything for them. They are all so talented and I learn so much from them," she said.

Shaylyn Blaney Irish sophomore

'Shaye's a really close group of people, and even past Irish players, for great reasons for her motivation. "I also believe that past and present teammates keep my love for the sport alive as well," Blaney said. "I have such amazing alumni at Notre Dame. Girls who graduated before I even got here still write e-mails to psych up the team before big games. Playing against some of the top teams and players in the country isn't new for Blaney. She was a four-time letter winner in both lacrosse and field hockey at her New York high school, and she was also a three-time All-Lacrosse All-American.

In 2007, Blaney helped the U.S. Under-19 team to a gold medal, scoring 16 goals, fourth-most on the team. She was also named Under Armour All-American, along with current teammates Kallene Abt and Jackie Doherty.

But Blaney's past success hasn't stopped her from continuing to set goals for improvement. "I would really like to get more assists than I did last year and also have at least one goal in every game," Blaney said. "Every year our [team] goals for the season are to win the Big East and a National Championship. It isn't easy. There are a lot of great teams in the country. "I think that this year we have a really good chance of winning the Big East and being contenders for a National Championship."

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Happy Birthday: It's up to you to be the vision and turn it into a viable resource this year. If you are serious and work hard, you will set a path for your future. Friday's highlight is a social and personal relationship with people so don't be afraid to share your ideas. It's time to relax and enjoy more fun. Your number: 6, 15, 24, 28, 31, 34, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep searching for the right person or project that actually gives you what you are trying to improve. Otherwise, get closer. Remember; with someone who has the time to be in your life. Good things will read you at talk carefully.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Empty promises can lead to bad decisions. Make sure that you have something concrete to work with before you get started. Trust people who are truly available to you. A give-and-take relationship can be relied on to help you now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Someone may try to pull a fast one on you. Love is in the adventure so everything will be decided quickly between you and a very special individual. Focus on both business and personal relationships.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): A change at work or within your professional field will benefit you long term. Verbal aggression action will pay off. Avoid anyone involved in an arena before they might influence you or cannot create or finish any problems.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take the steps required to turn an old or new relationship into something special. Love and romance are in the stars. Focus on both business and personal relationships.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Love and money will somehow come together for you today. Expect help financially, legally or where a settlement is due. Emotional issues can arise today and you will be involved in the picture. Something; will develop rapidly between you and a very special individual. Past and present will cross paths.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Realized feeling for someone will offer you an interesting new influence on your life. Pretty sure your checking and the response you will gain will make you rethink your actions so plan carefully. Expect a lot of the criticism you will receive at the end. Love is in the stars.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Things may be changing, a big too fast or out of control. You will not always have the power to control your actions. Expect changes that are not always positive. You might even have some fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Everything is looking up and the options being made for your liking. Don't forget to save. Instead, protect your assets and see where things go. (Answers tomorrow).

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Have you been given ideas that can turn into cash as long as you step outside. Someone will question your plans and you take the criticism you will receive at the end. Love is in the stars.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Sticking around the old will not lead you to a brighter future. You've been in a bit too long. It's time to love, love and be happy. Eat yourself in the adventure and you will notice.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't let others confuse you with innuendoes or the signals being sent. Question the motives, IPs being aware that will help you hold your peace. In the past. Good things will result if you are careful. Expect a lot of the criticism you will receive at the end. Love is in the stars.

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The big boys got a chance to fight for a title amid a night of semifinal bouts in the 12 other weight classes, and Will "The Stimulus Package" Burroughs beat his good friend Kevin "I Left My 6-Pock in My Gym Bag" Crepeau for the second straight year to claim the heavyweight championship.

"After we fought last year we became friends, hung out on occasion," said Burroughs, a law student. "I think fighting him again only added to the stress element. When it turned out we were fighting, it was as if we needed to put the friendship on hold for the occasion," said Burroughs, a law student.

"It was a good birthday," said Blaney, whose three older siblings all played at the college level. "My dad coached me when I was younger and my mom was my high school coach. They are always there to support me and help to keep my confidence up.

For Blaney, lacrosse is always a family affair. "I never liked the title of 'the coach's daughter,' but looking back I wouldn't have it any other way.

Lacrosse has helped shaped Blaney's life since a young age, and at this point, she says there's no turning back. "It is hard to imagine my life without lacrosse," Blaney said. "It is such a big part of who I am. I think that if lacrosse wasn't in my life another sport would be in its place.

Blaney has a team-high eight assists and eight rebounds on her 22nd birthday Tuesday during No. 23 Notre Dame's 90-79 win over Syracuse.

"It was a good birthday present, that's for sure," said Schrader, who made 10-of-13 field goals.

Sophomore forward Becca Bruszewski had 20 points and five Irish players scored in double digits.

As they play the final four games of their conference slate starting Wednesday at home against Rutgers. After putting together their most complete road performance of the season Saturday at Providence, though, that schedule suits the Irish just fine.

"We're so excited. We just want to keep this going," senior captain Kyle McAlrney said. "We want to bring the rest of the league on right now. We just want to play and win as many games as we can.

Luckily for the Irish, their schedule should help them in that endeavor. Three of the team's final four games will take place in the Joyce Center, where Notre Dame is 10-2 this season and where the Irish have won 22 of their past 24 conference games.

It also helps that the Irish start the stretch against Rutgers. The Scarlet Knights have lost five games in a row, with four of those defeats coming by double digits. Rutgers has won only once in its past 10 contests — a victory over DePaul, who is the only team below Rutgers in the Big East conference standings.

Still, the Irish aren't taking their next opponent lightly. "They're a team that's going to give us a lot of shot-blocking, a lot of athleticism," said forward Luke Harangody. "It's going to be in its place."