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All the Noise that's fit to print

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And it's for a good cause! Martin Kellogg students raise \$2500 for MDA, Super Dance

Gym, Martin Kellogg Middle School—Tonight's Martin Kellogg "Super Dance," sponsored by the student council, the Muscular Distrophy Association, and 96TIC-FM radio, was another success.

The dance was this year's first in the gym, which has been under repair. The refreshments were in the cafeteria, but the real party of this three hour dance was centered in the gym.

The partying spirit started for some in the media center, where the UConn Huskies game against the St. John's Redmen was shown on the TV. The game got a good deal of attention as the dance went on, with students listening to walkmans and running to televisions to keep up with the Huskies.

The Huskies won, 97-77. (see "Husky-mania!") But the game certainly wasn't the only big story of this dance. Also drawing a lot of attention was the MDA (Muscular Distrophy Association) kid, Justin. Justin, who steers a mechanical wheelchair, was racing, spinning, and having a good time. And, it seems, so was everyone else.

In addition to the "cute little kid" Justin, there was the 96TIC-FM DJ, another DJ dressed up as a chicken, and a lot of great music.

"There weren't very many slow songs," said Brendan afterward, "so there wasn't too much gossip, at least that I heard."

There was a whole slew of door prizes, including Whalers & Hellcats tickets, a UConn hat and shirt, and a free full-paid ticket to High Meadow.

Also at the dance were many 96TIC-FM bumperstickers, which many kids decided to stick on their shirts and pants. David Shoemaker was the sticker

champ, wearing about twelve stickers on his pants, shirt, and face.

"Electric Slide" was played twice, and the "Hokey Pokey" was played once. Even Everly Brothers hit "Wake Up Little Suzie" was played, reminding teachers of the sixties.

There was a hula hoop contest, won by a sixth grader over seventh grader Hilari Butler in a coin toss. The two had both stayed in for quite a long time after everyone else lost their hoops and dropped out.

In order to obtain a ticket to the dance, students had to raise at least twenty dollars. A total of two thousand, five hundred dollars was raised total to help the Muscular Distrophy Association.

"This one was different," said Brendan. "It was different than the other dances, more official. I liked it just as much, though. And it's for a good cause!"

Husky-mania

UConn Huskies beat St. John's; Donyell Marshall scores 42

Madison Square Garden, New York—It's big.

It's bad.

It's here.

It's husky fever and it's sweeping across Connecticut and Adollya.

Although the dollies of Adollya rarely get excited about a human sports team, preferring wallball and other Adollyan sports, this is an exception. The UConn Huskies fans of Adollya are going crazy.

The University of Connecticut men's Huskies defeated the St. John's Redmen in today's Big East Tournament quarterfinal, 97-77. Donyell Marshall of the Huskies led the way with a career high-tying 42 points.

Here is the report from the human Associated Press:

NEW YORK (AP) -- Donyell Marshall played like the Big East's player of the year. The 6-foot-9 junior forward set the conference tournament record with 42 points Friday as No. 2 Connecticut crushed St. John's 97-77 in the quarterfinals, capping the Redmen's first losing season since 1962-63.

Connecticut (27-3), which has won six straight games, will play Providence in Saturday's semifinals. The Friars beat Villanova 77-66 in the quarterfinals.

Marshall, who was named the league player of the year on Thursday, bettered his 25.5 scoring average in the first half, scoring 26 as the Huskies took a 50-32 lead.

In the second half, he broke the tournament record of 38 points set by Boston College's Dana Barros in 1989 against St. John's. The record-breaking points came on a 360-degree dunk after Marshall stole the ball near the opposite foul line.

Marshall's success against the Redmen (12-17) shouldn't have been a surprise. In two previous outings against St. John's this season, he scored a career-high 42 points in one game and 29 in the other.

Marshall was 9-for-11 from the field and 6-for-6 from the free throw line in the first half. He did it outside with two 3-pointers, on the break with a couple of transition layups and inside with two dunks.

The Huskies' defense made sure St. John's never got back in the game after a 30-14 run over the opening 10 minutes. The closest the Redmen managed to get was 12 points a couple of times until a 7-0 run had them within 69-60 with 9:01 left.

Marshall then hit a foul-line jumper and made two free throws, and Doron

Sheffer hit a 3-pointer before Marshall's whirlybird dunk capped a 9-0 run that turned the game into a rout.

Marshall, who also had nine rebounds, was 15-for-19 from the field and made all 10 of his free throws to finish 30-for-30 from the foul line in the two games against St. John's at Madison Square Garden this season.

Sheffer had 13 points for the Huskies, while Donny Marshall added 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Charles Minlend had 19 points to lead St. John's, which won't be going to postseason play for the first time since the 1963-64 season. The Redmen lost their last six games in the regular season before beating Pittsburgh 80-72 Thursday night in one of the tournament's outbracket games.