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In an effort to beat illegal bootleggers at their own game, Pearl Jam has released a live double disc set for every date on its U.S. tour.
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Saint Mary's students elect new class officers

By AMY GREENE
 News Writer

The Saint Mary's class elections yielded one new class board and narrowed the field in the two other classes for a run-off on Wednesday.

Alison Joseph and Stephanie Pace won 82.8 percent of the vote as they ran unopposed in the Class of 2003 election.

"We're really enthusiastic about getting the ideas that we did on our platform and are excited to start everything in April," said Pace, the newly elected junior class vice president.

Maria Conticelli and Julie Richardson are the newly elected junior class Secretary and Treasurer.

No ticket received more than 50 percent of the vote in the sophomore or seniors class elections and will require a run-off election.

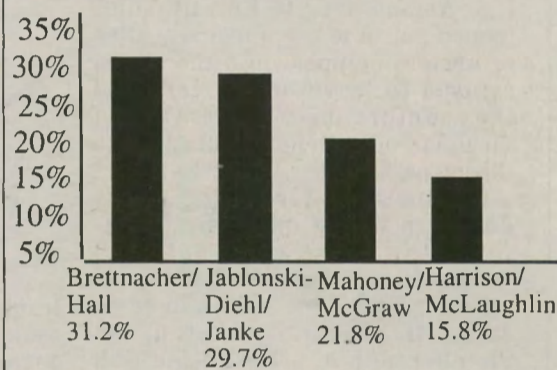
There were four tickets running for the sophomore class board.

The Brettbacher/Hall ticket received the most support with 31.2 percent of their voting classmates supporting them.

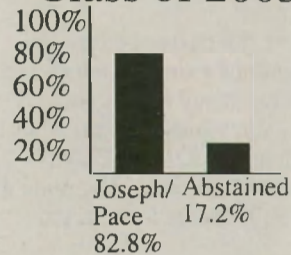
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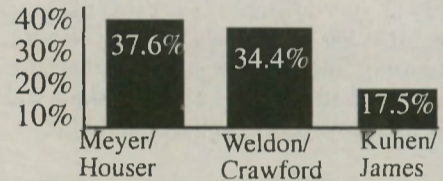
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Class of 2003



Class of 2002



KATIE McKENNA/The Observer

Continental pulls out of South Bend airport

By ERIN PIROUTEK
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Continental Express, a regional subsidiary of Continental Airlines, plans to discontinue service to South Bend on Sept. 5.

"They have been in the process of pulling out of smaller airports in the Midwest since late last year," said John Schalliol, executive director of South Bend Regional Airport. Continental Airlines, which has served South Bend since 1996, had the best on-time performance of any major U.S. carrier last year, according to figures from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Continental cited constrained airspace at their Cleveland hub — Hopkins Airport — as the reason for withdrawing from South Bend.

"They have only one runway. That's causing congestion, operational issues and delays," said Julie Gardner, spokesperson for Continental Express.

South Bend airport authorities disagree, citing financial issues rather than congestion as the major factor.

"It really goes back to the same reasons that American Eagle pulled out," said Schalliol.

Continental is slowly acquiring regional jets, according to Schalliol. As they shift focus, Continental will retire more and more of the smaller turbo-prop aircraft that they are currently operating. He noted that the regional jets are more efficient to operate, therefore, more profitable for the airline.

Gardner confirmed that Continental plans to move to an all-jet fleet by 2004, however, she denied this had an effect on



Photo courtesy of Continental Airlines

Citing constrained airspace, Continental Airlines will discontinue service to South Bend Sept. 5.

South Bend service.

"People are concerned, they see two airlines in the last few months pull out," said Schalliol.

He said, however, that these aren't the only changes to the airport. American Trans Air Chicago Express has begun to fly into South Bend.

"The numbers have been a pleasant surprise to Chicago Express," said Schalliol. Early in March they will increase service from four flights per day to six per day.

Other airlines are also considering coming to South Bend.

"We are talking with two carriers right now," said Schalliol. He declined to name the two airlines, but said they could be flying into South Bend before the end of the year.

Both the Gardner and Schalliol remain hopeful that Continental will someday return to South Bend. Possibilities include service to Continental hubs in Newark and Houston.

"I don't even have a guess as to how long that will be in the future," said Schalliol.

Senate sponsors parietals survey

By JASON McFARLEY
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Students interested in voicing their opinions about University parietal hours may have an extra incentive

to vote in class council elections Wednesday, when a survey asking for student views on parietals will appear on ballots.

The student government officials are optimistic the ballot issue is a move that will spur unprecedented change to parietals, the guidelines which regulate visiting hours by members of the opposite sex in Notre Dame residence halls. But University administrators said Monday that the survey alone likely will not drive changes to the long-standing hours.

The survey is part of a Student Senate referendum that will ask students if they are in favor of extending parietals to 1 a.m. on weeknights and ending them before 10 a.m. each day. The referendum would extend parietal hours to 1 a.m. through the week and end them at 9 a.m. every day.

"Through talks with students, it has become evident that we need to do a survey to decide what the next step should be on the issue," said Brooke Norton, student body vice president and student body president-elect.

Norton said referendum results do not require

University officials take action but will provide the Student Senate and the Office of the Student Body President with data to analyze and eventually form a proposal.

Depending on survey results, the senate may vote this semester to pass a resolution, Norton said. The measure would then need approval by the Campus Life Council and senior administrators in the Office of Student Affairs.

"This [referendum] is a way to allow students to take an active role in Notre Dame affairs. I'm hoping to see a strong, unified student voice on Wednesday," Norton said.

While Norton acknowledged that informal talks with University officials indicate that the administration is willing to cooperate with student government on the issue, Bill Kirk, assistant vice president to Residence Life said a proposal based on referendum results alone probably will not spur changes to the parietals policy.

"We would need to talk to more students, rectors and administrators before a decision like that is made," Kirk said. "These survey results alone wouldn't dictate policy."

Kirk said many students favor current parietals hours because the regulations allow for quiet, uneventful times in residence halls.

But most students said they are in favor of extending parietals.

Robyn Harridge, who lived in a co-ed residence while in London, said the aim of parietals is misguided.

"I can appreciate the viewpoint that parietals give people time to shower, study or

Ballot Questions

- ♦ I am in favor of extending parietals past 12 a.m. on weeknights.
- ♦ I am in favor of ending parietals before 10 a.m. every morning.

Students must respond with a 'yes,' 'no' or 'no opinion' to the above statements.

sleep without the opposite sex around," Harridge, a junior, said. "However, parietals do not prohibit visitors of the same sex in rooms, who can be equal distractions from work or sleep."

Harridge said extending parietals earlier in the morning and later at night would help foster the positive gender relations she experienced while living in England.

Joe Lordi agrees.

He said there is some merit to parietals curbing premarital sex and cutting down late-night distractions, but the rules make relationships between males and females awkward.

"I'm tired of the weird relations between sexes, and I'm tired of hearing everyone complain about it. It can be fixed. It should be fixed," the sophomore said.

Both Harridge and Lordi believe having the parietals issue on class election ballots will yield high voter turnout Wednesday. Lordi said he might not have voted had the referendum not been on the ballot.

"I can't speak for the rest of the student body, but anyone that is unhappy with gender relations here should turn out and would be doing a disservice if they didn't."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Just Run Away

"So, what are your plans for next year?"
Yes, seniors, we hate this question.

At least those of us whose answer is always a sort of sad, semi-embarrassed, low, resentful "I don't know."

The one thing we DO know is that we can't stand that question.

The phenomenon starts very early on, sometimes in the summer before senior year even begins. It's like a wave, a current of perpetual interest that breezes through every level and circle of people you know. "What are you doing next year? Do you have a job?" It flows and whispers throughout conversations like the wind. And your eldest relatives are always the first to blow the current your way.

September interrogations from Grandma and Uncle Jim aren't so bad. "They're just curious what I'd ideally like to do, where I might want to live. Just humor them and tell them you're weighing the options (which are usually none at this point) and that you'll decide later in the year."

Soon Mom and Dad make one of their weekend calls: Oh, so-and-so down the street was asking about you. I told her you were good, that Notre Dame is treating you well. Oh, she was so proud. She asked if you had a job yet. Do you? Have you heard? Oh by the way, ARE you living at home next year?

"Tell Mrs. So-and-so nope, no clue. I just want to be on some payroll somewhere sometime next year."

By Halloween we're already nervous. Asked so many times, it seems we should have our entire lives figured out. "Oh God, you're right, I DON'T have a job. What will I tell my family?"

It gets so we fear the holidays. Thanksgiving rolls around and cousins no longer ask but advise. "Maybe you should think of grad school or something." Christmas is no longer the season of joy but a day-long career counseling session. We count down the days to breaks, but cower at being prodded by aunts and investigated by uncles.

Our relatives make us prisoners in our own uncertainty.

Only after essentially every "adult" you know has posed the question do you feel like your fellow students catch the question bug.

There are two reasons why a student would ask another student about post-graduation plans: 1) He/She has a job. (Usually THE job; will either reside in New York or Chicago) or 2) He/She is desperate to know someone else is as clueless about the future.

But this question is not going to go away. It's unavoidable. We should simply escape the inquisition the easiest way possible: run. Just run away.

Imagine the confusion, imagine the sight: hundreds of men and women, dashing to and fro out on the quads. Dropping books, papers, everything to flee from the one question that haunts them day and night.

As soon as the words pass the questioner's lips, they scurry.

And the questioner is left standing confused.

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



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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"I think 18-year olds should be allowed to drink. You could get drafted and go lose your life, but you can't drink a beer?"

Steve Mitchell
Benchwarmer's owner on the underage drinking

"Being a racial minority is the only way a social disadvantage can be translated into an advantage to a top college or university."

Mitchell Stevens
professor of Hamilton College on admissions

"It's difficult to win games on the road when one player shoots more free throws than our entire team."

Mike Brey
ND men's basketball coach on forward Troy Murphy

"God gave you every advantage, and we have so much. We have to give ourselves up to give help to others."

Brian Hobbins
Senior co-captain of Bengal Bouts on supporting the benefit

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Students protest liberation of Kuwait, unjust

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. At 10:27 a.m., Nathaniel Howell, conference coordinator and former U.S. Ambassador to Kuwait, summoned police to the university after protesters stepped onto the stage, refused to leave and interrupted the conference, University of Virginia Police Department Lt. Mike Gibson said.

The Institute for Global Policy Research of the university sponsored the conference, held last weekend over two and a half days.

Conference organizers aimed to discuss the liberation of Kuwait and the aftermath of crises in the Gulf region, Howell said.

The conference focused only on the liberation of Kuwait, but did not address the concern that many



Iraqi citizens, namely children, are dying because of sanctions, said Nicholas Graber-Grace, protester and member of the Charlottesville Coalition to Lift Sanctions.

"The conference was not telling the entire story," Graber-Grace

said.

Protesters wanted to include speakers to address humanitarian issues resulting from the complete economic sanctions. But those speakers were not allowed in, said Pardew, one of the seven arrested.

Protesters walked silently into the auditorium carrying signs with photographs of dead Iraqi children on them. They assembled on stage behind Howell and waited quietly for a minute or two, she said.

Protesters began singing "Wake up; the children are crying, children of Iraq. Wake up; the children are dying, children of Iraq," she added.

After refusing to leave, protesters were arrested for trespassing and dragged off stage by police.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Castro offers degrees to Americans

CARBONDALE, Ill.

Cuban President Fidel Castro will pay for 500 American high school seniors to get a medical degree and invited university President James Walker to return to Cuba in two weeks to help them make the adjustment to life on the island nation. "He has asked that I will return within the next few weeks to provide assistance to him in terms of the way they are going to acclimate some American students into that American school," Walker said. Cuba recently opened a Latin American Medical School and Castro has extended 500 scholarships for U.S. students who want to pursue a medical degree. The scholarships, which will provide full expenses for six years, were given to 250 black students, Walker said. The other 250 were awarded to other minority students, including Hispanics and Native Americans. "And this is not just 500 students one year, this is 500 students every year," Walker said. Walker said even more important is ensuring that at the end of their six-year medical training, the students will be able

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

Nader rejects WTO, globalization

BALTIMORE

Consumer advocate and former Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader spoke on "The Problems and Consequences of Globalization" as part of the Symposium of Foreign Affairs Wednesday night at Johns Hopkins University. The lecture concentrated on the ills of corporate globalization and explored the ramifications of recent international trade agreements, including the World Trade Organization [WTO]. Nader also talked about globalization's effects on Third World human rights. "I think [globalization] has been subjected to more misinformation, more hype and more knee-jerking than any other issue," Nader said. "The descriptions (of the WTO) in the papers ... [show that] this is a battle between the 139 member nations to reach mutually agreeable sanctions." Nader disagreed with this view, saying that WTO courts dictate trade relations between nations based upon the least restrictive medium, which results in the lowering of environmental, consumer and worker rights standards in more developed nations.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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Wednesday	27	18
Thursday	35	21
Friday	37	21
Saturday	37	24
Sunday	41	27

NATIONAL WEATHER

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Members discuss interaction with Board of Trustees

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
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Student Body President-Elect Michelle Nagle and Vice President-Elect Kristin Matha made headway toward their goal of increasing the lines of communication between Saint Mary's students and the Board of Trustees this weekend, Nagle reported to the Board of Governance Monday.



Nagle

Nagle said students had previously approached her with concerns that groups such as the Board of Trustees were not listening to student opinion when it made its decisions.

She raised those concerns during the meeting of the Student Life Committee with the Board of Trustees.

"Just by mentioning these concerns, the Board members wanted to know what they could do right away," said Nagle. "The result was a meeting between six of the Trustees and about 20 students in Annunciata that night. They listened to every question that was asked."

The Trustees agreed to make an effort to meet with more students the next time they met on

campus, Nagle said.

"I told the Trustees that while student leaders do sit on these committees, the average student wants to be heard too, whether the Board can actually do something about that students concerns or not," said Nagle. "All the Board members at these meetings agreed that this was a very important concern."

Efforts will also be made to try to acquaint Trustees with other members of the student body and not just student leaders by bringing Trustees into the daily activities of students. Nagle said she hoped this would be accomplished by bringing the Trustees into the Dining Hall or residence halls.

Another concern for the newly elected student body president and vice president is where the Trustees are getting their information regarding issues and events on campus.

"A lot of the Trustees said that their main source of information is coming from The Observer," said Nagle. "One of our concerns is how to get the lines of communication open between the Trustees and what is going on campus other than having them read it in The Observer when they receive the paper several days after things have occurred."

Also discussed at the Board of Trustees meeting were the Masterplan and the construction of the new student center.

Currently, the cost of the student center is \$18 million but

efforts are being made to bring the cost down to \$15 million, said Allison Web, student activities board coordinator who also sits on the committee dealing with the Masterplan and the new student center. Web said the College has raised \$12 million and predicted the College will break ground on the new center in the summer of 2002.

"Right now, the student center is the first priority under the Masterplan," Web said.

Student Representative to the Board of Trustees Molly Kahn added that each stage of the building of the new student center would take 15 months, beginning with the overhaul of the Dining Hall.

It was also announced at the Board of Trustees meeting that instead of renovating Madeleva Hall, which would have cost more than \$9 million, a new building would be built to replace Madeleva.

In other news:

♦ Student Body President Crissie Renner and other members of the executive board met with College president Marilou Eldred to discuss concerns regarding "The Vagina Monologues."

"I wanted to meet with her in order to be able to clarify some of what she said in her e-mail she sent to the student body because I have received a flood of e-mails and phone calls from students asking me to clarify certain things she said in her e-mail," said Renner.

Eldred refused to clarify her e-mail for Renner.

"When we brought up 'The Vagina Monologues,' Dr. Eldred said she had no comment and that the issue had passed and it was over and she had nothing further to say," said Renner.

"I also asked her if there would be any repercussions for students who had participated in the reading of the 'Monologues' last week and she said she had no comment."

Renner advised members of the Board seeking clarification of Eldred's e-mail or if they had further questions to ask Eldred.

♦ Nagle, who also currently serves as coordinator of the Student Academic Council announced with Matha — who will take over as SAC coordinator — that letters for SAC nominations will be sent out on Feb. 28. In the past, only students were allowed to nominate fellow students to be representatives from their major on SAC. However, professors have been invited to nominate students this year.

"We want to make sure the students nominated will work with the professors too and this way it isn't a popularity contest," said Matha.

The increased cooperation and inclusion of professors may also serve as a valuable link as SAC attempts to return to its roots as a policy board rather than a programming board.

"We want to move beyond

planning only 'Major of the Week' activities and really have the SAC representatives connect with students in their major to find out what their concerns are so they can be addressed," said Nagle.

Another change to SAC will modify the notification process involving individuals receiving the most nominations for a position. In the past, nominated individuals would be sent a letter informing them that they were now part of SAC. The individual was never asked whether they wanted the position or not. This year, the individual who receives the most nominations to be a representative for their major will be asked whether they want the position.

"We want to ask them whether they want the position because we are trying to encourage the SAC representatives to take ownership of their position and to make them want to be a part of the committee they are sitting on," said Matha.

♦ "Choosing a Major" night will be held on Thursday in the Dining Hall from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Students will be able to meet with student representatives from each major and ask questions.

♦ Applications for positions on the 2001-2001 BOG are due March 2 in Haggar by noon. SAB applications are due March 1.

♦ Changeover for the BOG will take place at the March 26 meeting of the Board.

BENGAL BOUTS:


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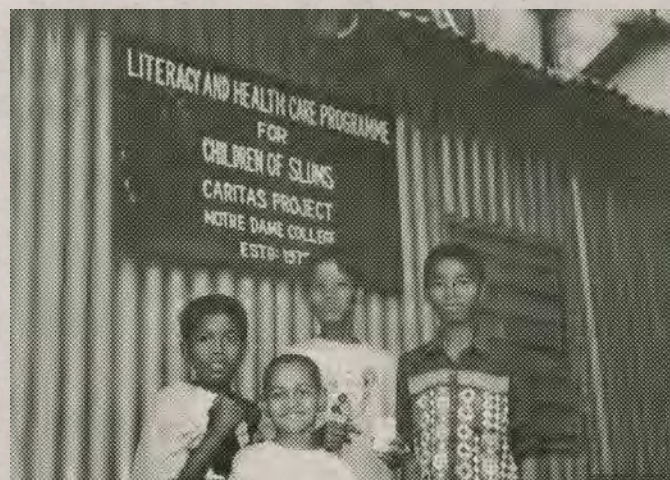
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Notre Dame opens LaFortune computer cluster 24 hours

By ALLY JAY
News Writer

In a move that should alleviate long, late night lines at Hesburgh and DeBartolo computer clusters, the LaFortune Computer Cluster has been made available 24 hours during the academic year.

In order to have access to the computer cluster after hours, students need only a code.

"All students need to get the code is to have a valid Notre

Dame, Saint Mary's, or Holy Cross ID and to show it to a student consultant. The student consultants can look up the code and tell the student," said Pamela Lay, manager of residential and campus cluster staffing.

The code can also be given out by the LaFortune business manager or by workers at NDEExpress.

"The numbers are high. We really have had no problems and people have been using the computers responsibly."

Mary Edington
director of student activities

According to Mary Edington, acting director of student activities, the plans for having the LaFortune computer cluster open 24 hours began last

year. "The main problem was securing the equipment," explained Edington. "This summer they embarked on attempts to secure the equipment, but this past fall with the reorganization of OIT, it fell through the cracks."

Over Christmas break Edington again began working with OIT to coordinate the opening of a 24-hour cluster at LaFortune. Since the second week of the spring semester the computer was officially available 24 hours a day.

"It's going well and being used a lot at night. The numbers are high. We really have had no problems and people have been using the computers responsibly," said Edington.

Student response has also been positive, according to freshman Daniese Allen.

"Before break, I had to wait quite awhile for the computers to print something out. Now that I know LaFortune is open later, I'll go later instead of waiting to get in before it closes."

Lecturer suggests self-evaluation

By KIMBERLY SPRINGER
News Writer

Developing the spirit is first and foremost the most important process in a person's life when striving to expand and enrich the relationship with God as well as with others according to Sister Barbara Fiand in her lecture entitled "Spirituality: Our Quest for God."

"Spirituality precedes religion and theology. It's the root of our quest for meaning when religion runs dry... and theology gets boring. Spirituality always remains because our inner hunger [for God] never goes away," said Fiand, research professor of spirituality at the Institute of Pastoral Studies Loyola University.

According to Fiand, "Spirituality encompasses our relationship to everything... [it] permeates our life, even unconsciously." In addition, "we all live our personal story that is part of a wider familial, cultural, and sexual myth, which when made conscious, we can either accept or reject them...we can critique them," said Fiand.

Open criticism and open dialogue is necessary for a deep and functional spirituality. Because of the level of education that Notre Dame students have been afforded since Vatican II, the level of thinking and scholarship enables students to explore personal spirituality inquisitively.

"Critique is the way in which we challenge each other to grow... [and] we live in an age where critique is not only possible but mandatory for the intellectual spiritual life," Fiand said.

Due to the mandatory need for critique, the necessity to understand our spirituality follows. Fiand outlined two paradigms used to explain four questions either directly or indirectly related to spirituality. First, who is my God, the source of my existence? Second, who am I? Next, how am I related to God, what is the source of evil and sin, and how am I to understand virtue? And last, how can I be liberated from evil and sin and escape from this alienation?

The first paradigm and most accepted, is based on Neo-Platonic Augustinianism and is a model of military obedience. "The language of redemp-

tion is that of paying the price for our sins, restoring us to grace," said Fiand of this first model.

The second paradigm focuses on God as love in which Fiand said this love comes from a deliberate effort of the individual to examine his or her own life and to then compare it to the life of Christ.

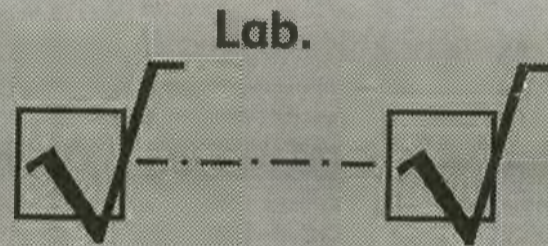
"God breaks out in diversity and creation and the human being is the image and beloved of God," she said.

To reach redemption through this model of thought, one must walk the road Jesus walked.

The key according to Fiand is to bring the two paradigms together to reap the benefits of a healthy spirit in contemporary society.

"We often live in one paradigm but desire the other. We need to align the two... [and] claim out spirituality for the 21st century," said Fiand.

Off-Campus voting will be held on Wednesday February 28 from 9:00am-5:00pm outside the DeBartolo Computer Lab.



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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Moldovans vote for Communism:

Communists held a strong lead Monday in parliamentary elections that looked likely to bring the poor former Soviet republic closer into Russia's orbit. The Communist Party and others that favor closer ties with Moscow were forecast to do best in the vote, which was precipitated by a deadlock on choosing a new president.

World's tallest Buddha to be razed:

Afghanistan's hardline Taliban rulers ordered the destruction Monday of all statues, including a giant 5th century Buddha that is said to be the world's tallest of its kind. The order came from the Taliban's supreme leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar, who issued an edict declaring statues, including the ancient Buddhas, as insulting to Islam.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Man shoots ex-wife in Guam clinic:

A gunman fatally shot his estranged wife and another woman at a medical clinic before being mortally wounded by police. Four others were wounded. Peter Aguon Maguadog was armed with two handguns Monday as he made his way through the Seventh Day Adventist Clinic, where his wife worked and where he was once employed, police spokesman Officer A.J. Balajadia said. The couple had been going through divorce proceedings, Balajadia said.

Florida boat collision kills one:

A ferry in heavy fog collided early Monday with a smaller boat about 15 miles from Marco Island, killing one person and injuring two others aboard the smaller craft, authorities said. The Atlantis, a 116-foot ferry, was making its regular run from Fort Myers Beach to Key West when it collided with the 22-foot pleasure craft in the waters off southwestern Florida.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Search over for drowned man:

Police suspended a search Saturday for a man who apparently drowned after his pickup truck ended up in the St. Joseph River. An off-duty South Bend police officer told investigators she heard a man yelling for help about 9:30 a.m. and saw him hanging onto the rear of the truck as it began to submerge. Cpl. Britton Shupert, who lives near the scene, said she followed the man along the river until he was swept away. "The current was taking him so fast," she said. "It would have taken me, too, or anyone else who went in."

KUWAIT



AFP Photo

Children dressed as Allied soldiers help celebrate the ten year anniversary of Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait. Kuwait had refrained from celebrating earlier anniversaries out of respect for missing soldiers.

Kuwait celebrates liberation day

Associated Press

KUWAIT

To the beats of military bands and folk songs, Kuwaitis paraded on foot and on floats along the seaside corniche, remembering the day 10 years ago when the Persian Gulf War ended a seven-month Iraqi occupation.

Ten thousand people participated in the first such large-scale celebration organized by the government since the war's end. They lined the two-mile stretch of road between al-Seef palace, the seat of government, and Flag Square, where

festivities began Sunday in the presence of former President Bush — Kuwait's hero for assembling the Gulf War coalition.

"This is the day our nightmare ended," said Maryam Ibrahim, 37. Her three boys were in fatigues and her daughter wore a tutu in black, white, green and red — the colors of Kuwait's flag.

"They were all born after the war, and I wanted them to experience what we felt on liberation day," Ibrahim said.

On one float, a girl dressed like a bride, signifying a free Kuwait, sat in

a miniature al-Seef palace. Another showed a closed fist, a sign of resolve against Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's continued threats.

Kuwait has resisted gala anniversaries for a decade out of respect for its war missing. Kuwait accuses Baghdad of still holding about 600 people. Iraq insists it has released all war prisoners. The Kuwaiti government decided to part with tradition this year because the 10th liberation anniversary falls just one day after another big anniversary — 40 years of Kuwaiti independence from Britain.

"Without the POWs, all of this doesn't mean anything to me," said Walid al-Shuaibi, a 22-year-old college student watching the parade. "I came here just to see the yellow flag of the missing waving among the other flags."

Al-Shuaibi said his brother died in Iraqi custody and his cousin was among the missing.

Fireworks lit the night sky over Kuwait City as Kuwaitis drove along the corniche tooting, waving Kuwaiti and American flags and occasionally stopping in the middle of the road to get out and dance.

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Media tours Greeneville sister sub

Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR

It's not hard to see how 16 civilian visitors crowded into the cramped control room of the nuclear submarine USS Greeneville could have confused, if not disrupted, critical operations.

What happened Feb. 9 will come under close scrutiny when a rare Navy court of inquiry begins next week into the Greeneville's sinking of a Japanese fishing vessel off Honolulu during an emergency surfacing drill.

As a prelude to the March 5 hearings, Navy officers on Sunday gave the

media a tour of the USS Columbia, the Greeneville's sister Los Angeles-class submarine.

Lt. Cmdr. John Mosier, one of two escort officers leading seven journalists on the tour, ended up crawling across the three helm position seats to lead the group into the adjacent sonar room.

Although the control room is about 15-by-12 feet, much of that space is occupied by side-by-side periscopes, two navigation tables, a three-seat helm position, a chief of the watch position, a four-seat fire control station and an officer-of-the-deck position.

Columbia's sonar room — essentially a hallway with four work stations — usually holds two trained sonarman and a supervisor. The Greeneville's sonar room was staffed with a trainee, a trained sonarman and a supervisor when it performed an emergency surfacing drill as a demonstration for VIP guests Feb. 9, the National Safety and Transportation Board said.

The 6,900 ton submarine surfaced under the 500-ton Ehime Maru, ripping the fishing vessel's hull open and sinking it within minutes.

Twenty-six people were rescued, but nine, including four high school boys, are presumed dead.

Election

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our class," said presidential candidate Mandy Brettbacher. "We worked really hard on our campaign and tried to meet and speak with as many students we could."

Receiving 29.7 percent of the votes was the Jablonski-Diehl/Janke ticket. The Mahoney/McGraw ticket received 21.8 percent of the votes with the Harrison/McLaughlin ticket receiving 15.8 percent.

The Brettbacher/Hall ticket and the Jablonski-Diehl/Janke ticket will face off in a run-off on Wednesday.

"It will be a tough run-off," said Brettbacher, "but we are ready to campaign and are excited about the whole process."

The turnout among freshmen was exceptionally high as

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Nickey Prezioso
elections commissioner

nearly half of the freshman class participated in the election.

"Forty-nine percent of the freshmen voted, which is an awesome voter turnout," said Nicky Prezioso, elections commissioner. "The candidates did a great job campaigning and really helped to

increase voter awareness and participation."

Of the three tickets running for the senior class, the Meyer/Houser ticket received the most support with 37.6 percent of the votes. Facing them in a run-off on Wednesday will be the Weldon/Crawford ticket, which had 34.4 percent of the vote.

"We're very enthusiastic and surprised at the results," said senior vce presidential candidate Michelle Houser.

"We are going to try our best to continue campaigning, but both tickets for the run-off are great tickets. Either way

the election goes it will be a great senior year," said Houser.

Taking the remainder of the votes was the Kuhen/James ticket with 17.5 percent.

There was the most interest and response in the senior class election.

"Fifty-six percent of the junior class voted which is incredible," said Prezioso. "It's great to see such enthusiasm and participation in the upcoming senior class."

Run-off elections will be Wednesday for the freshmen and seniors and all class officers will begin their terms April 1.

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he said.

Father Mark Poorman is interested in receiving student feedback on parietals, said Kevin Berchou, chair of the Senate Residence Life Committee that drafted the ballot issue. Berchou said

although senate initiatives do not need administrative backing. Poorman, Notre Dame's vice president for student affairs, recently approved the referendum.

The judicial council will oversee counting of referendum votes Wednesday, but Berchou said he is not sure if the body will release results that night.

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Bush faces first major test in office

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush goes before the nation Tuesday night with his first major challenge: sell a program of tax cuts that Americans are lukewarm about and spending cuts that many won't like.

It would be a tough assignment for any president, but this new leader has hurdles all his own. Elected without a clear mandate, Bush gets only mid-

dling marks for his public speaking, has yet to build enough support in Congress and has had to make his arguments heard in the midst of the din over the Clinton pardons, a spy scandal, a White House shooting and an airstrike against Iraq.

"Hopefully, all the focus on the past is over with," the president said at a Cabinet meeting Monday. "It's time to move forward and (Tuesday) night's speech is part of moving forward."

The cornerstone of the joint address to Congress, which aides said would last about 45 minutes, will be Bush's pitch for a \$1.6 trillion tax cut over 10 years. He is buffeted on all sides — from Democratic partisans who say it's too big, GOP activists who say it's too small and voters who put a higher priority on debt reduction and certain spending programs.

A poll released by the Pew Research Center last week indicated that voters narrowly support Bush's tax plan — 43 percent in favor, 34 percent opposed — with voters in favor of shoring up Social Security or paying for domestic programs rather than tax cuts.

Bush must convince voters they can have it all: lower taxes, lower public debt and bigger budgets for education, environment and other popular programs.

"With a \$5.6 trillion surplus, we do have room for a lot of options," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said Monday.

Bush rarely stressed debt reduction on the campaign trail, in part because his massive tax-cut package didn't leave room for reducing red ink under economic conditions at the time.

But surplus projections have ballooned. And the Congressional Budget Office estimates that up to \$800 billion of the \$3.4 trillion in publicly held debt cannot be retired in the next decade because it is in savings bonds or treasury bills that do not come due soon or are held by foreign governments.

Bush will be able to promise the fastest, largest debt reduction in history: \$2 trillion over 10 years, aides said Monday.

Court upholds state abortion regulations

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court, allowing new state restrictions on abortion on Monday, let stand a 27-page book of regulations for South Carolina abortion clinics that doctors there characterized as an attempt to undermine abortion rights.

Lawyers for four doctors who perform most of the state's abortions immediately asked a lower federal court to temporarily prevent the rules from taking effect.

Otherwise, the doctors will be unable to perform abortions until they meet the licensing requirements, which could take months, said Margie Kelly, spokeswoman for the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy, which represented the doctors.

"It is a much more subtle form of discrimination against abortion but as significant as any anti-abortion tactic that has come down the pike in the last decade," Kelly said.

"These are new burdens just based on the fact that the state opposes abortion. These are political motivations, not health motivations."

South Carolina Attorney General Charles Condon praised the Supreme Court for applying common sense and called the court's action a victory for state's rights.

"These reasonable health and safety regulations will continue to stand. South Carolina should be run by South Carolinians, not federal bureaucrats or federal courts," Condon said in a statement issued by his office.

Condon's spokesman, Robb McBurney, said the state will try to put the regulations in force quickly. He would not speculate on whether the doctors might get a grace period to comply with the rules.

"That's something that will have to be addressed when it comes up," McBurney said.

"Our position is that this case has gone on for some time" already.

The Supreme Court's action is not a ruling on the merits of the doctors' claims, and the justices could consider similar challenges to health regulations on abortions in 17 states.

A narrow majority of the conservative-led court favors a woman's basic right to end her pregnancy, but the Supreme Court has allowed some restrictions on access to the procedure, such as 24-hour waiting periods.

In its last major abortion ruling, the court voted 5-4 last year to limit dramatically states' powers to ban a type of late-term procedure that opponents call the "partial-birth" abortion.

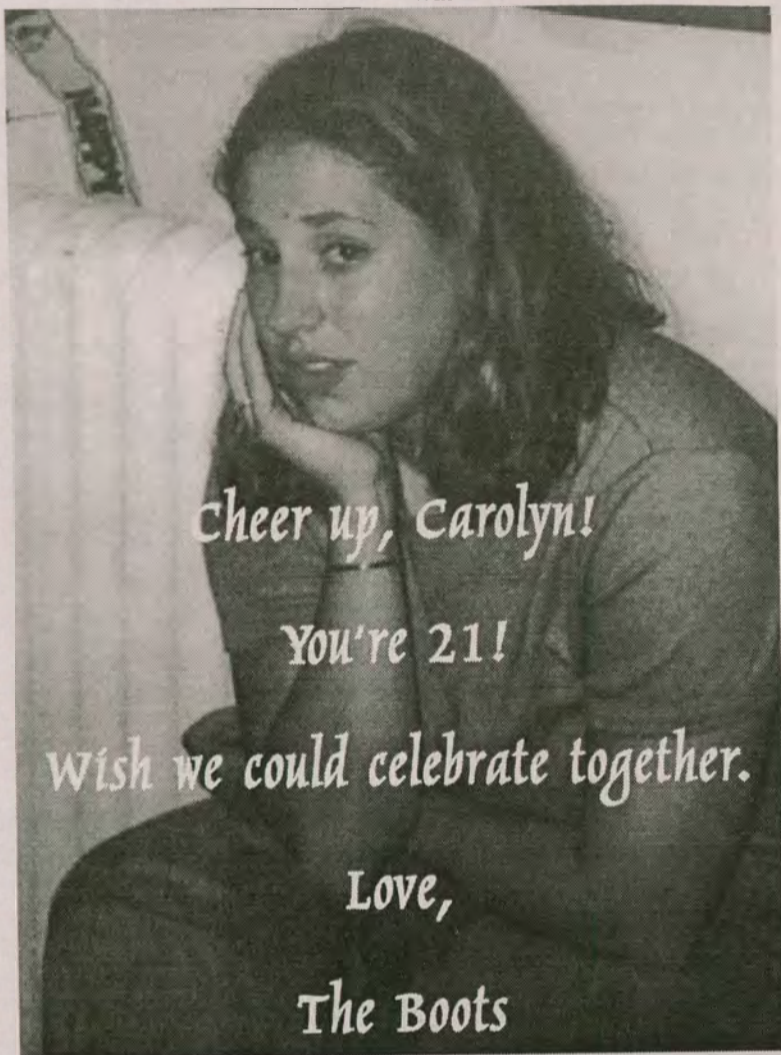
The South Carolina rules, which govern elements as basic as the training of clinic workers and as minute as the width of office doors, are medically pointless and treat early-term abortions differently from other similarly low-risk medical procedures, the doctors argued.

Abortion-rights activists said they especially object to the blanket nature of the regulations, which apply equally to doctors performing surgical abortions and those dispensing the newly approved drug RU-486.

To comply, doctors said they would have to make expensive changes to their offices and procedures that would raise the cost of abortions significantly.

South Carolina authorities responded that the regulations are similar to national standards for abortion practices, and one of the clinics that fought the rules has already complied with most of them.

"This regulation does not look to strike at a woman's right to choose whether to have an abortion," lawyers for the state said in their legal papers. "Rather, these regulations look to protect the health of women who seek abortions."



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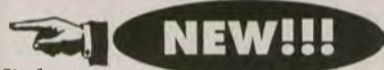
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Today we tend to speak more of service than works. To be a follower of Jesus means to seek to serve those who are most in need. Notre Dame has been at the heart of an explosion of Catholic service projects, from the Holy Cross Associates and the Jesuit Volunteer Corps to ACE. Volunteerism is a common American theme as well. In these same thirty years in which Catholic service projects have grown, so have other non-religious projects such as Americorps, the Peace Corps and Habitat for Humanity.

Volunteering and doing good to others is very much a part of the American way of life. However, there is a very important difference between civic volunteerism and Christian service. As Christians there is a reflective and spiritual dimension to service. Through the eyes of faith, Christians see Christ in those whom we seek to serve. "When I was hungry, you gave me to eat....what you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do to me" (Matthew 25) In serving others we

serve the Lord. Christian reflection also leads us to seek a more just economic and social order so that poverty will be less common. Finally, as Christians at the service of others we do not focus on pride in our accomplishments or on what we get out of the experience but on the changes that Christ works in us through our attempts to serve. We often leave an experience of service humbled and with a greater awareness of God's plan to use each of us for the good of all of us. This is the heart of the Gospel: That we imitate Christ. His Kingdom is made real through the love and sacrifice we do for one another just as he has done for us.

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Why do Catholics place so much emphasis on service?

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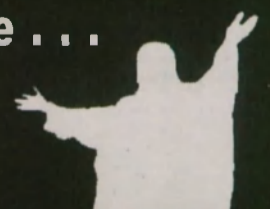
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Mormons release freed slave records

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
The Mormon Church published records Monday from the post-Civil War Freedman's Bank for newly freed slaves, making ancestral records available for as many as 12 million black Americans.

The records have been available for years through the National Archives but not in organized form. The church, formally the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, spent 11 years, with help from volunteer Utah state inmates, extracting and linking the 480,000 names contained in the records.

The result is a searchable database on compact disk which includes information such as family names, birth locations and names of former slave owners.

"These records can provide clues for an estimated 8 to 10 million African American descendants living today who might want to research their family histories," said Elder Lionel Kendrick, a church official.

The church began the project when an employee discovered the existence of the original microfilm records. At that time, no one had undertaken the long process of extracting the

documents into one database.

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, a Texas Democrat, said, "For too long, African-American history was embodied in untruth. We were not given an opportunity for truth."

The Freedman's Savings and Trust Company was established through a congressional charter in 1865 — the same year the Civil War ended — to help former slaves with their new financial responsibilities. With 37 branch offices in 17 states, the bank had deposits totaling more than \$57 million before it collapsed in 1874 because of mismanagement and fraud.

What survived, however, were meticulous bank documents recording the names and family relationships of account holders.

One application for former slave lists the name of his former plantation, age, complexion, children, place of birth and occupation. It also lists the names of siblings who were sold away during slavery.

"The records created by the bank are a rich source of documentation," said Reginald Washington, an archivist with the National Archives and Records Administration.

Still, the discovery of the documents poses prickly questions for the nation.

When the bank closed, about 61,000 account holders were eligible to receive money. Less than 30,000 former slaves ever recovered their money and even then, most received just over half of what they were actually owed, Washington said.

Jackson Lee said it was premature to say whether there would be legislation to compensate the former account holders. Instead, she said she hoped to first have a review of the bank's records and operations.

Jewish descendants of the Holocaust have sued several European countries in recent years over decades-old bank accounts and other property confiscated by Adolf Hitler's Germany and European collaborators.

The Freedman's Bank had branches in Huntsville and Mobile, Ala.; Little Rock, Ark.; Washington, D.C.; Tallahassee, Fla.; Atlanta, Augusta and Savannah, Ga.; Lexington and Louisville, Ky.; New Orleans and Shreveport, La.; Baltimore, Columbus, Natchez and Vicksburg, Miss.; St. Louis; New York; New Bern, Raleigh and Wilmington, N.C.; Philadelphia; Beaufort and Charleston, S.C.; Memphis and Nashville, Tenn.; Lynchburg, Norfolk and Richmond, Va.

The Mormon church has maintained a massive genealogical database since 1894, originally to assist church members in tracing their family histories. The collection today is the largest of its kind. The church also plans to release a searchable database of the 1880 Census.

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Lionel Kendrick
church official

Report shows Gore gained only 49 votes

Associated Press

MIAMI

A media-sponsored review of 10,644 uncounted ballots in Miami-Dade County gave Al Gore just 49 additional votes, but Democrats challenged the suggestion that the numbers showed he would have lost Florida and the presidency had the votes been tallied.



Gore

The results published Monday were the first in a statewide ballot review carried out by an accounting firm hired by The Miami Herald, USA Today and Herald owner Knight Ridder.

The firm reviewed ballots that were not counted by machines in the initial statewide count — the so-called undervote — and used the most lenient method of interpreting voter intent on the punchcard ballots.

The review suggests that Gore would not have gained enough votes in Miami-Dade to overtake George W. Bush's statewide lead of 930 votes certified on Nov. 17 — even combined with votes the former vice president gained during hand recounts in Broward, Palm Beach and Volusia counties. Gore had request manual recounts in all four counties.

"We've never thought it's been in doubt," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. "The overwhelming majority

of the American people have moved on. This election has been resolved a long time ago."

State Democratic Party spokesman Tony Welch discounted the Miami-Dade review.

"The problem is putting any significance on anything other than the full count," he said. "I feel like I'm in the same position as election night, when the networks took a little bit of information and tried to extrapolate when it's impossible to do so."

The Herald, which initially reviewed only uncounted ballots, is now looking at ballots in which a voter indicated a preference for more than one candidate, the overvote.

Separately, a research firm hired by several news organizations, including The Associated Press, The Washington Post and The New York Times, is reviewing 180,000 Florida ballots that did not register a vote for president during machine counts. Those results are pending.

The critical decision to reject late-arriving recounts was made by Secretary of State Katherine Harris, co-chair of the Bush campaign in Florida. She said she would not accept recount results after a Nov. 14 deadline set by state law.

Only Volusia County completed its recount by the deadline, resulting in 98 net votes for Gore. When Harris announced those totals, Bush led by 300 votes, and on Nov. 17, after overseas ballots were counted, she certified Bush's victory margin as 930 votes.

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Reconciling science and religion

One issue that never goes away is the alleged conflict between science and religion. Back in 1997 it even drew the attention of Homer and Lisa Simpson in a satire featuring the voice and character of scientist Stephen Jay Gould.

The controversy continues, with its focus on "Intelligent Design" scientists, such as William Dembski of Baylor and Jonathan Wells of the Discovery Institute, who claim, in Dembski's words, "that intelligent causes are necessary to explain the complex, information-rich structures of biology, and that these causes are empirically detectable. ... Intelligent Design is theologically minimalist. It detects intelligence without speculating about the nature of the intelligence."

As Wells put it, "people make scientific design inferences ... whenever ... we infer that words in the sand at the beach were produced by design rather than by accidental movements of the waves."

According to Wells, "Darwinists insist that design is unscientific [because] design in living things would have to be the work of God, and God is beyond the reach of natural science."

"Science must recognize," said John Paul II, "its inability to reach the existence of God: it can neither affirm nor deny His existence. ... However, we must not [conclude] that scientists ... are unable to find valid reasons for admitting the existence of God. ... The scientist ... can discover in the world reasons for affirming a Being which surpasses it."

"Man is capable of knowing God by reason alone ... even though indirectly and

not immediately," wrote John Paul II.

Can we really know from reason that there must always have been in existence an eternal being, who always was and who had no beginning? Yes. The alternative is that there was a time when there was nothing in existence. But if there was ever a time when there was nothing, there could never be anything. This we know from the self-evident principle of sufficient reason that whatever exists must have a sufficient reason for its existence.

As Thomas Aquinas put it, "That which does not exist only begins to exist through something already existing. Therefore, if at one time nothing was in existence, it would have been impossible for anything to have begun to exist, and thus even now nothing would be in existence which is absurd."

Think about this as you walk across the campus, drive your car or whatever. It can change your life. The film version of The Sound of Music had it right: "Nothing comes from nothing, nothing ever could." There must have always existed, from all eternity, without any beginning, a necessary being — God — from whom beings that began to be received their existence.

Similarly, if you stopped at a train crossing as the lights flashed and the gates came down and the only thing that went by was an empty freight car, you would wonder what was making it move. As Aquinas said, "whatever is in motion must be put in motion by another [which] also must needs be put in motion by another, and that by another again. But this cannot go on to infinity." At the head of the series of movers there must be a being that is itself unmoved and that is the source of all movement. This prime mover is God.

Reason can also tell us that there always was, and is, an uncaused first cause of everything that is caused. It is self-evident that every effect must have a cause. But that cause in turn must be the

effect of another cause, and so on. But this, too, cannot go on to infinity. There must be a first cause that is not caused by anything else and that contains in itself the sufficient reason for its existence. That first, uncaused cause is God.

Apart from the Intelligent Design controversy, would you believe it if I told you that I got my watch by buying all the watch parts, putting them in a bag, shaking the bag and then reaching into the bag and pulling out the watch? On the contrary, the watch was obviously designed by an intelligent designer. How much more so with the human body, the world and the universe.

Through our reason, therefore, we can know with certainty that there always was — and is — God. We can go on to know through reason that God is one, spiritual, personal, all-perfect, etc. It is unreasonable not to believe in God. One who denies the existence of God must be prepared to say that an endless chain of movers is possible without a prime mover, that an infinite chain of causes is conceivable without an uncaused first cause, that something can come from nothing and that the workings of the human brain can occur without an intelligent designer.

"The marvellous 'book of nature,'" said John Paul II in Faith & Reason, "when read with the proper tools of human reason, can lead to knowledge of the Creator." In abandoning the "basic rules" of reason, "the human being ... ends up in the condition of 'the fool.' ... When he claims that 'God does not exist' ... he shows ... how deficient his knowledge is and just how far he is from the full truth, of things, their origin and their destiny."

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Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Political correctness taken too far

It has become obvious to me that political correctness is running rampant and out of control in the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community. The "Vagina Monologues" controversy was just the tip of the iceberg. Here's the event that drove home the point for me: O'Neill had its annual Mardi Gras celebration. This celebration is revered by residents of my dorm as a chance to cut loose — and as a weekend where political correctness has no place.

Four days before the big event, we were shocked to find out that the T-shirts that had been made especially for the event had been confiscated by our rector. The T-shirts in question had the slogan "Show Us Something!" on the back, with a picture of a large beaver wearing a Mardi Gras hat and beads.

Subtle? No. Classy? Hardly. But the design had been approved by the notoriously hard to please Student Activities Office and given to the T-shirt maker.

I submit that political correctness has gone way too far at this school. Things that are meant to be humorous should be taken

as such, not be subject to arbitrary censorship for fear that they might, in theory, offend someone. Anyone not mature enough to recognize the light-heartedness with which the T-shirt was intended probably is not mature enough to attend this school. And if we as students accept and allow censorship of even the most trivial materials, we run the risk of complacency when materials of a more serious nature are censored. The Saint Mary's administration has already done so with a valid and important piece of theatre and we cannot afford to sit by and let it happen to anything else.

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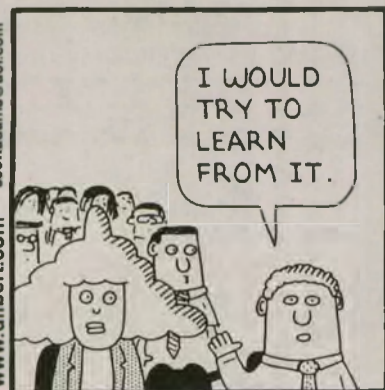
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The aim of a joke is not to degrade the human being but to remind him that he is already degraded."

George Orwell
author

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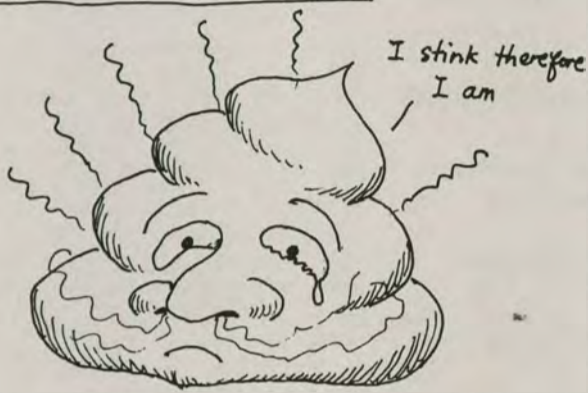
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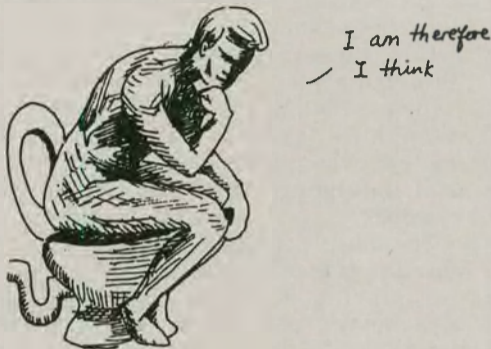
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The only choice is life

This letter is in response to the Feb. 22 letter, "Remove the Trojan horse."

A wise man was once asked, "If you could have one wish, what would it be?" The man replied, "I would restore words to their original meanings."

We live in a world where there is currently an explosion of misnomers. In light of this, we must replace the misnomers with words that actually present what they represent. It is time for our nation and our world to look beyond the self-serving linguistic formulae of the "pro-choicers," whose first misnomer is the collective name with which they refer to themselves.

"Pro-choice" — ignorance abounds in that terminology; morally, there can be no "choice" in deciding whether to have an abortion. We cannot choose a course of action which is morally unacceptable. That is not a theological dictate, it is a premise of philosophy. "We must do good and avoid evil." There is only one course of action that is congruous with gospel values, and this is to choose life!

Furthermore, the tireless use of euphemisms by the "pro-choicers" is so worthless that it arouses moral indignation among the rest of us — that is, those who are engaged in a search for truth in our own moral journeys. Their name itself is a euphemism. What they advocate is abortion, not choice. And to abort is to impinge upon God's omnipotence as author of life.

The letter that appeared last week in The Observer was no different. Bashing the Knights of Columbus for their memorial to unborn children outside of the Basilica, this letter was full of misnomers and euphemisms. However, the author's primary offenses against truth were the numerous, sweeping and libelous accusations against pro-lifers and "specifically the Knights of Columbus."

We fail to see how our memorial to the innocent victims of abortion was insensitive, deliberately manipulative or contributive to the current backlash against women. Frankly, we aren't even aware of any specific backlash against women. The ambiguity and generalizing in the accusation — of the existence of and our contribution to this backlash — serves suitably to demonstrate the libel contained in all of the accusations in the aforementioned letter.

If our monument is manipulative, we hope that it manipulates in a manner which causes women and men to recognize that abortion is an abominable crime against the sanctity of life. You also accused the Knights of Columbus (and therefore all who embrace the culture of life) of abusing women, forcing them into a mold of baby-killers and close-mindedness (sic).

Let all people of good will hear us: We denounce these charges, and wish to tell you just what we are about. The Knights of Columbus is an organization dedicated to charity, fraternity, unity and patriotism. We are a family-oriented organization, coming to the aid of widows and orphans is our primary task. With Mother Theresa of Calcutta as our model and The Blessed Virgin Mary as our patroness, we say this: If you don't want your baby, give it to us. We will find it

a home. The Knights of Columbus is a service organization, a brotherhood of Catholic gentlemen at the service of the Church and who are loyal to the Holy Father — the vicar of Christ.

The letter pleads for someone to teach "rationality, sensitivity and analysis." We, as Knights of Columbus, do this by serving the gospel. The letter claims that these things are forsaken, "for some absolute moralistic right." Rationality, sensitivity and analysis do not controvert moral absolutes; rather, they lead us to them. Rational thought is the only vehicle to the truth, which is a synthesis of every moral absolute we can define — through our rational thought, sensitivity and analysis. We wish all people would look at both sides of the matter, as you accuse us of the omission of such careful investigation. Then you would see the truth.

Our monument to the innocent victims of abortion was carefully selected and designed to bring a level of decorum to the matter of memorializing the innocent victims of abortion — the holy innocents, if you will. The Knights of Columbus have hatred and disgust for no human person. Knights vow to serve God with charity, to live out our fundamental human vocation to love all people. We have not in any way attempted to victimize the women who have already been victimized by a society which permits and commercializes abortion.

We know that abortion is a business. Abortion counselors are trained to work on a woman's weakness from the moment she enters the clinic door. The counselors find out what is driving the woman to abort and they magnify it, telling the woman how much trouble it is to have a baby.

Our hope is that the image of the Mother and Child erected outside the Basilica will serve as a beacon of hope for the women who regret forsaking their baby. We want to show them that one day, they may be reunited with that child, and that "With [the Lord] is found forgiveness: For this we revere [Him] ... because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption ..." (Psalm 130). We want to spread a message of love.

We must be mindful of what Jesus tells us, "Be on your guard! If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive." (Luke 17:3).

Thus, we embrace all of our brothers and sisters who have suffered as a result of abortion. We pray for them daily, and we ask God that our prayers might also serve as a vehicle to convert hearts and end abortion forever. Lastly, we wish to end with a suggestion for the "pro-life" contingent here on campus and throughout the world. Pray the pious invocation of the apostles which followed Jesus admonition to forgive, "The apostles said to the Lord, Increase our faith!" (Luke 17:5). Pray it over and over, until your hearts are converted.

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Response to rhetoric

This letter is in response to two letters from yesterday's edition of The Observer.

Recently, I was having a discussion with a friend of mine who enjoys inventing adjectives. His most recent creation was extremely dirty, and I jokingly told him that I would probably want to slap anyone who could be described by that word. It's a strong reaction, but that's the power of language.

I put the incident out of my mind, until I read Nathaniel Hannan's response to the letter regarding the statue donated by the Knights of Columbus. I was reminded of the earlier incident because, as I read the letter, I became increasingly shocked by its vehement and self-righteous tone, and this reminded me once again of the power language has over all of us.

In what I consider to be a theologically questionable and rhetorically blatant statement, Hannan asserts, "If abortion is a justifiable choice, then [women who had abortions] should not be concerned with our reminding them that God thinks otherwise. If, however, their alarm at our memorial comes from the deep sense that they have done something horrible, then our memorial has served its purpose."

First, on the theological note, I am always interested to know what sort of personal divine experience a person who asserts, "God thinks ..." has had. A more accurate statement would be, for instance, "Based on Scripture passage x, Church teaching y, and logical reason z, the Catholic Church teaches ..." I don't think this revision is too much to ask.

But this theological misstep was not as serious or as grievous to me as the rhetorical dimension of Hannan's letter. Its purpose was not to persuade people to accept the Knights' reasons for donating the statue or even to explain it in any kind of coherent fashion. Its purpose was to offend those who do not agree with him.

Such passages as the one cited above and the one about, "the excommunication that they inflicted upon themselves by having an abortion" belies an intention to alienate, not to accept back into the Church, those who have made the decision to have an abortion. After such statements, the statement, "We welcome them with open arms" rings quite hollow. I would like to think that Hannan just feels strongly about the issue and that somehow he was typing faster than he was thinking but a harsh and unforgiving intention seems to lie behind his words.

He (and all of us) need to be conscious of the powerful tool (or weapon) we wield in the form of language. It has the power to alienate as well as to embrace and consequently there are responsible and irresponsible uses of it. Whether he wanted to or not, Hannan's letter reflected on both the Knights and the Catholic Church (who to be sure never authorized such an utterance) and made them look unforgiving and hostile, which the Church patently is not.

So where am I going with this? Yesterday's Gospel reading was the one about complaining about the speck in your neighbor's eye but not noticing the log in your own. Abortion is certainly a serious issue, but the Church's and society's attitudes toward it and utterances regarding it are no less so. If Hannan and the Knights are truly concerned about reconciling women who have had abortions back to the Church (a supposition I regard as dubious at best, but with which I am willing to indulge them), they need to be conscious of the attitude they project and the language they use when speaking about abortion.

Are they giving lip service to forgiveness and reconciliation, while sending a rhetorical message of condemnation? In Hannan's letter, yes. But I hope to see him and those like him embrace an attitude more like that of Bill Fusz, whose thoughtful letter on the same subject I found very encouraging. For a dialogue of forgiveness and reconciliation to occur, all involved need to remove the tone of blame and moral condemnation from out language, and to realize that we could be similarly condemned for any one of our faults.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Minus RHCP help, Frusciante's solo attack fails

By GEOFFREY RAHIE
Scene Music Critic

John Frusciante is certainly a man with some notable musical and life experiences. As a budding guitarist with the Red Hot Chili Peppers he played on one of the most important rock albums of the '90s, Blood Sugar Sex

Magik. Then Frusciante started to dabble in hardcore drugs. He quit the Peppers, and put out some weird solo albums. Fast-forward to 1999: Frusciante gets his act together, records a huge album with the Peppers in Californication, and officially announces to the music world that he is back.

To Record Only Water for Ten Days is Frusciante's latest solo effort, covering 15 songs in a little over 40 minutes.

One would think that Frusciante's latest success and sobriety would produce a thoughtful, exciting release. Instead, the guitarist offers a self-indulgent, pretentious record.

The most surprising aspect of this disc is that Frusciante's guitar playing is anything but remarkable. This might not come as much of a surprise to some fans after hearing his progression from Blood Sugar Sex Magik to Californication. On that album his arsenal of effects seemed to mysteriously vanish as his former funk-filled solos became watered-down attempts at dirty modern rock.

The work on To Record falls even below the level of Californication. Simplistic guitar figures make the songs impossible to decipher one from another and the melodies are all easily forgettable.

However, the musical accompaniment is not the worst part of the record. That distinction is reserved for the annoying lyrics that litter the album.

Coupled with Frusciante's terribly weak voice, the lyrical sub-

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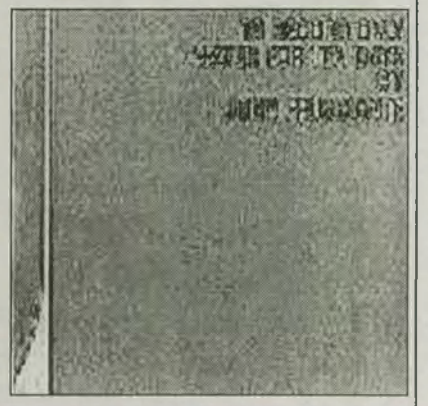


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Sober and back on his feet, John Frusciante's latest solo album unfortunately does not reflect the growth he has attained in life.

stance is simply terrible. Frusciante must be trying to be an artsy coffee shop fellow with all of his cute little phrases. "I'm crowded when I'm gone," "Let the pretend take over" and "Soon the hills will swallow us up" are just some of the juicy nuggets that lead to the conclusion that Frusciante wrote these lyrics while being abducted by aliens. Frusciante tries too hard not to be cheesy and just ends up making non-sensical trash.

Frusciante should be commended for his ambition, and he does show off an ability to layer various keyboards on top of his guitars.

However, his aptitude with the other instruments is masked by

weak song structures and bad instrument placement. A poorly inserted instrument track can kill a song, no matter how strong the actual composition is. The only song that really leaps off the disc as a success is the instrumental "Murderers," whose tracks blend into a harmonious mix which allows the ear to actually come free.

At least there are some pop/rock artists trying something new. Frusciante completely separates himself from the funk genre, but he just can't find success. The guitars are disappointing, the lyrical content is weak, and the song structures are disjointed. John Frusciante shouldn't quit his day job just yet.

ALBUM REVIEW

Former Pavement lead tries to make name for himself

By CHRISTOPHER McGOVERN
Scene Music Critic

As the leader of the seminal-rock group Pavement for the past decade, Stephen Malkmus fought the good indie rock fight against all the Britneys and Christinas, the Matchbox Twenties and Third Eye Blinds, the Limp Bizkits and Cookie Monsters of the music world.

Now that Pavement has officially left the building and Malkmus has put together a solo project, many wonder what will become of the band's laconic-voiced leader.

Would he forsake his hipster fans and head over to the dark side — actually selling records and being able to afford three squares a day? The cover photo of a shadowed Malkmus striking a dreamy pinup boy pose seems to say yes.

Don't worry too much, though. Malkmus hasn't completely surrendered yet. Yes, gone is the defiant lo-fi in favor of a more polished pop sound. And yes, the obscure tongue-in-cheek is toned down for more straightforward lyricism. But the bemused monotone delivery and cleverness remain.

Malkmus eases Pavement fans into his new record with "Black Book," a dark, droning number that sounds like a Terror Twilight B-side. The move makes sense, considering many people in Pavement's inner circle hinted that Twilight was basically Malkmus' solo debut anyway.

But then the album switches gears, and Malkmus serves up the poppy Ween-like "Phantasies," a story about a bored couple trying not to go nuts out in Alaska. The track is not exactly his strongest moment.

"Jo Jo's Jacket," however, ropes the album's momentum back in. Written from the viewpoint of "The King and I" star Yul Brynner, Malkmus goes out of his way to be ultra-silly on this track and pulls it off as only Pavement could have.

Then comes "Church On White," a waltz-tempoed eulogy for the late writer Robert Bingham, and a kind of universally poignant tune about feelings of failure as a friend. This is one of the album's finest tracks.

With some hurts-so-good guitars, "The Hook" tells the story of Chris Elliott's nancy-boy character in Cabin Boy and his rise from swabbing the decks to running the ship. "Troubble" leaves listeners craving more as it clocks in at a mere minute and a half.

The ancient Greece-themed "Trojan Curfew" reminds one of Built to Spill with its slide guitar driven melody. All are basically middle-of-the-road Pavement tunes.

Perhaps fittingly, as Pavement was off compared to drone-rock gods The Velvet Underground, Malkmus's first single off the album, "Discretion Grove," sounds oh-so-Lou Reed. High praise for Malkmus to be sure, but old Lou comes off a loser in this case, as the song certainly isn't worthy of even Reed's worst material.



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Though working solo now, the attitudes and musical style on Stephen Malkmus's latest album heavily resemble those of his old band, Pavement.

The album's true shining moment comes on "Jenny & The Ess-Dog," the love story of a couple of hippies — with a dog named Trey — whose age difference eventually tears them apart ("she's 18, he's 31/ she's a rich girl, he's the son/ of a Coca-Cola middleman"). The song combines catchiness with a lyrical cleverness that finally gives the album a song that lives up to Malkmus's reputation.

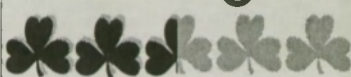
Though some Pavement fans may be turned away, there's nothing too alienating here. On the other hand, with the exception of "Ess-Dog," there's nothing here to expand a fan base on, either. This is the sound of a lost indie rock savior still trying to find his solo voice.

Stephen Malkmus

Stephen Malkmus

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MUSIC FEATURE

Pearl Jam releases American tour bootlegs

By EMMETT MALLOY
Scene Music Critic

Bootlegs are as old as rock music itself. Whether in the form of an audience concert recording or a leaked studio tape, these unauthorized and not-quite-legal recordings have been and continue to be an indispensable force in the music industry. Buried in the vaults for over 30 years, rock's greatest and most important live recording existed only as a bootleg: Bob Dylan's 1966 performance at the Royal Albert Hall. The bootleg not only documented Dylan's momentous yet controversial transition from folk to rock — the audience can clearly be heard expressing their disgust — but it also propelled Dylan to his prominent place in history.

Recognizing bootlegs as a means for fans to capture the experience of its shows, the Grateful Dead set a precedent by allowing fans to tape and even trade Dead concert recordings. Although such a move might have cut into the group's album sales, it built an amazingly close relationship between the group and its followers. Spanning over generations of fans, Deadheads spread the message and the music of the band through thousands upon thousands of concert tapes, and even after the band's breakup in 1995, Dead tapes continue to be traded at a fervent rate.

Following in the footsteps of the Dead, Pearl Jam, the only band still standing intact from the Seattle "grunge" explosion, has encouraged the taping and distribution of its concerts, as long as a profit was not being made. Avid collectors of bootlegs themselves, the band members hoped that the move would make its concert recordings easily accessible to anyone. Plus it would deter professional bootleggers from making money off their

music. However, many concert recordings, some of which were marred by poor sound quality, were still popping up in stores and on Internet sites for ridiculous sums of money.

A band known for taking a stand — the Ticketmaster boycott, its refusal to make videos — Pearl Jam decided to take the matter into its own hands and beat bootleggers at their own game.

In a move never before attempted, the band decided to release every show in its entirety from the 2000 European and American tour, a grand total of 72 different live albums. Mastered by the band's sound-crew, each performance comes as a double disc set, and the album case comes with extremely minimal artwork — the venue, the date and the set-

list are the only things printed on the sleeve. However, the band's attempt at reducing costs allows it to offer the "official bootlegs," completely unedited, at a bargain price of around \$12.

While even the most avid Pearl Jam fan may be a bit overwhelmed by the immense bulk of material, no show is alike. Nevertheless, every performance is marked by the sheer live energy and passion that is responsible for Pearl Jam being one of the best live acts to emerge from the past decade.

Released last September, the European bootlegs proved to be a major success among fans and critics. Pearl Jam became



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Based upon the success of its European bootlegs, Pearl Jam is releasing a collection of professionally engineered and digitally mastered "bootleg" double-disc albums for every date from its last U.S. tour.

the first band to debut five albums simultaneously on the Billboard Top 200, even more astonishing considering the little amount of promotion for the European bootlegs. Due to the public's positive response and its insatiable demand for more, the band went ahead with releasing both legs of the summer-fall American tour. Whether the band worked out some of its quirks while in Europe or because they were glad to be back in the good old US of A, there is not a single bad show among the American bootleg set.

Where 1998's *Live On Two Legs* fell apart (which was more of a greatest hits album than a live album), the American bootlegs comes in, demonstrating that the band's unbridled energy stems from its live shows, not its studio work. Although the days of Eddie Vedder climbing stage towers and plunging into the crowd are long gone, the band now focuses on giving its music the space to breathe and expand, which allows even its most well-known material to explore new territory.

Despite lacking some of the angst and vigor associated with the band's earlier days, Pearl Jam's mature approach to stalwart classics like "Jeremy" and "Evenflow" continues to reach new levels of passion and intensity. On the bittersweet "Black," a frequent closer of the first set, Vedder stands back and lets his band-mates, particularly lead guitarist Mike McCready, draw upon the emotion he stirs up in the song's dramatic conclusion. McCready, who often challenges Vedder for the spotlight with his amazing guitar work, match-

es Vedder's poignant vocals with extended solos that are equally as passionate.

Newer material from the band's latest album, *Binaural*, also reveals how constrictive the confines of the studio are on the band. Only in a live environment can such songs like the poetic "Thin Air" and the chilling "Nothing As It Seems" be allotted the necessary room to develop and grow.

After listening to the bootlegs, one has to wonder whether Pearl Jam should test new material live before recording an album. Every live performance of a song blows its studio counterpart away. Though the band's recent work reflects a more pensive and earnest side, Pearl Jam has not lost its ferocious edge. With former Soundgarden drummer Matt Cameron in the seat, Pearl Jam can still tackle the striking dynamics and the fearless force of its catalogue. From Vs.'s propulsive "Go" to Yield's egoistic "Do The Evolution" to the ever-present and explosive "Corduroy" from *Vitalogy*, the band steps up the pace and refuses to look back. Even on such covers as Neil Young's "Rockin' in the Free World" and The Who's "Baba O'Riley," Pearl Jam delivers rock standards in such a manner that honor the originals while adding its own unique twist.

As easily as Pearl Jam can push itself to the breaking points of musical chaos, it can also surround itself in the quieter moments of ballads like "Wishlist" and the crowd favorite, "Elderly Woman Behind A Counter In A Small Town." The bootleg performances of such mellow pieces highlight the close relationship between the band and its fans. On "Elderly Woman," Vedder has a crowd of thousands backing him up, and he often steps away from the microphone to let the audience fill in for him. During the extended jam of "Daughter," Vedder teaches the crowd about rock history, singing a verse from a famous song and seeing if the crowd can respond (for example, Pink Floyd's "Another Brick In The Wall, Pt. 2" or R.E.M.'s "The Wrong Child").

In an interview two years ago, Vedder, reflecting upon his career, said, "I'm making music for music's sake, and I have an audience I'm proud of." Not only is he proud of that audience, he is also very generous to them. The task of releasing 72 different live albums was no easy feat for the band, its label or retailers. While other groups would have attempted a huge markup, Pearl Jam decided to minimize costs so fans could afford cheap, high-quality live recordings. Hopefully, other bands will follow this model and realize that fans come first, not profit.

Top 5 U.S. Bootlegs

- 1. Las Vegas, Oct. 22, 2000**
In an emotionally charged performance, the band celebrates the tenth anniversary of its first show — Vegas style.
- 2. Seattle, Nov. 6, 2000**
In the final show of the tour, Pearl Jam saves the best for last, treating the hometown crowd to almost three hours of continuous music. Highlights include the first and only performance of "Alive" since the tragic Roskilde incident.
- 3. Chicago, Oct. 9, 2000**
Returning to his Midwestern roots, Vedder treats the Windy City to an intense yet intimate performance. The setlist is well balanced, but it is Vedder's rant about the upcoming election that has the crowd roaring.
- 4. Memphis, Aug. 15, 2000**
In honor of the King, the band surprises the crowd with a punk version of Elvis Presley's "Can't Help Falling In Love." An energetic performance featuring both the standards and some rarities ("Footsteps").
- 5. Boston, Aug. 29, 2000**
Always a favorite city of theirs to play, the band members offer a set weighing heavily towards *Binaural*. Highlights include Vedder's solo performance of Stevie Nicks' "Patriot."

Noteworthy

- Philadelphia, Sept. 1, 2000
- Pittsburgh, Sept. 5, 2000
- Milwaukee, Oct. 8, 2000
- San Francisco, Oct. 31, 2000

—Emmett Malloy



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Proving once again that it will go to the limits for its fans, Pearl Jam, seen here at a performance in Indianapolis on Aug. 18, 2000, is now taking on illegal bootleggers by beating them at their own game and releasing its own bootleg albums.

CLUB SPORTS

Irish gymnasts bring victory from Big Red Invitational

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame gymnastics club returned victorious from the Big Red Invitational at Indiana this past weekend. In an unusual scoring system, in which men's and women's scores are totaled to crown one champion, the Irish dominated, as the men's score of 136.8 and the women's 126.05 combined for a first place total of 262.85, 30 points better than their nearest competitor. The field included Indiana, Purdue, Ohio State, Illinois, Miami, Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois.

Top performers for the women included Erin Henry, who placed third on the vault (9.1), eighth on the uneven bars (8.15), second on the floor (8.7) and third all-around (32.85.) The standout performance for the meet belonged to Emily Smith, who captured first on the floor (9.3), third on the uneven bars (8.35), fourth on

the balance beam (8.6) and claimed first all-around (35.45). Smith also placed fourth on the high bar, as men and women were allowed to compete in each other's events.

The men were again paced by Micky McGarry, who placed second in the all-around (47.7), with a first on the floor (9.1), fourth on the pommel horse (7.7), fifth on the rings (7.0), 2nd on the Vault (9.2) 5th on the Parallel Bars (8.0), and 5th on the High Bar (6.7). Captain Jason Miller continues to rebound from surgery, as he claimed fifth on the floor (8.5), third on the vault (9.0), eighth on the parallel bars (7.8) second on the high bar (7.8) and eighth all-around (38.9).

The Irish will next compete in their own invitational, the Clover Classic, March 24 at Gymnastics Michiana.

Ultimate

The Ultimate club's annual

trek to the Mardi Gras Invitational was a coming out for the women's squad and some valuable game experience for the men.

Behind the exceptional layout defense of Mia Stephen and Rachel Kelly, some very strong catches by Julie Schutte and Vinita Ollopally and Allison Hodrick's knack for making timely big plays on offense, the club opened with wins against Washington, 13-0; Texas, 13-4; and Georgia Tech, 13-5, before dropping a tough game to club power, Sneetch, 4-2.

This propelled the club into Sunday's showdown with Iowa, where a strong comeback fell short as the Irish closed the tournament with a 6-5 loss.

The inexperience of the men's squad was too much to overcome against this calibre of competition, as the club lost to Georgia, Ohio State, Delaware, Colorado and Emory. The Irish rallied to win their closing match against

Minnesota.

The club will next compete over Spring Break at the Stanford Invitational.

Men's Volleyball

Playing before a spillover raucous crowd in the Pit last Thursday, the men's volleyball club dropped a thrilling five game match to Western Michigan. Momentum swung first to the Broncos, as they captured the first game. However, buoyed by a boisterous crowd, the Irish stormed back to take the next two games, behind the play of Jon Skokes, with several saves from the back row and outside hitter Brian Price. Western Michigan fought back to claim the fourth game, setting the stage for the decisive fifth game.

In a see-saw battle, the Irish fell short, 15-13. The team record now stands at 15 - 12, and the club will next take the courts at the MIVA champi-

onships March 31.

Women's Water Polo

The women's water polo club dropped three of five matches this weekend at Purdue.

In opening matches, the club lost for the first time this season to Purdue, 11-7, and Illinois, 10-8, two teams that the Irish had defeated twice each earlier in the season.

The club refused to let this disappointment deter them as the Irish then throttled Northwestern 10-4 and played very well in a bitter loss to Miami, 9-7. In the finale, the Irish pinned Ohio State with its only loss of the weekend, 9 - 8.

The Irish will next compete over Spring Break in a marathon 10 match trip to Palo Alto to face traditional West coast powers. The opponents will include Pacific, a nationally ranked varsity program, as well as Cal-Davis, San Jose State, Cal-Poly and St. Mary's among others.

Thompson

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exception of Pete Ryan, the other three of us — myself, Dennis Abdelnour, and Brian Hobbins — have yet to win a championship," he said. "So there's pressure on the junior captains to be second time champions, pressure on Pete Ryan to for his fourth championship, and pressure on the other senior captains because they've never won before."

Perhaps this pressure is no more evident than in Thompson's nickname, "ReDemon" which serves as an extra reminder.

"I think that's a little motivation for myself, just wanting some redemption from the past three years, not being able to make it to the end of the line. It's a little extra kick for myself to get in there and fight as hard as I can,"

Thompson said.

Certainly a Bengal Bouts title would be the icing on the cake for a fighter who has contributed so much to the boxing tourney in his four years at Notre Dame. Yet, at the same time, Thompson understands the greater cause for which he and his teammates train and fight with such devotion.

"If I don't get through and win the championship this year, that takes nothing away from my experience. It's so fulfilling to know what you are doing, and to help others," Thompson said. "You just get this feeling inside like 'Wow, this is amazing' — the

sacrifices we're going through in practice aren't that bad, you're with a team, you're enjoying yourself, are saving people's lives and making other people's lives better. If you're able to do school, and you're able to do the Bouts and you're able to pull through on top of everything else, you can do almost anything, and you're on a path to be real successful."

"If I don't get through and win the championship this year, that takes nothing away from my experience."

Josh Thompson

MEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame defeats Penn State in season opener

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team opened its season today with a 10-8 victory over the Penn State Nittany Lions. Heading into the season, Notre Dame was ranked 11th, while Penn State held the 18th spot.

Senior attack Tom Glatzel scored the last five Irish goals after adding an assist in the first period. He had a hat trick in the third quarter. Eric Wood led Penn State with five goals.

At the end of the first quarter, the score was tied 3-3. Penn State's Wood scored first with 10:01 remaining and then twice more before the quarter was finished.

John Flandina opened the scoring for the Irish with 7:35 remaining in the half. Senior midfielder Todd Ulrich's man-up goal brought the Irish within one at 3-2 before David Ulrich scored the last goal of the quarter.

Sixteen seconds into the second period,

senior middle Chris Young started the scoring for the Irish on another man-up goal. Jon Harvey scored for Notre Dame, before Wood answered for the Lions, bringing the score to 5-4 at the half.

Both teams emerged from halftime on a mission. Penn State opened the half with three consecutive goals, putting the Irish down 7-5. The Irish responded with three Glatzel goals in less than 3:30. Flandina added an assist on Glatzel's second score.

After allowing another Penn State goal to tie the game at 8-8, the Irish reasserted their dominance. David Ulrich assisted on the fourth Glatzel goal of the afternoon with 9:53 left in the game, putting the Irish up for good.

Glatzel brought the score to 10-8 with 3:57 remaining, sealing the victory for the Irish.

The win brings Notre Dame's season record to 1-0 and drops Penn State to 0-1. The Irish resume action at 1 p.m. in Columbus against Ohio State.

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FENCING

Irish win combined Conference title

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame fencing teams captured the combined Midwest Conference Fencing Championship this weekend, easily defeating their closest competitor, Northwestern, 870-755.

The men's team captured all three squad titles to win the team title Saturday as well as sweeping the individual matches on Sunday. The women finished second overall to Northwestern and failed to win an individual title.

"On the men's side, I think we definitely fenced up to our potential," sabreman Andre Crompton said. "Taking first and second in every weapon was definitely a plus. That was what we deserved. On the women's side, I don't know if the women are fencing up to their potential."

The epee squad was the only women's squad to win a team title. The Irish avenged their third place finish last year by defeating Wayne State in the finals. Wayne State knocked Notre Dame out in the semifinals last year.

The women's sabre squad nearly won the Midwest Sabre title but Northwestern rallied from a 4-3 deficit to win 5-4.

Northwestern also won the foil title to edge the Irish 425-420 for the women's title.

"We know we are good fencers and we know we are capable of winning. We just have to go out and do it," epeeist Meagan Call said. "We were a little disappointed but I think we can fence better than we did fence and I think we will in the future."

The men swept all three individual titles on Sunday afternoon but the absence of 2000 NCAA sabre champion Gabor Szelle missed Sunday's competition with a thumb injury. His status for the NCAA Regionals in two weeks or the NCAA championships in a month.

"He said that he got hurt," Crompton said. "There is something wrong with his thumb. I don't know if he is going to be OK. He said after the meet that he didn't know if he was going to be OK [for the Regionals]."

Even without Szelle the Irish still took the top two spots in sabre. Crompton defeated top-ranked Jakob Krochmalski of

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Andre Crompton
sabreman

Wayne State in the semifinals before upsetting his second-ranked teammate Andrezej Bednarski in the finals.

Crompton has never qualified for

NCAAs before but with his performance this weekend and Szelle's injury, he could win the Region in two weeks and qualify for the Championships.

"I think it definitely gives me a lot more confidence than last year," Crompton said about his victory.

Brian Casas also pulled off an unlikely win in epee. The junior has struggled since the 2000 NCAA Championships but fenced strong this weekend and defeated top-ranked teammate Jan Viviani in the finals, 15-14.

"I think we are definitely fencing our best," Crompton said. "Brian Casas had a rough year but he stepped it up and won the Midwest Championship."

Ozren Debic repeated as Midwest Conference foil champion with a 15-8 win against teammate Forest Walton. Walton finished second to Debic last year as well.

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BENGAL BOUTS '01

Freshman upsets defending 135-pound champion

Steinbach survives bloody fight to move to semifinals in 130-lbs.

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

Though he looked very much the worse for wear, senior boxer Tom "Gun" Steinbach was as pleased as can be Monday night after his quarterfinal bout with Brian "The Boxer Rebellion" Kenney.

Badly bloodied by a barrage of Kenney connections, Steinbach was forced to retreat no less than three times to his corner for treatment. That, however did not prevent the southpaw from mounting a third round charge.

Battling Kenny's superior reach, Steinbach took his wares inside in a ferocious third round duel that proved the difference in what would be a split decision.

"I'd sparred him before," Steinbach said. "I just tried to lead with my right and follow up with my left."

The second bout of the evening proved equally dramatic. Derrick Bravo, who was not even supposed to fight due to a foot injury, defeated Coleman Lechner in a fight that was ended by the referee just 29 seconds into the second round.

"I didn't think I was going to go," Bravo said. "But my roommate was like 'You've worked this whole time. You have to go.'"

Bravo said he tried to ignore his foot injury.

"I tried to stay off it at first," Bravo said. "But I really didn't think about it too much."

135 pounds

Tony Hollowell believed he had a shot all along and it turns out he was right.

In the night's biggest upset, Hollowell, a freshman, stunned defending champion senior Matt Fumagalli.

"He was the favorite," Hollowell said. "But I never go into a fight thinking I'm going to lose. I busted my butt and gained confidence early."

He calls himself "The Quiet Man" but Ryan Duffey was anything but, scoring a technical knockout loud and clear a mere 25 seconds into the second round of his bout with Guillermo Tijerina.

A patient Duffey let his opponent come to him before striking.

"I felt good in there," said the Sorin College sophomore of his first ever bout. "I figured I'd let him come to me and get tired. Then I'd attack and get in a lot of shots."

Early on, Duffey blasted Tijerina with a shot to the chin that drew blood prompting the official to end the fight.

Sophomore Joshua Coleman followed up Duffey's impressive showing with a big win over Justin Pendarvis. The speedy Coleman landed a barrage of flurries, notching a unanimous decision victory.

Jason McMahon, a junior from Morrissey Manor, rounded out the weight class' action with a hard-fought victory over Christopher Cardillo.

145 pounds

Michael "Mad Man" Waldo performed brilliantly, serving notice that he is indeed a force to be reckoned with, as he scored a unanimous decision over Daniel Gonzalez.

Meanwhile, in perhaps the night's most entertaining duel, Andrew "The Golden Arms" Harms narrowly outlasted a very game Anthony D'Agostino.

After scoring a first round knockdown, Harms thought the fight was in hand, but D'Agostino rallied in the third with a last gasp flurry that brought the house to its feet.

"He fought hard," Harms said. "You have to give him a ton of credit. I thought it was the best fight of the Bouts so far."

D'Agostino concurred. "He's a tough kid," the loser of the split-decision said. "It was a great fight."

The fight was so great, perhaps because both brawlers knew precisely how to counteract each other's style.

"He came at me on the outside," Harms said. "I just tried to get him on the inside. It was a good tactical fight."

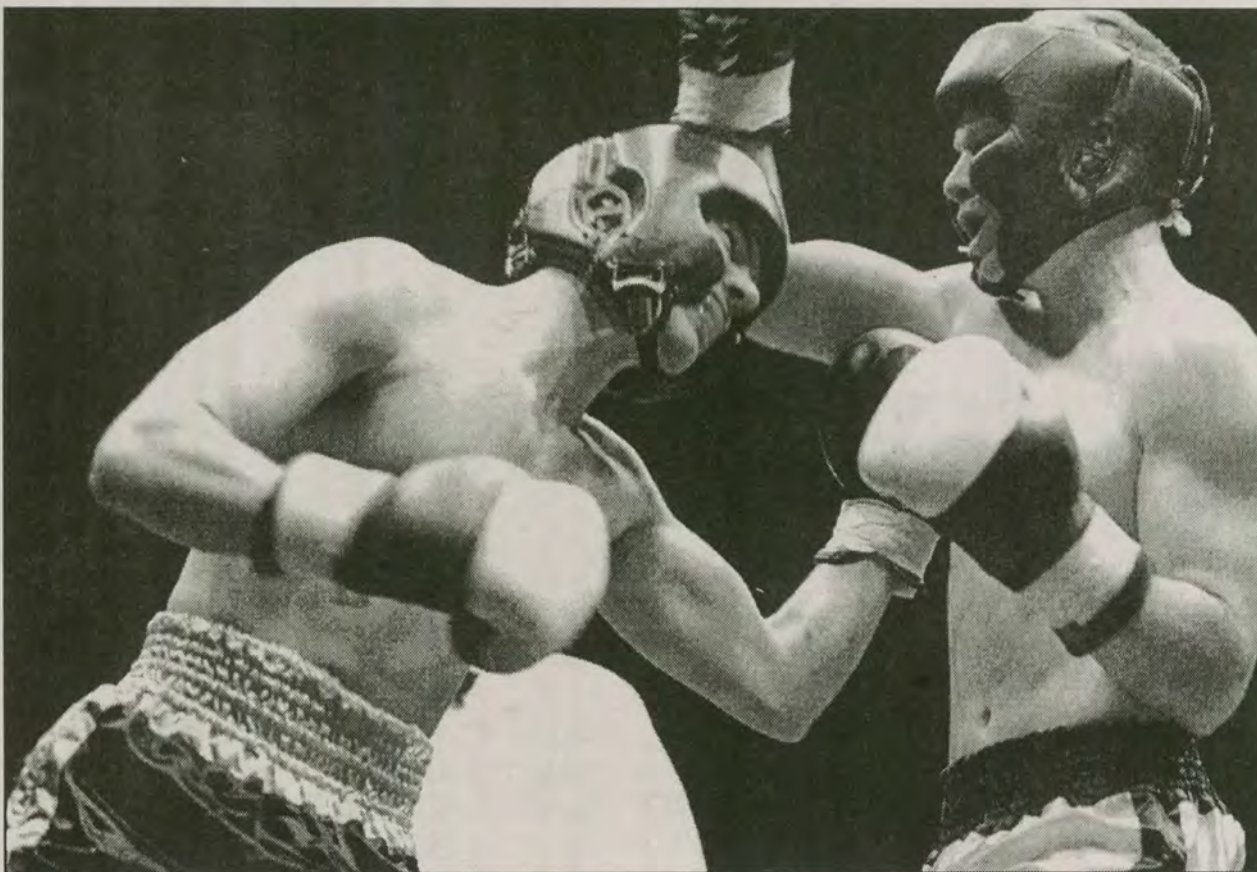
Jeman "Swift-T" Tisby provided a worthy encore in winning another tactically superior bout over Eric Eddy.

"It was a good, clean fight," Tisby said. "I think my technique was a little better, but both of us were able to get in and get out. There were some good exchanges."

Tisby's tactical abilities help set up his devastating overhand right, an unexpected blow.

"That's not one of the punches we work on in practice," said Tisby. "It's definitely a surprise."

Upstart first-year boxer Jason Voss continued his rise through the ranks as he scored a relatively easy decision over Anton "Ton of Bricks Poundin' Down on Yo Face" Kemps.



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Freshman Tony Hollowell (right) upset senior defending champion Matt Fumagalli (left) in the 135 lb. division Monday night.

Nowak knocks out "Polish tank" in round two of 155 pound quarterfinals

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Sports Writer

The first fight of the weight class would prove to be one-sided, as Chris "Shezzy" Matassa pounded Julian "Bel Biv" Devoe until referee Tom Suddes stopped the fight at the one minute mark in the third.

In the first round, it was all Matassa as the junior utilized his superior reach and previous experience to confidently land punches.

"My reach was definitely an advantage for my jab," said Matassa. "Throwing combinations was important for me, especially landing the last punch."

The fight had to be stopped twice in the second round to control Devoe's bleeding, and though he pleaded to Suddes to continue the fight in the third, Matassa was awarded victory.

"If they stop a fight they probably had a good reason," Matassa said. "They're good about that."

A furious combination thrown by Tucker "The Wicked Bad Bostonian" McGree might have won his bout against Luke "Desperado" Busam. The split decision awarded to McGree reflected a tight contest that saw neither fighter gaining the upper hand.

Busam's larger reach kept McGree away in the first round, but McGree was able to get inside to land quality blows in the second.

The third round saw even exchanges until the final 10 seconds to the bell, where McGree delivered a head-snapping combination to Busam and may have swayed this judges his way.

155 pounds

A couple of future lawyers duked it out in the first match of the 160s when Sean "The Erie Kid" Nowak battled Joe "The Polish Tank" Czneriawski. The first round looked more like the WWF than Bengal Bouts as Czneriawski was warned for shoving and much extraneous body contact occurred.

The second round was equally violent as Nowak floored Czneriawski in spectacular fashion, with Czneriawski almost horizontal before he hit the mat.

That knockdown caused the referee to end the bout 22 seconds into the second round.

Czneriawski clearly disagreed with the decision, pointing out he did not receive a standing eight count prior to the fight stoppage.

"It's disappointing to end my career like that, but the Bengal Bouts have done so much for me and I really enjoyed the program," said Czneriawski.

Stephen "The Natural Lightweight" Keppel and Tom "Frenchman" Pierce stepped into the ring in an Alumni Hall civil war. The two fought evenly throughout the fight, both landing solid punches and withstanding attacks from each other. In the end, Pierce escaped with a split-decision win.

160 pounds

Boxing captain Dennis "Thursday Night" Abdelnour made his 2001 Bengal Bouts debut in dramatic fashion,

thrashing Vince "The Italian Meatball" Gennaro in a unanimous decision.

Abdelnour might have been too fired up for his match, as he slipped and fell 10 seconds into the first round. The referee began to count, but quickly stopped when Abdelnour pointed out he had slipped.

"I was mad that I went right out there and fell right on my ass," said Abdelnour.

He quickly recovered. Abdelnour delivered blow after blow to Gennaro's head and body, securing two standing eight counts on Gennaro in the final round. He effectively

counter-punched when Gennaro attacked, and landed several stunning combinations that could be heard in the cheap seats. Mostly, Abdelnour was effective in sending a message that he is the man

to beat in the 160 pound division.

"I wanted to take it to him," said Abdelnour. "I wanted to land four combinations, and I think I moved my head really well and saw everything."

The second seed in the division behind Abdelnour, Travis "Posse" Alexander, faced a more difficult foe in Jeff "Re Re" Ream. Alexander out boxed Ream consistently, but never could land any debilitating blows to Ream.

In the final round Alexander pounded Ream's body on his way to a unanimous decision.

"My reach was definitely an advantage for my jab. Throwing combinations was important to me, especially landing the last punch."

Chris Matassa
150 lb. winner



BENGAL BOUTS '01

Fighters complete quarterfinals, look to semifinals

◆ Myers, Kitalong, Macias win in 165-pound class

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Justin Myers had a memorable Thursday night. First, the freshman from Morrissey defeated Tim McCurdy in the preliminaries of the 165-pound weight class. Then, following the fight, former champion and fellow Manorite Edward Hernandez offered to be in Myers's corner for his quarterfinal round bout.

Last night, the expertise helped, as Myers beat Brian Berg by a split decision and advanced to Wednesday's semifinals.

"Edward's a professional," Myers said of Hernandez, who won the title in 1999 but was told last year that he could not fight again in the Bengal Bouts. "He comes in and calms you down. He told me a lot of strategy. He was telling me to go in there and throw a combo and then if I wasn't going to throw a punch, (Hernandez told me) not even to get near him. He knows his stuff."

Myers deserves most of the credit, however, for his victory. Myers began the fight with an aggressive flurry of punches and backed Berg in the corner on several occasions in the first two rounds. Berg came back in the third but Myers continued to move around and dictate the tempo.

"He got a lot of nice, straight shots to my face," Myers said. "He was throwing well. But when I charged him, he really couldn't do anything. I was landing five or six punches (at a time). I had a lot of strategy but it didn't end up mattering because he didn't move around a lot. It was more like I could overpower him."

On Wednesday night, Myers will face off against senior captain Brian Hobbins. Hobbins, the only fighter in his weight class to receive a bye, opened up his final Bengal Bouts with a unanimous decision win over freshman Patrick Dillon.

It was a long time coming. Hobbins spent the weekend alone in his apartment, as three of his roommates went to Mardi Gras and the fourth went home to Chicago.

"It was kind of rough because they're usually around to shoot the bull with," Hobbins said. "It was like a true fighter's camp this weekend."

Maybe the time alone actually helped the senior, as Hobbins dominated the bout from the beginning. Dillon hung in but could not mount much offense.

"I felt real good," Hobbins said. "The main part was just getting the jitters out."

Junior Christopher Kitalong and 32-year old MBA student Thomas Macias also won their bouts last night, both by unanimous decision. Kitalong knocked down his opponent, Billy McMurtrie, in the third round. When the fight resumed, Kitalong continued to be the aggressor and landed a few punches in the corner moments before the final bell was rung.

Macias flustered sophomore Clay Cosse with several combinations. Midway through the first round, Cosse lost his contact then

his mouthpiece flew onto the canvas. In the third round, Cosse's mouthpiece fell out again and Macias continued his dominance.

The action resumes on Wednesday with Hobbins and Myers squaring off in the first of the two semifinal fights.

"Justin likes to get wild, likes to get in nice and close," Hobbins said. "He's looking good. He's real active but real wild. It'll be a matter of sticking and moving."

Myers first Bengal Bouts may come to an end tomorrow. But the memories will last.

"I was pretty surprised when I won the first time," Myers said. "I didn't really think I knew anything. So I'm just really excited I got here. It's a huge thrill."

175 pounds

In the weeks prior to the Bengal Bouts, due to a limited number of participants, the captains decided to merge the 170, 175 and 180 weight-classes. Thus, all the fighters from 170 to 182 pounds are competing in the 175-pound division.

"I'll probably catch slack for this but it's the strongest weight class in the whole tournament," junior captain Mark Criniti said. "I think any of the captains would tell you that."

Many of the fans at last night's fights would also agree. Criniti and the three other victors all turned in dominating performances. Criniti, a lefthander and the defending champion in the 180-pound class, advanced to the semifinals with a victory over Brian Colville. The referee stopped the fight 58 seconds into the second round after Colville had two standing eight-counts.

"I had a lot of good movement tonight, low to high," Criniti said. "I was working on the body, working on the head. It's hard to defend when you're changing planes so well and you're moving well. I feel like I'm fighting the best I've fought in the three years I've been here."

Sophomore John Lynk, who recorded a unanimous decision victory over Dan Schaeffer, will face Criniti on Wednesday night. Lynk controlled last night's fight and Schaeffer received a standing eight-count right before the end of the match.

"John's in incredible shape," Criniti said. "The kid's a brick. He's the type of guy that could hit you twice and you could open your eyes ten seconds later and you're out of the ring."

The other semifinal will pit Rob Joyce against Keith Arnold. Joyce, the defending champion in the 185-pound division, won by a unanimous decision over Matt Padilla while Arnold beat Nathan Scheid.

From the opening bell, Arnold landed several punches and may have recorded the most dominating performance of all the boxers in his weight class. With 28 seconds remaining in the first round, the referee stopped the contest after Scheid received his third standing eight-count.

"That's how we planned it out — Rob, myself, John and Keith," Criniti said. "Just four tough guys that like to get in the ring. We want to give the people a good show. And I think our weight class is definitely holding our part of the bargain in showing the fans some good fights."

◆ Thompson dominates in 185-pound division

By KATIE HUGHES
Sports Writer

Co-captain Josh "The ReDemon" Thompson set the tone for the 185-pound division, bringing a combination of experienced control and aggression to the ring in a unanimous victory.

Thompson's decisive hooks put John "The Caveman" Caver in a defensive position right away. Thompson's left hook was solid through three rounds, though Caver was able to answer until the end with his own jab combinations.

Eric "Superfreak" Goulet won a fast paced fight over Chris "The Sweet Scientist" Pearsall, forcing him from corner to corner.

"I would say my fighting style is 'Brawl,'" said Goulet. "Chris is a great puncher. We were just exchanging throws the whole time."

Though both boxers fought for control early in the first round, the second round was defined by Pearsall's big hooks and Goulet's wild jabs. Goulet forced Pearsall into the corner of the ring twice in the third

round, and though Pearsall had a few dead-on jabs, Goulet won in a split decision.

"I'm really looking forward to fighting Josh [Thompson] next time," Goulet said.

In another unanimous decision, Scott "The Dark Horse" Duba won over John "You Want Some" Moore. Both boxers went back and forth with one-two jabs in the second round, followed by Duba's reaching hooks. Duba still had a lot left for the third round, sending off

"I'm really looking forward to fighting Josh [Thompson] next time."

Eric Goulet
185-pound winner

a set of jabs that Moore couldn't answer.

Stephen "The Angry Pirate" Pfeiffer won over Chris Donovan in the 185 pound division's third unanimous decision.

Pfeiffer found his rhythm in the second round with a few well executed right hooks. Donovan was able to answer with some uppercuts, but in the third round Pfeiffer regained control.

"I wasn't making a lot of three-fours, but my jabs kept me in there. He stuck me a few times," Pfeiffer said.

Light Heavyweight

Benjamin "No, You're Schmoopie," Deda defeated Bob "Kennedy Kennedy" Kennedy in a unanimous decision. The first round was a battle of Deda's wild hooks and Kennedy's

upper cuts. Blue got some hard triple jabs in the second round, but it was Deda's aggressive endurance that put Kennedy away in the third.

Mike "Raging Bull" Vanderpoel also won in a unanimous decision over Stefan Borovina. Vanderpoel's second round right hooks forced Borovina all over the ring. Vanderpoel finished the job with some dead-on one-two jabs in the third round.

Heavyweight

One strong left and 21 seconds of the first round was all it took for Steven "Lefty Guns" Pratico to defeat Andrew "McGoo" McGuire.

"I guess I would have liked to have had to work for a bit," Pratico said. "But there are some other hard hitters in the heavyweight class. There will be some excellent fights on Wednesday."

Carlos "The Master" Abeyta finished off the night with a split decision win over Andrew "The Irish Hammer" Dempsey. Dempsey's upper cuts and hooks were evenly matched against Abeyta's wide hooks in the second round, but Abeyta's three jab combinations in the third dominated Dempsey's one-two jabs.

"Dempsey charged a lot. I felt like I had control in the last round, though he had control in the first two," said Abeyta. "I think my style is more technical. I'm not a charger, and I don't like to throw blows."

BENGAL BOUTS RESULTS

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Ben Deda def. Bob Kennedy
Mike Vanderpoel def. Stefan Borovina

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Steven Pratico def. Andrew McGuire
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Martin Inglesby, shown against Seton Hall, had eight points in the Irish loss to the Huskies, 75-59.

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shots. Notre Dame failed to score the next time down the court, and UConn took advantage with a fast break. Suddenly a 64-53 UConn hold on the Irish turned into a 73-53 domination, denying Notre Dame a sixth straight road win.

Five Huskies players finished in

double digits. Butler led his NCAA hopeful squad with 14, Brown put up 11, Albert Mouring had 10, Selvie scored 12 and Wane managed a season-high 13, mostly in the first half.

Murphy and Humphrey, who scored 15, had little help on the scoring end. The Huskies held Carroll to five points on 2-of-9 shooting and Graves to eight while making 3-of-9. Inglesby also scored eight.

But beyond UConn's shooting edge — the Huskies shot 49 per-

cent from the field — was its dominance on the glass, where it outrebounded the Irish 44-29. The edge on the boards helped the Huskies get some fast break scoring, a problem as the Irish failed to get back to guard.

"We've got to get better on transition defense," Brey said. "That was the one thing I was displeased with. We did not get back consistently on defense." The Irish shot just 39 percent from the field.



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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Dasso becomes all-time winningest player in Irish win



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Sophomore Katie Cuhna, shown here against Western Michigan, was among the 6th-ranked Irish that competed this weekend. Cuhna helped the Irish clinch their third win against Kansas with a doubles victory.

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

Another weekend gone by, another record for senior tennis all-American Michelle Dasso.

The women's tennis team traveled to Kansas this weekend to take on Kansas State, BYU and Kansas. The sixth ranked women won all three contests and improved their record to 10-2. Along the way Dasso set another Notre Dame women's tennis record, becoming the all-time winningest player in both doubles and singles with a combined record of 214-72. The 10-2 team record for the Irish marks the best start since the 1995-96 season when they went 17-2.

"The biggest thing this season is the depth and experience we have," said coach Jay Louderback. "We have experience in the lineup from top to bottom."

The Irish opened up with Kansas State on Friday and after winning the doubles point scraped by to defeat the 46th-ranked Wildcats 4-3.

The Irish split the singles matches, with Dasso and Kimberly Guy losing in straight sets.

"It was a very tough place

to play," said Louderback. "We didn't get a chance to practice on their courts and the footing was awful and we didn't adjust too well. We did a good job winning the doubles, and still getting the win was big."

The victory was clinched for the Irish by wins from the middle of the lineup as Becky Varnum, Nina Vaughan and Caylan Leslie all won in straight sets.

On Saturday, the Irish took on 44th-ranked BYU and seemed to bounce back from the previous day's hard fought match as they went on to win the doubles point and sweep the singles matches winning 7-0. Varnum, who is 7-1 in her last eight singles matches, had the critical victory against Dominique Reynolds 6-1, 6-4 at No. 2 singles. The Irish looked unstoppable, not dropping a set the entire match.

"We had played so well the week before and after the tough Kansas State win we realized that every match we have to play really hard, and that's what we did," said Louderback.

Looking to end the week-end undefeated the Irish went up against a tough Kansas team on their home court on Sunday. Keeping on track with their solid

play, the Irish won 7-0 for the second day in a row without dropping a single set. The trail was blazed for the Irish after a third consecutive doubles point was clinched with wins from No. 5 Dasso/Varnum, Cunha/Guy and Leslie/Vaughan, who all won 8-6.

The key to the Irish success has been their experience and depth. Dasso leads the team in almost every category but there are some other very important players who have greatly contributed to their 10-2 record. One of those players is Varnum who is 7-2 this season in dual matches.

"Becky Varnum started off slow this fall but has really come on this spring playing at the No. 2 spot for us," said Louderback. "Nina Vaughan has also stepped up to play at three, but Varnum's play at two has been the biggest difference for us."

The 10-2 Irish are on a roll but will have their work cut out for them next Thursday as they take on 11th-ranked Northwestern.

"It's going to be a great match," said coach Louderback. "They are very strong at the top of their lineup but also very deep."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish can clinch Big East with win against Pittsburgh

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Tonight, the Irish can make history. A win in the regular season finale at Pittsburgh tonight ties the Irish with Connecticut for the Big East regular season title — the first ever such title since Notre Dame joined the conference.

"I think we're really excited," said Irish center Ruth Riley. "It'll be the first time for our program to win the Big East. It's exciting for the guys' and the girls' programs."

But despite Pittsburgh's record (8-18, 3-12 in the Big East), the Panthers should prove to be more than a pushover for the Irish.

The Panthers will be celebrating Senior Night tonight, honoring their two graduating starters, forward Celeste Barkley and guard Monique Toney.

The young team is also in a must-win situation as their hopes of making the Big East Tournament rely on winning tonight.

The last time the Panther women met the Irish, the Panthers came in to the Joyce Center and stayed with the Irish for the first 30 minutes of the game. Before the Irish pulled away to win the game 72-58, the Panthers closed to within five points in the second half.

"They're a good team," Riley said. "They played pretty well here."

Sophomore guard Laine Selwyn led the Panthers with 23 points in that

game. Her backcourt mate, Brooke Stewart, added 13.

Following the Feb. 7 game, Irish coach Muffet McGraw was upset with her team's effort.

"We just made so many mistakes, we played like freshmen out there," McGraw said after the game.

The one bright spot in that game was the play of Riley, who led all scorers with 29 points to go along with 12 rebounds in 33 minutes. Riley led a late offensive surge despite playing with three fouls.

"I wasn't going to take her out. She was really the only one playing well at that time offensively," McGraw said that night. "She was our offense. She was the only one that shot the ball well."

The Irish shot 47.2 percent for that game, while the Panthers shot only 32.2 percent. Playing on their home court, the Panthers can be expected to improve on that statistic.

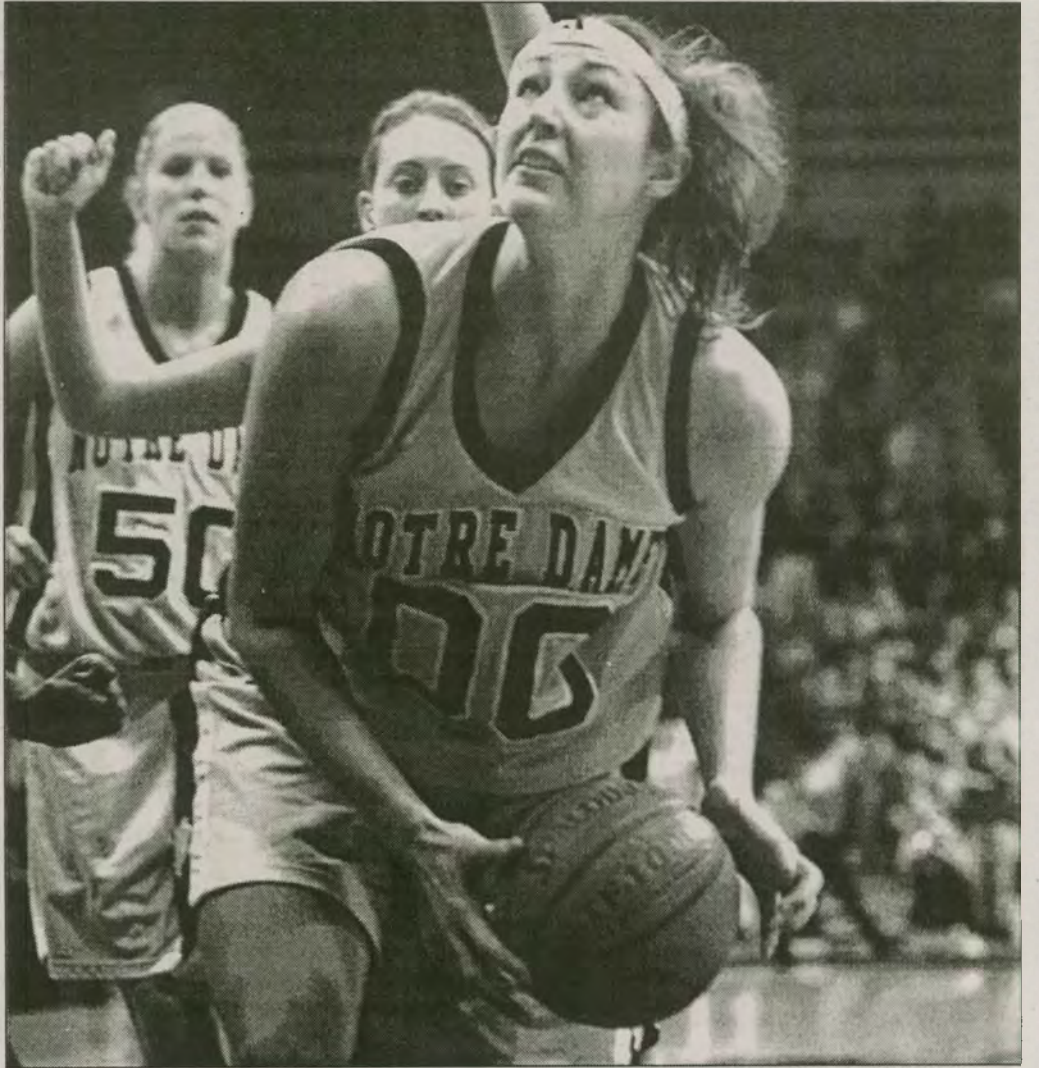
"They're going to shoot even better at home," Riley said.

Despite the fact that the first round of the Big East Tournament is Saturday, the Irish are focused on beating Pittsburgh, not worrying about the postseason.

"This is an important game for us and we realize that," Riley said. "We haven't even talked about [the conference tournament]. I don't even know who we'd match-up against in the first round."

"It'll be the first time for our program to win the Big East. It's exciting for the guys' and girls' programs"

Ruth Riley
center



Irish center Ruth Riley, shown against Georgetown, can help the Irish make history with a win over Pittsburgh tonight. With the win, Notre Dame will tie Connecticut for the Big East title, a first since they joined the conference.



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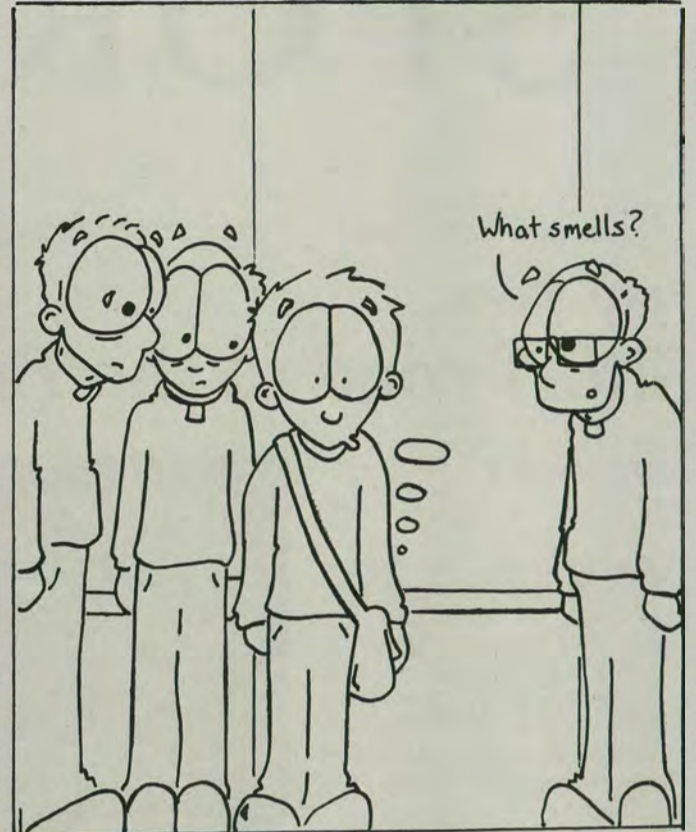


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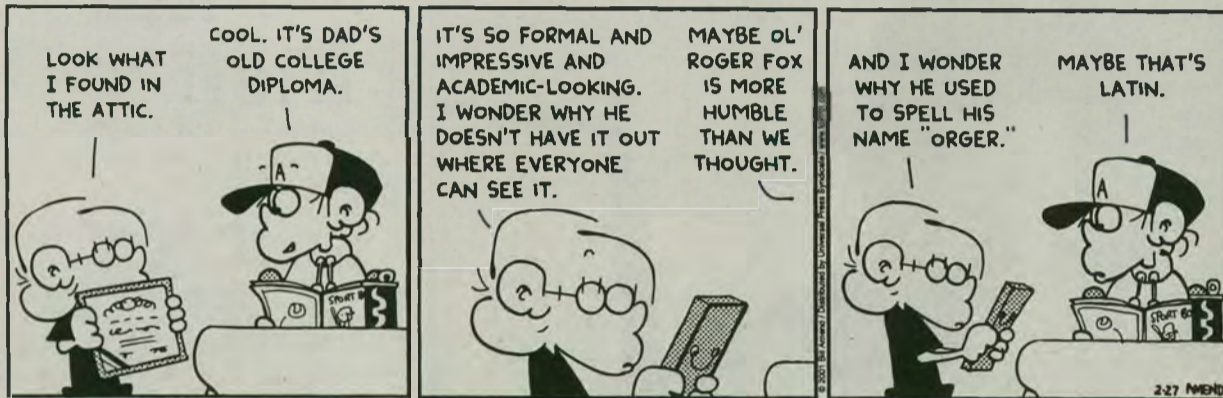
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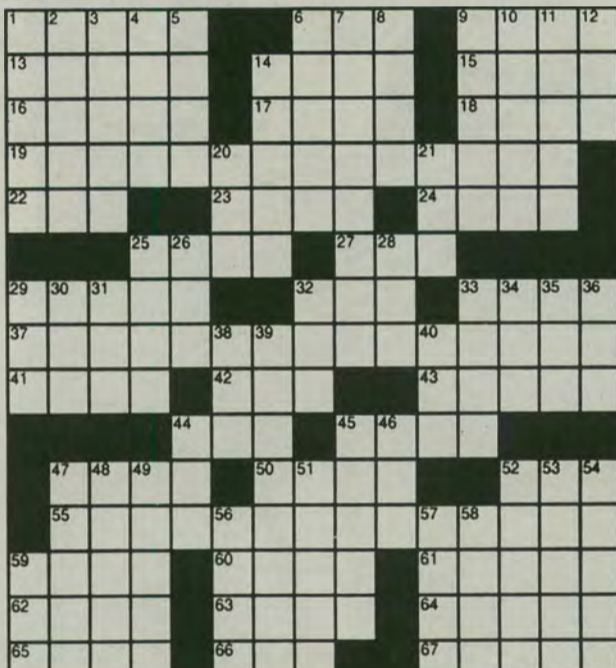
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 - 14 Actor Jannings
 - 15 1953 Leslie Caron film
 - 16 God, to a Muslim
 - 17 Wine valley in California
 - 18 Skin lotion ingredient
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 - 22 Shoebox marking
 - 23 Sign on a door
 - 24 Top-notch
 - 25 Haleakala National Park site
 - 27 ___ Jima
 - 29 Cart part
 - 32 Lennon's widow
 - 33 Hull projection
 - 37 Nightgown wearer of rhyme
 - 41 In good health
 - 42 Part of many e-mail addresses
 - 43 Nancy Drew author Carolyn
 - 44 Comic Philips
 - 45 "Boy, am I tired!"
 - 47 "Murphy Brown" bar owner
 - 50 Cabbage's cousin
 - 52 Buddy
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 - 3 Northern French city
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 - 10 La Scala's city
 - 11 Unaccompanied
 - 12 Never, in Nürnberg
 - 14 Boredom
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 - 21 ___-tzu
 - 25 Whimper
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 - 60 "... hear ___ drop"
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 - 66 Compass dir.
 - 67 "Gil Blas" novelist Lesage



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 - 33 Sensed
 - 34 Barely make, with "out"
 - 35 German article
 - 36 "Crooklyn" director
 - 38 Hasty escape
 - 39 Regard
 - 40 50's prez
 - 44 "Xanadu" grp.
 - 45 Coin sound
 - 46 When repeated, a snicker
 - 47 Receiver button
 - 48 Actor Mandel
 - 49 Fully
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Going down in history

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BENGAL BOUTS

Short road to the ring, long road to the top

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

Josh Thompson's first experience with Bengal Bouts was not when he laced up the gloves as a first year fighter in 1998. Living just down the road in Granger, Thompson would come to the Bouts with friends as a spectator, but never thought he would step into the ring.

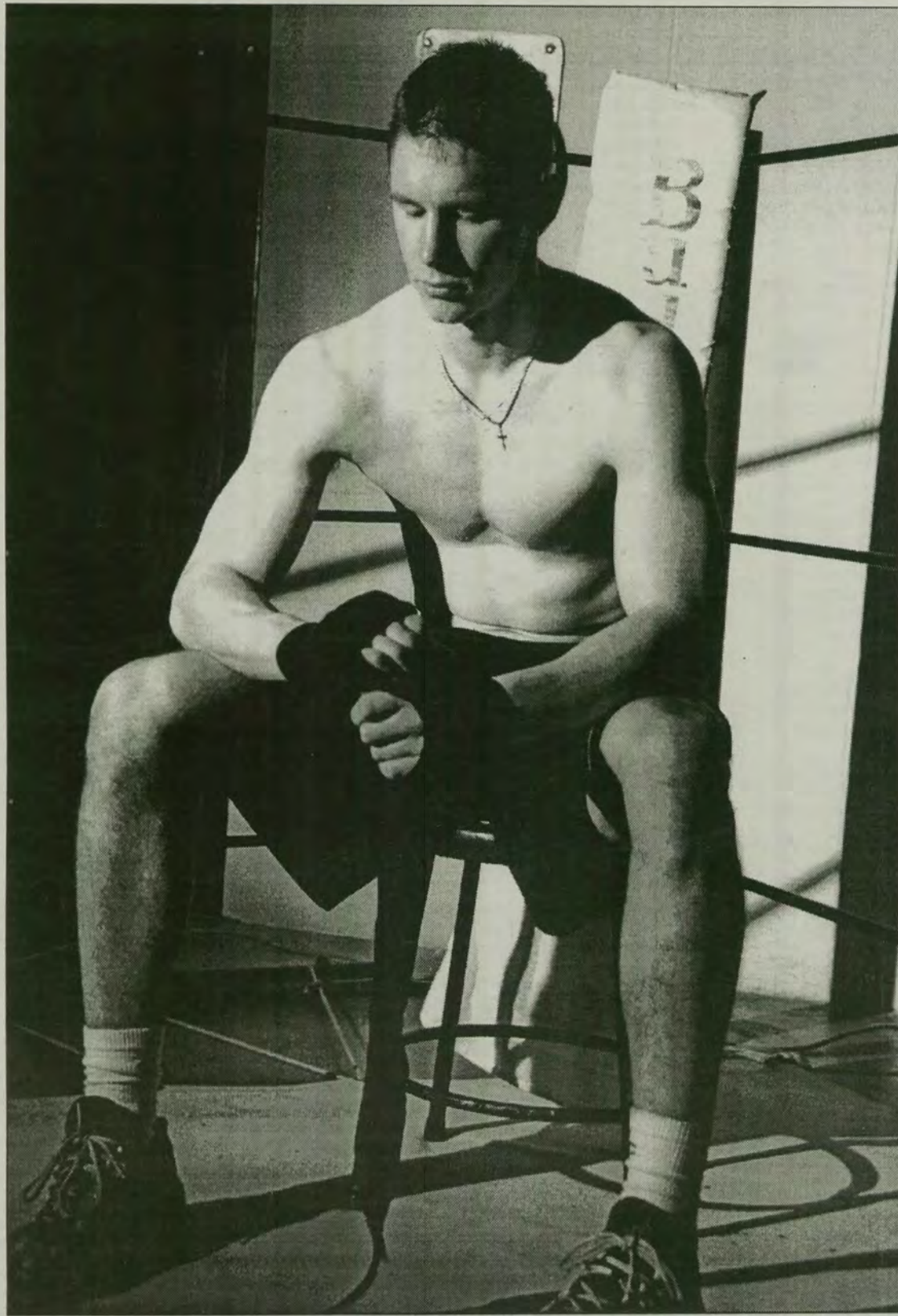
"I was actually forced into doing the Bengal Bouts by my friends," Thompson said. "They said if I ever went to Notre Dame I would have to do the Bouts, and I was like, 'No way, I've never gotten in a fight in my life.' So I came here and they actually forced me to do it. Freshman and sophomore year I got beat up pretty bad, I was close to stopping a few times, but I stuck with it, and things started going more smoothly."

It probably is not particularly shocking to anyone that Thompson worked through his early struggles and has since emerged as the favorite to take the 185 pound title this year. What is, however, ironic, is that the 17-year old from Granger who had no intention of even participating in the Bouts, now helps coordinate the whole show as a captain and co-president.

"Our secretary wasn't feeling well this year at all so we didn't have anybody full time doing administrative things, so (co-president) Brian (Hobbins), and I together had to deal with phone calls, raising money, that kind of stuff," Thompson said. "Our regular practice time, that two hour period a lot of the time for us wasn't dedicated to working out like it was for everybody else, we had to come in early at three and leave maybe as late as seven sometimes to get our workout in. Then in practice between four and six we were answering phone calls, answering questions, teaching guys, stuff like that. The working out part of it was one of the lesser aspects of Bengal Bouts that we had to deal with this year."

Tackling the full time job of making one of Notre Dame's greatest annual events possible would have been accomplishment enough, but Thompson has come too far since freshman year to not leave it all in the ring as a senior.

Last year as a junior he battled to a split decision victory in the 175-lb division semifinals over this year's No. 2 seed in the 185-lb division, Steve Pfeiffer, before losing in the finals. As a senior, Thompson now sees the definite advantages of his experience.



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Josh Thompson, shown above, has been watching the Bengal Bouts since high school. He will be fighting in the 185 - pound weight division and is the favorite to win.

"I think I've worked even more so this year at getting in shape, I feel more comfortable in the ring, and I just feel more confident," said Thompson. "There's a lot of guys, when they get in the ring, I call them brawlers, they go after you non-stop the entire three rounds. I seem to be more of a guy who's going to wait and look for opening and be real patient. But if a brawler comes at me, my whole strategy has to change. You sort of need to brawl back with him, there's not much you can do, if you don't brawl back you're just gonna get beat

on."

The other side of the coin, of course, is that this is Thompson's last chance to be a champion. While senior captain Pete Ryan is chasing his fourth Bengal Bouts title, the other six captains are in rather unique situations.

"One of the funny things is this year, all three of the junior captains, Matt Fumagalli, Mark Criniti, and Rob Joyce have won a championship before.

"The four senior captains, with the

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Huskies topple Irish

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish slid off their blistering late-season pace Monday as the Connecticut Huskies handed them a sound 75-59 defeat.

The Irish (19-7, 11-3 Big East) tried to pull off their usual feat of dropping behind early but soaring back to victory, but it didn't work against the Huskies (19-9, 8-7). UConn never trailed in the game, and when Notre Dame went for its late-game comeback, the homecourt Huskies were too hot to handle.

"They soundly beat us," said Irish coach Mike Brey.

Midway through the second half, Notre Dame closed to within four points on two occasions — one following a David Graves 3-pointer and the other after two free throws by Martin Ingelsby. Both times, Johnnie Selvie, who was second-half salvation for the Huskies with 12 points, answered with a basket.

The second time around, UConn kept the scoring going with a Tony Robertson pull-up shot on the drive, a Selvie hook shot, a free throw by Souleymane Wane and a rebound slam by Selvie.

"A couple big transition buckets really broke it on us," Brey said, "and we were never able to get back in it." A jumper by Selvie, who scored 10 of his 12 points during a 3 1/2 minute stretch in the second half, ended the 11-2 UConn spurt which gave the Huskies a 64-51 lead, their largest of the game. The only Irish points during that stretch came on free throws by All-American Troy Murphy, who led Notre Dame with 17.

Robertson traveled, though, on the next possession, and Notre Dame's Matt Carroll hit a long 2-pointer. Instead of allowing an Irish comeback, however, the Huskies only built on their 11-point lead.

Graves fouled UConn's Caron Butler, who made both free throws, and Notre Dame's Ryan Humphrey was called for a charge. Irish reserve Torrian Jones tapped the ball from UConn to force a turnover and get the ball back, but Humphrey missed an up-close field goal attempt.

Ingelsby was next to foul, and freshman point guard Taliek Brown knocked in both foul

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