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Class elections yield two winners, a run-off and a revote

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

While Monday's class council primary elections did not feature any campaign or procedural violations on the part of the candidates, a production error in the ballots used for the class of 2003 contest marked another conflict in a recent string of controversial student government elections.

According to Elections Committee member Amanda Dovidio, the name of one ticket was run twice on one-sixth of all 2003 ballots. In turn, one ticket was omitted from the flawed ballots. Due to the error, all results for this elections are null and void, Dovidio said.

Judicial Council president Kelly Folks said the freshmen will recast their votes today.

"The times will be the same, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Freshmen can vote in their dorms," Folks said.

But some worry that a revote today will not prompt a high voter turnout.

"I fear that given the state of student govern-

ment elections recently, some people may be discouraged from turning out. This is the third mistake in three elections," said Matt Smith, the presidential candidate on the omitted ticket.

Smith noted that this balloting misprint came in the face of two other student government controversies surrounding the student body presidential elections at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame.

Folks, however, said today's vote should garner just as much support as the original. She and other election committee members took steps Monday night to ensure a successful election today.

"We've left voice mails with all the hall rectors asking them to get the word out that there is a revote today. I'm sure we'll get a good turn out," Folks said.

Although they regret the conflict in the 2003 election, both Folks and Dovidio are pleased with the manner in which the other elections ran.

The 2002 contest yielded a winning ticket. Carrying nearly 66 percent of his class' vote, Jonathan Jorissen was elected president for the 2000-01 term.



The winners of Class of 2002 look at the results from Judicial council president Kelly Folks. The Jorissen ticket won over 50 percent of the vote, so a run-off is not needed.

Jorissen's running mates were vice president Mary Dunleavy, secretary Marcella Nurse and treasurer Taylor McWilliams.

"Our primary goal is to create a mini-abroad program. It's for those juniors who don't want to go away for an entire semester. Instead, they

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ND Elections

Class of 2001

Gerner (45.5%) (Runoff)
Nelson (27.9%)

Off-Campus

Winners

Amy Mathews
Nicole Benjamin (52.9%)

Class of 2002

Winners
Jorissen, Dunleavy, Nurse, McWilliams (65.9%)

MANDI POWELL/The Observer

Nancy Fallon, editor of Saint Mary's Courier, dies unexpectedly

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Associate News Editor

Nancy Fallon, three-year editor of the Saint Mary's alumnae magazine Courier, died Wednesday after a heart attack. She was 45 years old.

Fallon was watching her daughter Clare, age 11, participate in the Catholic Diocese spelling bee at Holy Cross School in South Bend when the apparent heart attack struck.

Fallon began as a freelance writer for Courier in 1989, where she assumed the editor position eight years later. She also worked as a freelance writer for Notre Dame Magazine.

Maureen Manier, then editor of Courier, was immediately impressed with Fallon.

"I knew instantly that she was someone I wanted to work with," Manier said. "She was a quiet, even unassuming woman when you met her, but in the course of our first meeting I could tell she possessed tremendous intelligence and insight."

The first impression Fallon made would be one that would start a

long-winded professional and personal relationship.

"After meeting with her about freelancing, I wrote on my calendar, 'great writer, amazing woman. Definitely call,'" Manier remembered.

During her tenure at Saint Mary's, Fallon extended her contributions beyond the Courier's office. She collaborated with development on writing projects and also wrote a video script for the College.

"Nancy was an extremely bright and talented, very kind person," said Barb Henry, director of alumnae relations. "She contributed a lot to Saint Mary's. She was our voice."

Fallon revamped the Courier during her tenure in the position, envisioning a new design for the magazine and greater attention to detail in the publication.

"The magazine was like our mutual brainchild," Manier said. "The magazine truly soared under her leadership. She showed not only vision, but a meticulous attention to detail."

Fallon was born Oct. 28, 1955, in Oklahoma City, Okla. She earned a bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University and holds a

master's degree in English Literature from the University of Virginia. During her career she taught at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, N.C., and at Notre Dame. In 1981, she married Stephen Fallon, an associate professor

in the Program of Liberal Studies at Notre Dame.

Fallon also founded and taught the Junior Great Books program at Holy Cross School in South Bend. She was a longtime volunteer of St. Joseph Soup Kitchen in South Bend.

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Barb Henry
director of Alumnae Relations

Girls get chance to explore math, science at SMC

By KATIE MCVOY
News Writer

Saint Mary's hosted the 10th annual Hypatia Day Saturday.

Sponsored by the mathematics, chemistry, biology and nursing departments, Hypatia Day offers seventh-grade girls the opportunity to explore the importance of women in mathematics and the sciences. The event encourages girls' interests in math and science.

"At this age they're very excited about math and science," said Colleen Hoover, who has run the event for three years. "In the high school years, there is a big drop in interest and now is the time to make a strong statement saying 'yes, you should take the hardest classes you can, and yes, you should work to succeed.'"

This year's Hypatia Day had record success with 125 girls and 140 parents attended. Teachers recommended each girl because of her interest and ability in mathematics and science.

The day began with keynote speaker Tanya Ryskind, who has been a part of Hypatia Day for the past several years. Ryskind, a past counselor

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INSIDE COLUMN

Things could be worse

I had a lot of homework this weekend, and I took advantage of every opportunity presented to me to complain about it.

I whined to my parents over the phone. I grumbled to my friends here at Notre Dame. I griped to my friends at home through AOL Instant Messenger. I was so worried that I would never be able to finish everything. I convinced myself that I was going to fail my theology and economics tests, not to mention every other assignment I would ever have in the rest of my years at Notre Dame. I felt quite sorry for myself as my hands pecked away at my computer's keyboard for hours.

Erin LaRuffa

copy editor

But then I got a reality check. Sunday night, I heard about a sophomore from Zahm Hall who was recently diagnosed with leukemia. He had been spending the semester in Washington, D.C., but had to return home for treatment. Later, I was reminded about a freshman who is in the hospital fighting a serious case of pneumonia. I have never met that particular freshman and I don't know the sophomore very well. But I am sure these two students did not spend much of their weekend stressing over a potentially low grade. I realized that I should feel privileged to have nothing more serious to worry about than not having a 4.0 at a prestigious national university.

I should not have needed to be reminded of this lesson. Last semester, on three different occasions, I had to hear over the telephone that my mom had been hospitalized. Spending time talking to her on the phone everyday to cheer her up was more important than perfect grades. Her recovery was more crucial than my GPA. But my mom's health has improved and she has been able to return to work. And so I got wrapped up in myself again.

No one ever really knows when a friend or a family member will become ill, or even worse, die. Why wait for something bad to happen to show those closest to us what they mean to us?

Instead of complaining to my friends and family about having a lot of work, I should have had more pleasant conversations with them and asked them how they were. I should have thanked my parents for giving me the opportunity to study at a school I love. I should have been grateful that I am receiving a wonderful education and that I have wonderful friends who put up with me even when I complain.

So the next time that you are worried about your grades, remember that tomorrow you or someone you love could end up in a hospital bed. Try to remember that there are people in this world who are not as fortunate as you. Enjoy the opportunities you have as a student here. Treat the people in your life a little better. Enjoy the time you have with those people. Remember that there is more to life than your GPA.

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"I hope in 10 years when I return to Saint Mary's, I will see more diversity, including in the glass case that holds the photographs of the Board of Trustees."

Manuela Hernandez
Saint Mary's senior

"It was, quite honestly, a blur."

Jonathon Pentzien
senior, on his Bengal Bouts fight last Friday

"It's time to begin the journey toward everything Notre Dame and her students can and will be."

Brian O'Donoghue
student body president-elect, on the Student Senate's denial of the Osborn/Donahey appeal

"Ninety-six percent of the films seen in America are made in America. ... It's a tremendous deprivation for American children to see the world in their own eyes."

Luciana Castellina
presidente commissione of Italy, on the problem of cultural diversity in America

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Coca-Cola head promotes U. Florida partnership

GAINESVILLE, Fla.

Coca-Cola may make a lot of money as the only soft drink distributor at the University of Florida, but the president of Coca-Cola USA told 300 people Friday that anyone who deals with his company should benefit in return.

"We partner with this school so that [students] may go from this place and do outstanding things," Ralph Cooper said. "That right there ought to be enough for all of us."

Cooper gave the keynote address at the kick-off for UF's annual Corporate Leaders Weekend, which this year coincided with the University of Florida Foundation's quarterly board meeting. Foundation officials said the weekend was a chance to strengthen existing corporate relationships and encourage new ones.



UF recently amended and expanded its business agreement with Coca-Cola, making the company the sole soft drink distributor campus-wide through August 2005.

Foundation spokesman Chris Brazda said the relationship will provide UF with resources to fulfill many needs across campus, including classroom renovations. He said about 70 percent of UF's budget is funded by private sources.

Cooper also discussed UF's involvement with the Coca-Cola World Citizenship Program, which was created by UF and the Coca-Cola

Foundation in December 1999.

The two-year program, the first of its kind for the Coca-Cola Foundation, will provide international internships to UF graduate and professional students to assist with projects in Africa and Latin and Central America. The program may be a model for future programs at other universities.

Cooper said the program will "enable Florida students to make a real difference in developing countries."

"We're especially proud to be a partner of the university in its business — the business of education," he said.

Cooper said his company also benefits from the esteem of being associated with UF, builds a better business relationship with its clients and helps to create a better work force of college graduates.

Columbia passes anti-violence policy

NEW YORK

After two years of review and a year of contentious debate, the Columbia University Senate passed all five of the resolutions that made up the proposed Sexual Misconduct Policy last Friday. Anti-violence activists hailed the policy as the best in America and a major victory for students. Some 200 student activists, many of them holding signs and wearing red tape, attended the meeting and more senators showed up than have at any meeting in the past two years. Their publicity paid off, as local and national media came out to the meeting and interviewed activist leaders. The first four resolutions, which establish policies for student education, the availability of information on the new policy, the training of the deans who will carry out the disciplinary procedures, the hiring of a new coordinator for the whole policy and the creation of oversight committees, were unanimously passed. The fifth resolution, which dealt with issues of due process for the accused passed with near-unanimous support.

UC Davis, UCLA unions approve strike

LOS ANGELES

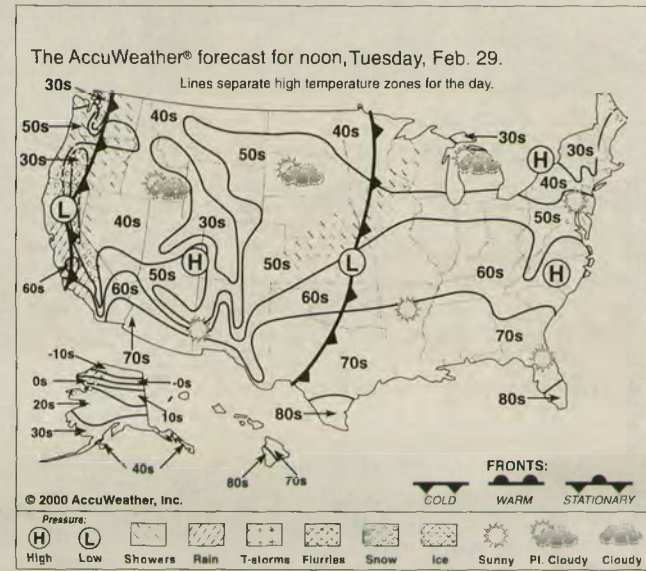
As the end of the quarter and final exams approach, unions representing academic student employees at the UCLA and UC Davis announced Saturday their members voted to authorize a strike. Union officials called for a strike authorization vote last Monday, contending that UC is negotiating in bad faith and using illegal bargaining practices. University administrators, however, said they have been bargaining in good faith and want a contract just as much as the unions do. At UCLA, 89 percent of the slightly more than 900 teaching assistants, readers and tutors who voted were in favor of a strike. At Davis more than 500 employees cast ballots, with 84 percent voting to strike. Elections will take place at six other UC campuses in the next week, with a decision on when a strike will occur to follow. A spokeswoman for the union at UCLA — the Student Association of Graduate Employees (SAGE) — said the results of the votes send a message to the university. "It clearly shows that the membership is outraged that the university is breaking the law," said Connie Razza, a spokeswoman for SAGE, which is associated with the United Auto Workers.

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NATIONAL WEATHER



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Boston	43	34	Milwaukee	52	40	St. Louis	69	46
Chicago	57	45	New York	49	35	Tampa	79	57
Houston	75	61	Philadelphia	54	36	Wash DC	58	40

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McCourt lectures on war in Northern Ireland



SHANNON BENNETT/The Observer

Jon McCourt, a native of Northern Ireland, spoke last night about the ongoing struggle in his country. McCourt has witnessed brutality in Ireland when he was a member of the Irish Republican Army.

By MICHAEL DE LA ROSA
News Writer

After witnessing brutality directed against people in his native Northern Ireland, Jon McCourt said he believed his only choice was to join the Irish Republican Army.

"It didn't seem like there was an option, no political options, no negotiating ... so when I got the opportunity to join the IRA, I jumped at it," McCourt said as he lectured about the conflict in Northern Ireland with a group of students in the Hesburgh Library auditorium on Monday.

When McCourt was 16, he said he did not believe that his homeland's civil rights movement had anything to do with him.

McCourt, who had spent 13 years in a boy's home because his mother could not get on a housing list, said that he first realized something was wrong in Northern Ireland after seeing the brutality at one of the first Civil Rights demonstrations in Derry, Ireland.

"These people weren't a group of radicals, but they were hosed down, kicked and beaten across a bridge," said McCourt, who had friends and schoolmates in the movement.

The situation in

Northern Ireland flared up again on a day known as Bloody Sunday in January 1972.

According to McCourt, 15-year-old Joseph Mahan was the first to be shot on Bloody Sunday. McCourt said he and a friend Jim Ray tried to help Mahan. Ray would later be shot from less than 20 feet away. At the end of the day 13 people were killed.

"This was calculated, clear, surgical murder. I saw it and about 600 others saw it," said McCourt. He added that there were 108 shots fired into the crowd, and the official statement said that the firing bordered on reckless.

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Jon McCourt
former IRA member

After Bloody Sunday, McCourt said he could no longer accept the word of the British government, army or police. Thus, he entered into a period of intense violence and terrorism.

During that time, his life seemed dark and empty, McCourt said.

"I grew up with nuns. I knew a lot about religion but not about faith. It was all empty; we were growing weary," he said.

It was this period in McCourt's life that he turned away from terrorism and began to speak about bringing the community together. McCourt said that murals began going up, programs were started to help dangerous youths and feelings of progress began to emerge. The Catholic and Protestant communities were encouraged to work together. Slowly things began to change, and the community came closer together, said McCourt.

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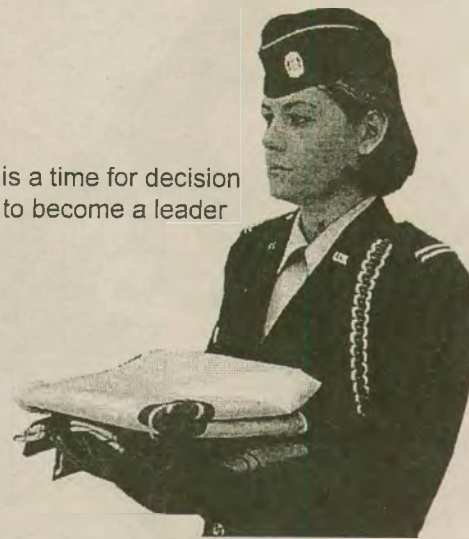
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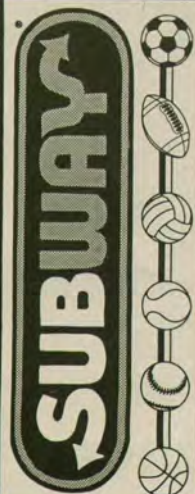


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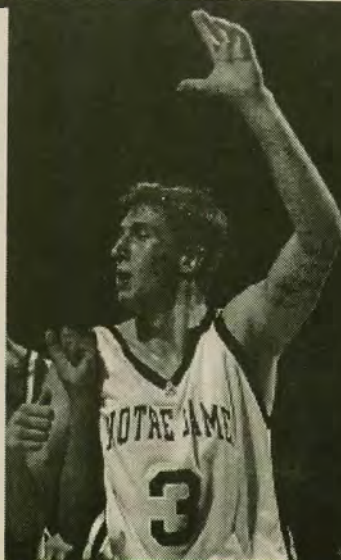


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Women's Tennis



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Graduate student's film featured on web

Special to The Observer

"Moment," a short film by Notre Dame graduate student Ryan Lutterbach, is now featured on the World Wide Web at Shortbuzz: The Best Short Films Online.

"Moment" first gained recognition by winning "Best of Show" at the 1999 Hometown Cinema Film Festival in Bloomington,

Indiana.

Using an original special effect to zoom in and out, "Moment" explores the intricate happenings on a city street frozen in an instant in time.

Lutterbach wrote, directed, produced and was the cinematographer on the project.

A native of Michigan City, Ind., Lutterbach is a 1998 Notre Dame graduate and current MBA student.

Italian professor wins translation award

Special to The Observer

John Welle, associate professor of Italian at Notre Dame and the poet Ruth Feldman have been selected to receive the 1999 Raiziss/de Palchi Book Prize from the Academy of American Poets for their translation of Andrea Zannotto's work, "Peasants Wake for Fellini's Casanova and Other Poems."

The \$5000 prize is awarded every other year for a transla-

tion into English of a significant work of Italian poetry.

Amember of the Notre Dame faculty since 1983, Welle specializes in 19th and 20th century Italian literature, the history of Italian cinema and translation studies.

He is the author of "The Poetry of Andrea Zanzotto" and the editor of "Italian Film and Literature: Annali d'Italianistica."

He is at work on a book about literary intellectuals and film history.

Saferide to start after spring break

By HELENA RAYAM
News Writer

SafeRide will once again attempt to provide efficient transportation to Notre Dame students with its new coordinator Dave Powers.

"It's going to be a lot more reliable and run more smoothly," said Powers, whose duties will include managing SafeRide's advertising and scheduling.

Powers will also hire and train 10 to 15 drivers and navigators, and he said that he would seek students who are responsible for those positions.

In the past, SafeRide was a volunteer-based service. SafeRide had problems with students signing up to work a shift and not actually coming to work.

Although many students did volunteer to work for SafeRide,

the program did not generate the interest that was expected because students who would use SafeRide could not predict when it would have drivers.

Student government has reevaluated SafeRide and decided to make some changes.

"Now they're paying," said Powers, adding that this is the incentive for students to work on Friday and Saturday nights for SafeRide.

Chairman of the Student Senate's Ad Hoc Committee for Transportation, Amy Szeszak, said that being employed will make drivers and navigators more responsible.

"We would offer [SafeRide] as a service and students would call, but SafeRide wasn't running because there were no students to drive that night," said Szeszak. "If it is someone's job, they will be more reliable."

SafeRide will have one van and a cellular phone, which

students can call in order to get rides from off-campus locations to return to Notre Dame. The navigators will answer the phone and can switch jobs with the driver throughout the night.

The goal of SafeRide remains to provide a transportation service for Notre Dame students as a means to avoid drinking and driving.

"We do target people that have been at drinking establishments and who are not in a condition to drive," said Szeszak. "It's not exclusively for intoxicated people, although a large portion of the students who use SafeRide have been drinking."

SafeRide will start operating on Friday and Saturday from 9:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. the week after spring break. If there is much interest, SafeRide will look into getting additional vans or extending days or hours next year.

Elections

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can go abroad for the duration of fall break," Jorissen said. He also aims to increase class unity through spiritual activities such as class mass-

es.

No 2002 ticket carried the simple majority of the class' vote Monday. A run-off election between the two tickets that received the most votes is scheduled for Thursday. Competing in the run-off will be the Rachel Gerner ticket, which won 45.6 percent of

the primary vote, and the Elliot Nelson ticket, which captured 27.9 percent of the vote.

The off-campus co-presidents race produced a winning ticket of Amy Matthews and Nicole Benjamin, who received 53 percent of yesterday's vote.



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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Police arrest 185 protesters in front of Supreme Court

WASHINGTON

About 185 people were arrested outside the Supreme Court building and another 164 were arrested in San Francisco during protests Monday seeking a new trial for a man sentenced to death for killing a Philadelphia police officer. Supreme Court and city police officers led away protesters who sat in the street or jumped a barrier and went onto the plaza in front of the court building. Supreme Court police officers arrested 24 people, and city police arrested about 160. The demonstration came while the nation's highest court took the bench to issue orders and hear arguments in cases. It was not known whether the justices knew of the protest. San Francisco police said they arrested 164 protesters who blocked the sidewalk in front of the federal appeals court building in that city.

Tijuana police suspect Calif. SUV used in chief's murder

TIJUANA, Mexico

In this violent border town where killings occur daily, Tijuana police tried to resolve one more case Monday: the death of their popular police chief, whose car was riddled with bullets on a busy highway. Investigators hope a gray Cherokee sports utility vehicle with California license plates can offer more clues in Sunday's killing of Alfredo de la Torre Marquez. Three bullet shells were found in the vehicle, suggesting this could have been the vehicle used by the attackers, state Attorney General Juan Manuel Salazar said. The Cherokee was believed to be one of three vehicles used in the attack on a busy, six-lane divided highway in the northern edge of Tijuana, just across the border from San Diego.

Senegal's election results delayed, run-off pending

DAKAR, Senegal

Senegal's incumbent president and his main rival appeared headed for a run-off election Monday, with partial returns showing both candidates had failed to win an outright majority in the country's presidential election, a senior electoral official said. A provisional ballot count showed President Abdou Diouf and veteran opposition leader Abdoulaye Wade on top among the eight candidates who competed in the election on Sunday, said the Interior Ministry official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. He said each failed to gain more than 50 percent of the vote. The official declined to give voting figures and said a final tally would not be available until later.

AUSTRIA



AFP Photo

Austrian far-right Freedom Party leader Joerg Haider announced Monday that he would resign as party chief. Seated with Haider are Austrian Vice Chancellor Susanne Riess-Passer and party member Elisabeth Sickl.

Austrian rightist leader resigns

Associated Press

VIENNA

Joerg Haider, the politician known for his anti-foreigner statements and past praise of Nazi employment policies, resigned Monday as head of the far-right Freedom Party, the Austria Press Agency reported.

The agency quoted unidentified party sources attending a closed-door meeting of the group's national leadership at a downtown hotel. Party officials would not confirm the report pending a news conference expected later Monday.

APA said Haider, who holds no post in the national government, would stay on as governor of Carinthia province. The move was seen as an attempt to reduce international criticism of the new coalition government between Haider's rightists and the center-right Austrian People's Party.

The agency quoted party sources as saying Haider will be succeeded as party chief by his trusted lieutenant, Vice Chancellor Susanne Riess-Passer, 39.

APA said Haider told the party leadership meeting that he was stepping down because he did not want "to stand in the way" of the work of

the new government.

The 14 other European Union members have downgraded relations with Austria because of the presence of Haider's party in the government.

Earlier Monday, Peter Sichrovsky, the Freedom Party's EU representative, said Haider had mentioned stepping down over the weekend.

"Already on Saturday, he mentioned it in an internal party discussion," Sichrovsky said. "He has already achieved more than anyone else, and if that is his decision, then we must respect it."

Despite the international furor, Haider remains popular with many Austrians.

INDONESIA

Kissinger to aid Indonesian president

Associated Press

JAKARTA

Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger threw weight behind Indonesia's democratic and market reforms Monday, accepting a new job as political adviser to Indonesia's president.

Calling himself a "patriotic American," Kissinger said he would gladly assist in the Southeast Asian nation's transition to democracy, consulting with Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid at least once a year on polit-

ical and social policy.

"I responded to the request of the president out of friendship for the Indonesian people and the importance I attach to the Indonesian nation," Kissinger told reporters after a private meeting at the presidential palace.

The appointment appeared to be a gesture by Wahid aimed at boosting international confidence in his reform program.

Kissinger, a Nobel Peace laureate, said he had full confidence in Wahid's ability to implement reforms in the world's fourth most

populous nation.

Kissinger was secretary of state under presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford. At the time, he was instrumental in shaping U.S. foreign policy in Southeast Asia.



Critics claim that, prior to Indonesia's bloody invasion of East Timor in 1975, Kissinger visited Jakarta and gave then-president Suharto a tacit go-ahead for the attack.

They maintain that, in the aftermath of America's humiliating defeat in Vietnam, the Ford administration was worried that an independent East Timor

would provide the communists with a foothold in the Indonesian archipelago, thus undermining Suharto's right-wing dictatorship.

Kissinger has denied this, and the United States never formally recognized the Indonesian occupation, which finally ended in September after the East Timorese voted overwhelmingly to break free in a U.N.-supervised referendum. But the accusations against Kissinger have persisted. On Feb. 1, officials of University of Texas at Austin had to cancel a lecture by Kissinger.

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LUCEFT CORP	LU	-2.11	-1.2500	58.00

Hypatia

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and lawyer, currently works at Brookeview Montessori School.

The girls attended morning and afternoon sessions of nursing, chemistry and physics, biology or math.

For its session, the mathematics department showed the versatility of the subject. The girls in attendance made hexaflexagons, three-sided folded papers, and origami boxes.

"I think this was very important," said Cindy Traub, student head of the math segment. "Anything you can do to turn people on to mathematics, whether it's folding paper or working in a group, is a big success."

"There are fewer women interested in math than men," she added. "Girls do better in math at a younger age, but then interest drops off. Something like Hypatia Day can get them fired up."

Other Hypatia Day partici-

pants had the option of making slime and silly putty as well as working with bulbs and batteries with the chemistry and physics department.

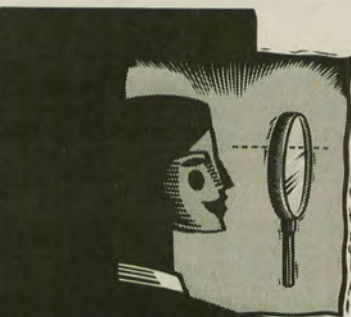
"I think it's very helpful to get teenage girls into the lab and show them how it works," said senior Emily Koelsch, who was in charge of the chemistry and physics segments. "They need to know that labs are places where women work just as well as anyone else. The hands-on experience shows them that they can do it."

However, to many of the participants the exposure to college-aged women who were excited about math and science really made the day a success.

"It was a real-world experience," Koelsch said. "We showed them that chemistry can be fun. Here are college-aged women who really love chemistry. That is a wonderful thing for girls to see."

"The girls got to work so closely with college women and see how excited they are about science," Hoover said. "That kind of experience is invaluable."

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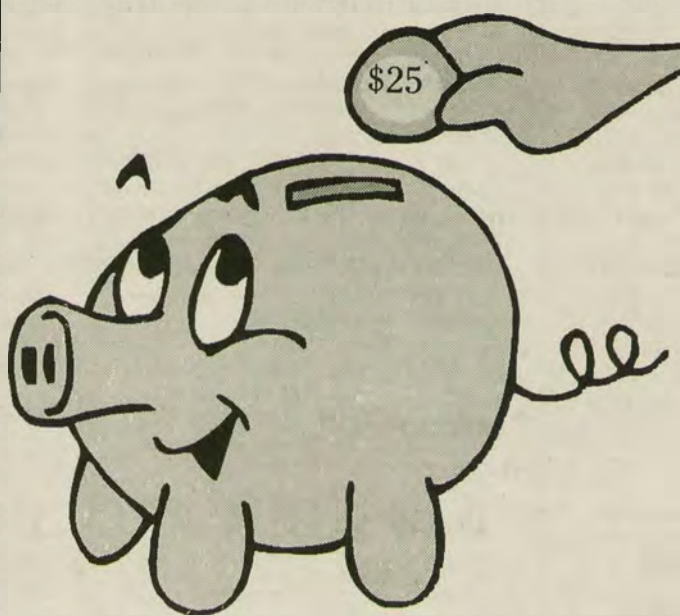
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Despite problems in Japan, few expect Leap Day troubles

Associated Press

In a sign of the Y2K-like problems that experts around the world will be watching for Tuesday, Leap Day threw off computer calendars at Japan's Meteorological Agency.

Computers at six observatories in Tokyo and other cities failed to correctly recognize Feb. 29. Agency spokesman

Ippei Eguchi said Monday the error was quickly fixed, although he did not say how it affected operations.

Overall, computer consultants expected a quiet transition into March, despite warnings that computers might treat Feb. 29 as March 1.

"This is sort of closure on the Year 2000 efforts, like the final frontier here," said Dale Vecchio, research director at

technology consultant Gartner Group.

Computers have had difficulties in leap years before. Four years ago, for instance, Arizona Lottery players could not buy tickets because its computer failed to understand Leap Day.

This year is more troublesome because it is an exception to an exception. Normally, years that end in "00" are not

leap years, but 2000 is because it is divisible by 400.

But many of the problems were caught as Y2K experts tackled the larger Y2K risk — the use of two digits to represent a year, a glitch that could have thrown off computers that run the power grid, air traffic systems and traffic lights.

Sony Corp. said older video cameras and word processors

may fail to recognize Feb. 29, while Microsoft Excel 2000 users might have problems computing financial bonds if they failed to get an update.

Government and business leaders in the United States were increasingly confident as Tuesday arrived around the world.

"We've seen absolutely no impact on telecommunications on the far side of the globe, and we expect none here," said Joseph Tumolo, director of Bell Atlantic's business continuity planning.

For all practical purposes, this week marks the end of formal Y2K monitoring, with responsibilities shifting to normal maintenance teams. The Senate's Y2K advisory committee planned to release a wrapup report Tuesday and disband.

In the report, obtained by The Associated Press, the committee identified more than 250 Y2K glitches in some 75 countries. It expects "continued reports of minor nuisances throughout 2000, but no major problems."

Sen. Bob Bennett, R-Utah, the committee's chairman, defended the estimated \$100 billion the nation spent to deal with Y2K flaws — which caused none of the widespread disruptions feared.

"Had we not as a nation focused on this issue and come up to deal with it," Bennett said in a Senate speech, "we would have had significant problems."



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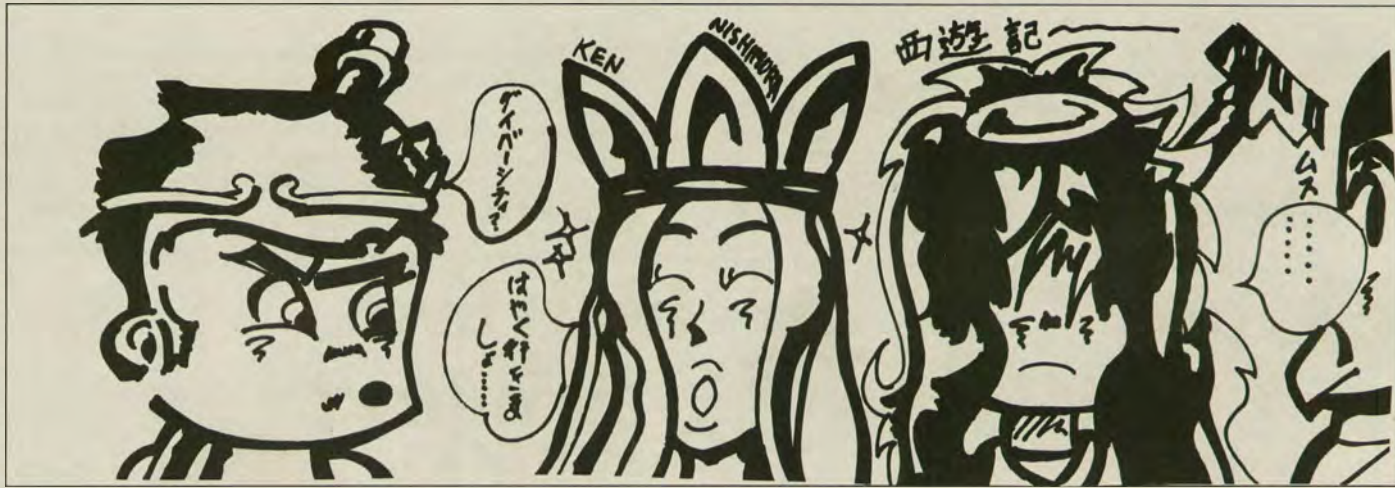
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Diversity thwarts GOP's 'Big Tent'

It must be a leap year! Following this column's last publication, an article contending institutionalized bigotry within the Republican Party, I received an avalanche of e-mails that rivaled the recent great Internet hacking attacks on Amazon and eBay. Positions ran about half and half, but they did tilt slightly in disagreement with my opinions. They were typical of the Notre Dame community of the 1990s.



Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

Twenty-five years ago, the student body was overwhelmingly liberal-thinking and Democratic leaning, in opposition to the Vietnam War and seeking a better life full of tolerance and peaceful coexistence. Today's students are predominately conservative and Republican, a reflection of the changing times. I too am more moderate today, changing from the height of my liberalism. However, the diversity of the Democratic Party keeps me from wondering over to the mythical "Big Tent" Republicans have tried to sell the American public.

Republican chairman Jim Nicholson zeroed in on the "pandering" of Vice President Al Gore and former Senator Bill Bradley who debated at the Apollo Theater in Harlem. What Nicholson sees as courting to the special interests of African Americans is in the eyes of Democrats the inclusion of those whose history in this country has been marked by discrimination. My dictionary defines "pandering" as the courting of a group that "excludes" an element of society like the practices of fundamentalists from Bob Jones University.

Several of the e-mails I received asked if the entire student body should be held accountable for the actions of the administration. Some went so far as to ask if Notre Dame students should be compared to students at Bob Jones since Notre Dame administrators insist on denying gay and lesbian student groups recognition, advertising and

from meeting on campus. My answer is a clear and unequivocal "yes."

When a student accepts Notre Dame, that student accepts everything that comes with the adventure in South Bend ... poor football, great women's basketball, upcoming men's basketball, parietyals, exclusively single-sex dorms, a prohibition against birth control, gays, pro-choice advocacy and Satan worshippers. I can recall when students in the mid-1980s protested until the dining halls brought back Cap'n Crunch cereal. Yesterday Cap'n Crunch, today tolerance and inclusion.

Many of my e-mails protested my contention that Republican presidential contender Texas Governor George W. Bush courted the bigoted, right-wing vote in South Carolina. Since then, Bush has publicly lamented that he could have handled the matter better. What Bush forgot was that a presidential candidate is sometimes louder when he does not speak. When Bush's rhetoric did not disavow BJU policy, the symbolism suggested support for the Bob Jones bigotry against Catholics. Bush's blunder has alienated many northern voters and most of New England.

President Clinton is a new Democrat who single-handedly revived the Democratic Party with his centrist views. His moderate stands and his inclusion of women and minorities has made the government a reflection of American society. However, 15 of his judicial nominees are stalled in the partisan Republican-led Senate.

Yet, for the first time in many years, Democratic appointees on the bench exceed Republicans 389 to 386. According to the Alliance for Justice, the 13 Federal Circuit Courts of Appeal have 99 Democrats and 81 Republicans. Clinton is responsible for more diversity on the bench than ever before, having appointed 57 African Americans, 20 Latinos and 100 women by the close of 1999.

But for all that, Republicans still control the Federal judiciary partly because the Republican Party was a monolithic, and somewhat racist party under Ronald Reagan and George Bush. Presently, nine of the appeals courts and the U.S. Supreme Court are

majority Republican. Fewer African American appellate judges sit on the bench today than when Jimmy Carter left office 20 years ago.

More than half the circuit courts have either no African American or no Latino jurists, according to the alliance study. Despite a substantial minority population of Latinos and African Americans in the three largely southern circuits, only two of the 40 appeals judges are African Americans.

Tonight John McCain and Bush square off in Virginia, Washington and North Dakota. Expect Bush to get the better of the three contests. Tomorrow, Al Gore and Bill Bradley debate in California. Thursday, the Republicans debate there. Next week, on Super Tuesday, Al Gore and George Bush will nail the lids closed on the nominations.

When I think of a compassionate conservative who is a leader, I think of Bill Clinton who brought his party from the left and included more women and minorities in government than presidents Reagan and Bush combined. When I think of government executives who get results, I think of Clinton and Al Gore, who have guided a national economy and society to the greatest prosperity in this nation's history. The reason so many governors have been able to reform programs and cut taxes is due to the robust economy and the willingness of the current administration to experiment with welfare and education on the state level.

Vice President Gore tells a great story about Republican kittens for sale. After two weeks, the owner crossed off the word "Republican" and wrote "Democratic kittens." When asked about the change, he replied, "That's because the kittens now have their eyes open." Talk about a big tent.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The public have an insatiable curiosity to know everything, except what is worth knowing."

Oscar Wilde
author, "The Soul of Man Under Socialism"

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I admit it: I'm a morning person

They are your siblings, parents, and cousins. They are your friends and your neighbors. They are your professors, your classmates, and, if you're unlucky, your roommates. They are a startling minority on ca.m.pus. You may even be afraid of them and their "different" lifestyle.



Kate Rowland

Read This.
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Your Life.

They are morning people, and chances are, you already know one. I'm a morning person. By morning person, I mean someone who does his or her best work early, who would rather get up early and go to bed early than get up and go down late. They are the people who can utter the expression "Good morning!" and mean it, even before 9 o'clock. Morning people are not always delighted to hear the alarm go off at 7 a.m., but they usually get used to the idea of being awake within 10 or 15 minutes. And then they enjoy it.

There is a special bond among morning people. For one thing, we spend more time together. We run into each other at the dining hall at breakfast or at Rolf's at 6 a.m. We can say to each other, "Wasn't the sunrise awesome this morning?" We tend to have early classes together. We work together. I work at 8 a.m. with two other equally insufferable morning people. I think we get along better for it. We certainly do spend much time sniping at each other in a way that only morning people can. We chat like civilized people, whereas non-morning people would sit in dazed, I-can't-believe-I'm-awake silence.

As a morning person, I have also taken a lot of 8:30 classes; in fact, last semester was the first semester I did not have one. Classes at 8:30 a.m. are great; they are ludicrously easy to get into, even the ones that are really good classes. I once took a five-person Spanish current events class that met at 8:30. We all sat there with our cups of coffee (and yes, morning people do drink coffee — we're just like anyone else) chatting about what we'd read in the newspaper that morning or about whatever other gossip ca.m.e to mind. This class also had the best final I've ever had to take. Professor Rojas-Anadón invited us all over for dinner and we voluntarily stayed there for hours, eating and talking. The final was worth 40 percent of our grade. I got an A.

People who just moan and roll their eyes at the thought of mornings are really missing out on a lot of neat stuff, like breakfast. I personally love breakfast. I eat it everyday, including Fridays before my 9:30 a.m., even when I have been at Heartland until 3. Breakfast is by far the most under-appreciated meal of the day. On the Center for Social Concerns seminar that I attended during Christmas break, we were served breakfast every morning, even the crazy morning we went searching for the El Paso, Texas, active passenger depot. The only other early-to-rise Domers breakfasting with me were the two insulin-dependent diabetics on the trip who had the choice between breakfast and life-threatening hypoglycemia.

Speaking of hypoglycemia, March is National Nutrition Month. Anyone who went to kindergarten knows that breakfast is the most nutritious way to start any day. People who eat breakfast do better on tests, are more productive during the day and eat more nutritiously than people who don't. To quote the American Dietetic Association, "Hunger, even short-term hunger you may experience if you miss breakfast, decreases attention span and ability to concentrate. [People] who eat breakfast are more alert... They are also more creative and energetic. Children who skip breakfast are more often tardy and absent from school than children who eat breakfast." Also, the dining hall serves great stuff at breakfast, although I see disaster brewing the way they keep the biscuit gravy and the oatmeal right next to each other. Even if you're just a cereal person, like me, and even if you're really not a morning person, breakfast is worth the five-minute time investment.

Being up early let me in on a great experience last week. On Wednesday morning, South Dining Hall served strawberries, nice ripe ones, not the little wormy ones they sometimes have. I grabbed a handful to take with me on the walk to the library to start my shift at the computer cluster. Wednesday was the first of those beautiful 65-degree days, and it was a delight to eat strawberries while watching the sun rise over the stadium and feeling the first hints of a balmy breeze. Things like that cure any early-morning crankiness.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Hey everybody, Re-lax!

Hurray for Election 2000! Hurray for the top two tickets and the judicial council for orchestrating such a remarkable comedic display about the fallacies inherent in seemingly simple election process! All of your tomfoolery has truly made us laugh! And hurray for ME!!! I was fortunate enough to have been a candidate in this calamity — and to all of the 109 people who voted for "Stu" Pardon and me, we thank you. And to all of our friends who didn't vote for us, it's OK. I highly doubt that your support would have constituted the additional 48 percent we needed to capture the majority of the vote and become, outright, the two most overrated students on campus.

Since I believe that my political activism, though grossly ill fated, has established myself as a student leader and ambassador to at least 109 students, I feel that I need to address some current issues that have been cluttering The Observer on behalf of my people. So I'm just going to go ahead and start calling people out:

To all the concerned students and alumni that have been martyred by the tortuous student chants at the UConn game: Re-lax. You should hear what people say at international soccer matches.

To all those screaming bloody murder over the recent cartoon in The Observer concerning

COBA's (the college that I patronize) misconception about who Kofi Annan is: Re-lax. It was a joke. I think we all know it wasn't an attempt to solicit any racist propaganda.

To all the highly qualified sex experts that until recently were filling the paper with their high 'n' mighty sermons, condemning pre-marital sex: Re-lax. I guess I've always heeded this gem of advice: Don't knock it until you've rocked it.

Lastly, I'd like to just lay a proposal on the proverbial table. The next time any of us feel like being grossly over dramatic and reactionary just for the sake of adding drama, remember this: RE-LAX. Whatever you're about to slit your throat about probably isn't worth it. Forty years from now, is it really going to matter? Hell, four years from now is "A Depraved New World" or the fact that other people freely choose to have sex still going to make your blood boil? Probably not. And if you do foresee that it will: Re-lax. And when you've cooled down, head to the proctologist; something may indeed be stuck.

Ted Higgins
Junior, St. Edwards Hall
February 24, 2000

Big families should not be mocked

I think it's time someone steps up to bat (hello, University leaders and administrators) and defines "Catholic." I read the Feb. 8 guest column [Laura Antkowiak], a Notre Dame student who was ridiculed by her class mates because she came from a very large family. This young woman was made to feel shame because she was raised in a family that still practiced the dictates of the Catholic Church. Because her family did not cave in to the ways of contemporary society and limit their family to one or two children by means of birth control, she was bullied for not having as much money. Her mother and father were mocked for their lifestyle.

Is this not persecution? Isn't it ironic and tragic that this young woman was made to feel ashamed of her beautiful Catholic family at a Catholic University? Ah, but that is just the point isn't it? How Catholic is Notre Dame these days anyway? Her counterparts, who come from the small wealthy families, boldly want to be able to have sex without children, so they can preserve their shapes. They don't want to be bothered by the giving required in raising children. The horror! As a front-runner of the '60s fiasco, I saw first hand the resulting tragedies as young women and men threw their morals to the wind.

This second generation of women evidences a moral corruption unknown in recent times, which has turned the "gentler sex" into callous, graceless imitators of the worst examples of the male gender. These "best and brightest" sadly don't even recognize the bill of goods they have been

sold. Unlike their counterparts in the '60s who had the benefit of being nurtured in traditional Catholic homes, these children evidently have been denied access to much that is holy.

These are our best and brightest? By whose standards? Harvard's? Yale's? Does anyone believe these women are Catholic? Why are they attending a Catholic University? Is anyone at Notre Dame interested in shaping intellectual Catholic crusaders/soldiers/evangelists?

If ever there was an incident that brings home the need for Catholic universities and colleges to get back in line with the teachings of the Church, this is it. Our Catholic students need the support of adults to shield them from the slings and arrows of the secular world — evidently even at their own "Catholic" school. They are still learning and being formed, remember? Where is the guidance? Where is the protection? Where is the refuge?

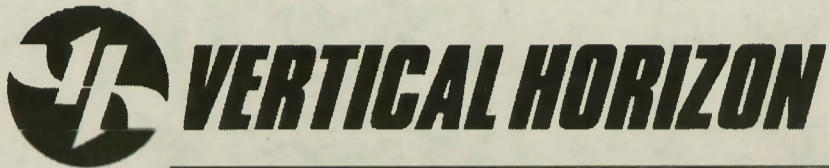
The president and administration at Notre Dame need to establish admission criteria that demonstrate which applicants are Catholic or at least not opposed to Catholic practices.

It is time we return this school to a religious school, just like the Pope wants. Otherwise, change the name because "Our Lady" doesn't seem appropriate for the type of women who are attracted to this school.

Sheryl Miller
Canton, Mass.
February 16, 2000

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Vertical Horizon is 'everything you want' in a band

Tomorrow evening the Notre Dame community will be given a musical shot in the arm, courtesy of recent radio darlings Vertical Horizon. But this is not some case of a U93 one-hit wonder. Vertical Horizon has paid its dues, traveling across the country playing their folk rock for college audiences.

Originally an acoustic duo comprised in 1991 of guitarists/vocalists Keith Kane and Matt Scannell, Horizon employed drummer Ed Toth before the release of the live album *Live Stages*. The album served as a turning point for the band, elevating their sound to a more aggressive ear-catching style. The band came full circle in 1998 with the addition of bassist Sean Hurley and has not turned back since. The release of their latest studio effort, *Everything You Want*, has modern rock radio stations chomping at the bit.

One might have trouble putting Vertical Horizon into a set musical category. When I talked to Ed Toth on Friday he was hav-

ing trouble categorizing the band as well. "Our sound is all about wherever we are at a particular time. The first album was more about being a folk duo. Then we progressed further and further. *Live Stages* pretty much showed what was going on in the live show at the time. Now the new album has us running into the whole '90s modern rock scene."

Toth is right on the money when he mentions Vertical Horizon jumping into the "modern rock scene." Such radio friendly songs as "We Are" and the title track have propelled the group to some mainstream status. However, with big success comes some big challenges, namely dealing with the newfound celebrity.

Although the studio album has been a major success, the band is known for its electrifying live show. Known for varying their setlists, Vertical Horizon has enjoyed large crowds across the country in many clubs. Toth promised a show with about half new material and half old material.

There has been some misconceptions about the live aspect of the band. One

myth is that the band is heavily based on improvisational jams.

"I don't really know how we got clumped together with the jam bands," says Toth. "I mean we don't jam the way a *Widespread Panic* or a *Phish* jams. I think people think we are one of those jam bands because we know how to play our instruments well."

In fact, the drummer thinks the band has wisely stayed away from some of the negative aspects associated with jamming. It's possible to tailor music for an optimal live performance, but that doesn't necessarily mean doing 20-minute versions of every song.

"Sure, we know how to expand our songs in concert, but we also know that there is a limit. Sometimes you can say what you have to say without going overboard."

Another common myth that circulated was that Vertical Horizon was a Christian rock group. I had heard the rumors, particularly about one of their songs called "The Man Who Would Be Santa." The lyrics depict a loving relationship between a father and his son, but word across the

internet was that the man known as Santa was really Jesus Christ. So I decided to come right out and ask Ed if they were indeed a Christian band. I was answered with a chuckle and a shout in the back-ground.

"Hey guys, we are getting the Christian question again."

Turns out that the rumors weren't exactly right on. "I think when a band has songs that deal with positive messages everyone is all confused. I mean it's fine with us because there can be 5,000 different interpretations about a song. People can think whatever they want, but we are not a Christian band. We don't even go to church when we are on the road," explained Toth.

Some of the blame for the misconception might be attributed to a Christian group that attends Horizon shows and makes the claim that the band is religiously affiliated.

"Even though that's not the case," said Toth, "it's cool that they are coming to the shows and getting something out of it."

It's good to hear a band that isn't screaming its head off about moshing and other nonsense. Vertical Horizon doesn't write crappy songs about "The Nookie." Instead they write infectious melodies with worthwhile lyrics. While talking to Toth it was apparent that the band has a genuine love of music. And on Wednesday they will be spreading the love.



Geoffrey Rahie

Scene music critic

"When you come to see us, the one thing you will see is that we just love to play music. I love the diversity of the group."

Ed Toth
Drummer, Vertical Horizon



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For Stroke 9, hard work finally pays off

"When we first went to radio stations with our stuff they didn't want anything to do with it. If it wasn't sounding like Korn or Limp Bizkit you were out of luck." Guitarist John McDermott shared his thoughts on how tough it was to get some of Stroke 9's material on the radio.

The band, which initially formed almost a decade ago when the members were in high school in San Rafael, Calif., blends free-flowing guitars with some catchy offbeat lyrics. So it's surprising now to hear how difficult it was to get the band heard in front of a mass audience.

"When the radio put us on it was almost as if they had to go against the grain. But now I think they are happy

with the choice," said McDermott.

McDermott is referring to the success Stroke 9 has had with the catchy single "Little Black Backpack." The song is now famous for its surprise tempo changes and cynical lyrics regarding a relationship.

"I think it's great that the song was able to garner some attention. We really had something unique when we recorded the song," McDermott said.

Now, one song does not make a band, so it's good to see that Stroke 9's latest album, *Nasty Little Thoughts*, is chalk full of songs that give modern rock a good name. The lead track "Letters," which is also the next single, is more straightforward, but equally catchy.

"When we first started on the tour, it was tricky. People were coming to hear 'Backpack,' but after awhile we could tell people got their hands on

the album and were coming to hear all the songs," McDermott explained.

McDermott also discussed with me the whole process that the band must go through to transform itself to a live band after all the studio work.

"In the studio I used many overdubs for the guitar parts. There is lots of layering and texturing. But when we go on stage we have to turn everything up a little more."

According to McDermott, the crowd at Stepan should expect an aggressive show with a "kick your ass a little more" attitude.

While Stroke 9 has been splitting headline duties with Vertical Horizon lately, the band has enjoyed major success on the West Coast. They have played to sell-out crowds in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle. And it looks like the band is catching on fast all over the country.

"We have this nice fan base on the other side of the country, but it's growing fast all over the place now," McDermott said.

As to who he would like to spend his time with on a deserted island — Britney Spears or Christina Aguilera, McDermott replied, "Aguilera! No question about it. I saw one of her shows and she actually sings, no lip-synching like Britney. Plus, she's a lot better looking."

Well, no matter what your preference is on teen queens, you will enjoy what Stroke 9 has in store.

"Our sound is infectious," said McDermott, and it will be sure to please fans of live music.

Stroke 9 is catching on fast and should catch on here as well come March 1. In addition to *Nasty Little Thoughts*, the band has self-released two albums prior to signing with Cherry/Universal in early '98, and has opened for the likes of Tom Petty, the Wallflowers and the Counting Crows. After a decade of dedication and hard work, Stroke 9 finally looks poised to reap the rewards.



Geoffrey Rahie

Scene music critic

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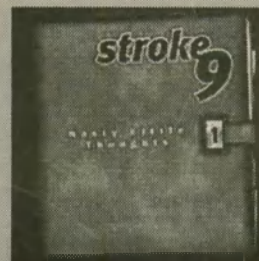
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Top fighters, newcomers meet in lightweight semifinals

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

The lightweight classes in the Tuesday semifinal round of Bengal Bouts feature both top returning contenders looking to take the final step towards a championship bout and several newcomers vying for a shot at a title.

120 Pound Division

The 120-pound division appears to be wide open with four freshmen remaining, three of whom are yet to make their debuts.

One of the boxers making his first appearance is top ranked James "Piranha" Fishburne who takes on Mike "Mr. Bubbles" Dixey.

Dixey advanced to the semifinals by winning a split decision over Reggie "The Ugly Stick" Robles. Dixey has a slight experience advantage over Fishburne coming into the fight, which may be a factor if he can get ahead early.

The other 120 pound bout pits Dan "San" Buonadonna against Shawn "Knockout The Old And Bring In The" Newberg.

Both fighters step under the ropes for the first time at the Bengal Bouts.

BENGAL BOUTS



130 Pound Division

Last year's 125 pound champion Jason "The Sweet Sensation" McMahon moves up to 130 pounds and faces Matt "The Don" Fumagalli in the semifinals.

Although McMahon is the favorite following a bye in the quarterfinals, Fumagalli is coming off a strong performance in the quarterfinals.

In that contest, Fumagalli had no trouble landing combinations en route to a win by unanimous decision.

The other semifinal bout pairs second seed Camilo "Rollin" Rueda with Michael Kontz in Rueda's first test of the Bouts.

Kontz is coming off a close split decision victory in which he started slow but managed to land enough punches in the third round to pull out the win.

Kontz will likely need to establish himself earlier when he faces Rueda to make the finals.

140 Pound Division

The first card in the 140-pound weight class matches No. 1 seed Kurt

Wilson against the surprise of the division, freshman Josh Coleman.

Wilson survived a bit of a scare in the quarterfinals, overcoming Dominic "Little Italy" Angiollo in a hard hitting split decision. Coleman, who upset Bill "The Polish Hammer" Uniowski, advanced with a split decision by staying low, letting his opponent come to him, and countering.

That same strategy could work again against Wilson's aggressive style. In the other bout at 140 Pounds, second ranked Anton "Ton of Bricks Poundin' Down On Yo Face" Kemps meets Michael "The Motor City Madman" Waldo.

Kemps reached the semifinals winning a unanimous decision in which he controlled much of the fight. Meanwhile, Mike Waldo enters the semifinals expecting the fight to be much like his bloody unanimous decision victory in the quarterfinal round.

"Anton is ranked pretty high," Waldo said. "I guess I'm going in there with the mindset of fighting him rather than boxing him because he's the better boxer."

Look for Kemps and Waldo to go toe to toe in this one.

150 Pound Division

The 150-pound division is shaping

up as one as a doozie with three knockout artists and a disciplined tactician.

In the first fight, the odds on favorite J.R. "Maddog" Mellin looks to advance to the finals when he takes on Tom "T.K." Owens.

Mellin won a unanimous decision over Brock "Landers" Heckmann in which he controlled the fight from start to finish, moving in and out, landing quick uppercuts, and seldom taking any hard shots.

Owens displayed power in his second round TKO of Kevin "Layin' The Smack Down" Downs, but the open hooks to the face will probably be tougher to come by against the elusive Mellin.

The other semifinal card at 150 pounds features "Cool Hand" Luke Stanton against Dennis "The Natural Disaster" Abdelnour.

Stanton won by way of a second round Technical Knockout over John Sarson in the quarterfinals. Abdelnour overwhelmed Joseph "What's Up Ladies!" Biggs in even less time, earning a TKO one minute and 17 seconds into his quarterfinal bout.

This fight should be interesting, as Stanton and Abdelnour are both strong fighters that appear to be evenly matched.

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thought to have a decided advantage as tandem play got underway.

However, a wrist injury to Guy dealt a cruel blow to Notre Dame's upset hopes. Guy fell during her singles match, and was unable to compete in doubles. Louderback opted to play Vaughan in her place.

Taking advantage of Guy's injury, Wake Forest was not about to have its

No. five ranking diminished and it quickly served notice to Notre Dame that an upset would not come easily.

Engel and Bea Bielick knocked off Dasso and Varnum while Cunha and

Vaughan fell to Wake's Janet Bergman and Annemarie Milton. In winning two of the three doubles matches, Wake assured itself of the win.

The newly assembled coupling of Cunha and Vaughan played hard, and considering they had never played together before, they staged quite a run.

"They played hard together," Louderback said. "But with no real chemistry it's hard to expect them to win, especially against a good Wake Forest team."

The Irish were attempting to beat a top five team for the first time since 1996, when they outlasted the Longhorns of Texas in a tight match.

Meanwhile, Notre Dame hopes Guy's injury is not serious. She was to undergo X-rays late Monday.

Softball

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to drive in Jennifer Kriech and give Notre Dame a 3-0 lead. Missouri took over in the fourth and fifth with two runs each inning for the 4-3 win.

Notre Dame suffered its third loss in a row as it fell to Arkansas in game one on Saturday.

The Lady Razorbacks scored two runs each in the fifth and sixth innings for the 4-0 lead before the Irish fought back in the bottom of the sixth. Kriech, who finished 3-for-3 at the plate, doubled and scored on a single by Melanie Alkire. Freshman Andrea Loman tripled to drive in Alkire.

But it was too little and too late. Sharron picked up her

first loss this season as the Irish fell 4-2.

With an 0-3 record for the weekend, Notre Dame softball decided it was time to fight back as it picked up its first win with a 2-1 victory over Arkansas in game two.

Alkire doubled to drive in a run in the first before Loman doubled and scored to give the Irish a 2-0 lead. Arkansas finally retaliated in the seventh by scoring one. With two outs, the tying run on third and the winning run on first, sophomore pitcher Michelle Moshel shut down Arkansas with a strikeout to give Notre Dame the win. Moshel totaled 10 strikeouts while allowing just three hits for her career best.

Junior Lizzy Lemire led Notre Dame in game one action on Sunday as the Irish

picked up a 1-0 win over the Virginia Cavaliers. Scoreless at the top of the seventh, Lemire, who finished 3-for-3 with three of Notre Dame's five hits, tripled before scoring on a pitching error for the Irish win. Sharron allowed just two hits while striking out eight to improve to 4-1 this season.

Notre Dame ended the tournament action with a 6-1 win in game two against Virginia. Myers finished 2-for-3 offensively with two runs, three RBIs and a solo home run in the first to kick off the Irish. Alkire grabbed her first win of the season allowing just two hits and one run.

Notre Dame will continue play this weekend as it competes against Tennessee, Virginia Tech and Kentucky in the Stateline University Classic at Bristol, Tenn.

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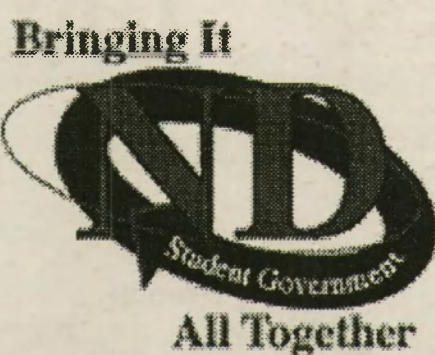
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Roeder resigns after 4-win season

By KATIE McVOY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's head basketball coach Dave Roeder resigned last week after four years of service.

After a long, frustrating season, the Saint Mary's basketball team finished the season with a 4-22 record.

"Dave wanted to let someone else step up and do something with this program," athletic director Lynn Kachmarik said.

Roeder worked as a part-time employee of the Saint Mary's athletic department, while he held a full-time job elsewhere and coached a high school basketball team.

"It was a huge time commitment for Dave," Kachmarik



Roeder

said. "Working, coaching a high school team, and coaching this team was too much work."

"Dave really, really cares about the team," Kachmarik added. "It was a hard decision, but with the frustrating season it was time to take the program in a new direction."

Although Kachmarik knew about Roeder's pending resignation, she waited to start looking for his replacement until the season was over. She will immediately start to seek a replacement.

The long-term plan is to find a full-time coach to lead the team and recruit. However that may not happen for next season.

"For Saint Mary's basketball history to change, we need a full-time coach and a full-time program," Kachmarik said. "That's what we're up against and we need that in order to compete. We may not be able to find someone this year, but down the road we want a full-time coach."

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RCIA: Conversion of the Heart

RCIA, or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is not a typical Campus Ministry program. Actually, it is not a program at all, but rather a sacramental process. The RCIA process has at its heart the same sacramental attitude that is at the very heart of the Christian life: conversion, or a "turning" of the whole person, not just the intellect. The RCIA is also a rather recent restoration of an ancient practice of initiation into the church: a process of discerning and ritualizing conversion, leading to initiation through the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and eucharist celebrated at the Easter vigil, thus empowering men and women for lives of service, charity and justice as witnesses to the love of God. The community of believers has an important part to play in this process, too. It is the Notre Dame community, through its witness, worship, service, and catechesis, that offers the invitation and support necessary for men and women to be initiated into the church.

This weekend the catechumens, those seeking baptism, and candidates, baptized Christians seeking to complete their initiation, will celebrate the Rite of Election. This rite, usually celebrated on the first Sunday of Lent, affirms the discernment process in which RCIA participants have been engaged and marks the entrance into an even more intense period of formation. The catechumens and candidates will continue their preparations until they participate in the sacraments of initiation during the Easter Vigil.

adapted from: The RCIA: Transforming the Church, Thomas H. Morris

Congratulations to the following RCIA Catechumens and Candidates who will participate in the Rite of Election on Sunday, March 5 at the 11:45am Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Bishop Daniel Jenky, CSC will be presiding.

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BENGAL BOUTS

Semifinals bring tough competition to ring

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

Rivalry heats up in the ring tonight when semifinal action resumes in the 70th annual Bengal Bouts.

With the field narrowed to just four in each weight division, every punch becomes more critical as the competition grows tougher with each bout.

155-pound division

In the 155-pound division, No. 2 Jeff "The Pittsburgh Kid" Dobosh is the favorite after unranked Paul "He-Man" Mehan upset top seed Travis "The Only Time I Get Hit On is in the Ring" Alexander.

Third-year boxer Dobosh is looking to avenge losses in previous tournaments.

The senior lost a split decision to the No. 1 seed during his sophomore year and made an early exit from last year's competition when he was upset as the No. 2 seed.

Dobosh will enter the ring tonight after earning a unanimous decision over Billy "Sweet Pea" McMurtie in the quarterfinals Sunday.

Dobosh's next challenge en route to the finals is Tom "The Pretender" Pierce.

Pierce, a freshman fighting in his first Bouts, took a unanimous decision against Christopher "Redhead Thunder" Kusek Sunday.

Pierce will have to continue his controlled boxing and patient attack in order to advance.

Mehan, one of the tournament's biggest surprises, will find his match in Robert "The Skinny Ginnea" Vuolo.

Both Mehan and Vuolo earned their way to the semifinals with hard-fought matches in the preliminaries and upsets in the quarterfinals.

160-pound division

In one of the most open brackets in the Bouts, the title is up for grabs in the 160-pound weight division. With top seeds "Dangerous" Dan Schaeffer and J.P. "Fabulous Thunderlips" Carmardo given early exits from the tournament, any of the four contenders remaining could grab the championship crown.

P.J. "Downtown" DuWors earned his second win of the tournament with a unanimous decision over Schaeffer and will be looking for his third when he takes to the ring against untested Joseph "The Polygamist" Smith.

Smith received a bye in the preliminaries and advanced past the quarterfinals with a walkover decision.

In the lower half of the bracket, Matt "All You Can Eat" McCullough, who upset Carmardo will need to overcome challenger Chris "My Nickname Was Excised" Matassa's height and reach advantage to advance to the finals.

Matassa fended off a spirited John "Judas" Berry in a unanimously decided bout.

165-pound division

The 165-pound weight division boasts some of the toughest competitors of the tournament.

No. 1 seed Sean "The Erie Kid" Nowak and No. 2 seed Don "The Destroyer" Penn advanced through the quarterfinals with ease—Nowak took only 18 seconds to dispose of his challenger Matthew "The Jedi" Gentile, while Penn took just over a minute to take care of Holt "The Fightin' Reinhold" Zeidler.

The top seeds will have a tougher time of it tonight when they face stronger competition. Nowak will meet Tim "Rock" O'Rourke a senior who earned a split decision in the quarterfinals. O'Rourke is



Brian Hobbins (right) punches Kyle Kerrigan in Hobbins' quarterfinal split decision victory.

PETE RICHARDSON/The Observer

ready for the challenge Nowak will present him.

"I know he's the returning champ and I know he's the top seed," said O'Rourke. "So I'm just going to go out there and do my best."

O'Rourke has the advantage of being a lefty, but realizes that will only carry him so far.

"In the beginning it catches you opponent off-guard," said the first-time competitor. "But then they can do the same with their right, so it comes down to who makes the most of it."

Penn's next challenge will be Joe "The Polish Tank" Czerniawski.

170-pound Division

Top seed Brian "Hoppe" Hobbins will continue his title bid when he faces energetic Ben "The Mail Must Get Through" Dillon.

Dillon earned his spot in tonight's bouts with a unanimous decision Sunday. Hobbins faced tough competition in Kyle "The Private Kerrigan" in the quarterfinals.

Coming away with a split decision, Hobbins earned rights to continue on in the tournament only after a close match. No. 2 seed Joe "Layeth Down the Smacketh" Kippels also earned a split decision to enter the semifinals.

BENGAL BOUTS

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Tom "The Tulsa Bomber" Biolchini vs. Tom "How Ya Like Me Now?" Dietrich
Steve "The Angry Pirate" Pfeiffer vs. Josh "The Sandman" Thompson

180 LB. Weight Division

Joey "Soda Pop" Leniski vs. Doug "Sauce Doggy Dog" Bartels
Mark Criniti vs. Tom "The Hitter" DeSplinter

190 LB. Weight Division

Chris "The Sweet Scientist" Pearsall vs. Mike "Honey" Hammes
Patrick "The Hitman" Otlewski vs. Jason "It's Not Easy Being J Rod" Rodriguez

200 LB. Weight Division

Peter "Beat The Rap" Ryan vs. Joe "It'll Take You A Month To" Healy
Dan "Let Me" Adam vs. Jonathon "BGP" Pentzien

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defeated Pete Smith in a split decision by halting a comeback late in the third round.

Two high seeds meet in the other half of the bracket, as sophomore Marc Criniti faces Tom "The Hitter" DeSplinter in the alternate bout.

After earning a bye in the preliminaries, Criniti used two knockdowns to defeat Bobby "I'll make you pay Castro" Kennedy just over a minute into the second round. DeSplinter won a unanimous decision over Chris Prill with an effective combination of agility and aggressiveness.

190-pound division

After knocking off an experienced senior on Sunday night, freshman Chris "The Sweet Scientist" Pearsall will meet up with top seed Mike "Honey" Hammes in the first bout of the bracket. Hammes earned the only bye of the division, while Pearsall soundly defeated Tom "The Mad Mick" Herrity in a unanimous decision.

On the other side of the bracket, Dillon sophomore Kevin "Hardcore" Brandl will meet classmate Jason "It's Not Easy Being J-Rod" Rodriguez for the right to box in Friday's finals. Brandl advanced in one of the most evenly fought bouts of the quarterfinals, defeating Patrick "The Hitman" Otlewski in a split decision.

"I expect a really good fight from Rodriguez," Brandl said about his upcoming match. "I just want to come out there strong and keep my punches straight."

Rodriguez defended his high seeding by knocking down Gavin "The Morning Glory" Hagens in convincing fashion, using multiple left jabs to stop the fight 29 seconds into the third round.

200-pound division

After watching the preliminaries and quarterfinals from the sidelines, junior captain Peter "Beat the Rap" Ryan will look to defend his top seed in a bout against sophomore Joe "It'll Take You a Month to" Healy. Ryan's absence from the quarterfinals was unexpected; a walkover was called late Tuesday evening after his opponent, Dustin Ferrel, aggravated a bicep injury he suffered earlier this year.

After watching the bouts of the past weekend, Ryan looks eager to step into the ring.

"I'm going to try to be more aggressive than usual," he said. "To try to take control of the fight early. I think I'm going to have more endurance than my opponent, so I'd like to see if I can take it the whole distance."

Healy advanced to the semifinals with a win over Zahm senior Greg Joseph, taking advantage of late-round fatigue to earn the split decision.

In the other bout of the night, graduate student Dan "Let Me" Adam will fight his first bout of the night against senior Jonathon "BGP" Pentzien.

Adam's quarterfinal opponent, senior Chris Craylor, suffered a shoulder injury which forced the second walkover of the division. Pentzien, the second seed of the bracket advanced with a victory over graduate student Steve Pratico, knocking him down early in the second round.

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Irish take first, second at Classic

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National powers, including Miami (Ohio), Northern Illinois, Eastern Michigan and Virginia Tech, trekked to Gymnastics Michiana to challenge the gymnastics club at the prestigious Clover Classic. Clubs from the Big 10 — Illinois, Indiana, Ohio State and Purdue — also attended.

Undaunted, the Irish performed to their highest level of the year, as the men captured first place with a team score of 146.75. Eastern Michigan, with 131 points, and Indiana, with 130, were a distant second and third.

The women lost by the narrowest of margins to Miami, 140-139.6.

Many individual performances highlighted the competition.

Jason Miller placed first in the high bar, second in the rings, third in the vault and second all around. Mickey McGarry placed first in both the floor and vault, second in the high bar and third all around.

Standout performances in women's competition included Allison Miller's fourth in both the vault and uneven bars, Sandy Jenkins' sixth in the uneven bars, Katie Bonchonsky's fourth in the floor competition and Erin Henry's third in the vault, fifth in uneven bars and third in floor.

The club will now set its sights on the nationals from March 30

through April 2 at Indiana University. The men took third in last year's championships at the Naval Academy, and were the national champions in 1998, while the women cracked the top 10 for the first time last year.

Field hockey

The Irish stepped up in class at the Ball State Invitational, lining up against six of the Midwest's strongest programs. While the Irish didn't win, they made a statement by playing competitively against Midwest varsity powers such as Ball State and Central Michigan.

In its best effort of the weekend, Notre Dame fell 3-0 to national power Iowa, a Final Four team from a year ago. Carolyn Roderick and Liza Naticchia paced the Irish scoring attack, while Ellen Block was exceptional in the goal throughout the weekend.

Men's volleyball

The volleyball club finished prepping for the upcoming Midwest Intercollegiate and nationals by splitting four games at Indiana's Hoosier Invitational. The club opened with a 25-13, 25-17 victory over Illinois Wesleyan before dropping matches to Team Root 25-19, 25-21, and Kendall University 19-25, 25-21, 15-11. Notre Dame closed the competition by defeating Ball State 25-17, 25-21.



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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish shut down opponents, improve record to 7-3

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

You can bet the Irish ate their spinach before they headed into the weekend's competition.

Notre Dame muscled up and surrendered only two points between the two matches they played, beating both Northwestern and 63rd-ranked Purdue 6-1 and improving its dual-match record to 7-3.

Saturday's matchup against the Purdue Boilermakers marked the last time the Irish would play at home this season, but they gave the crowd a grand finale by destroying any Boilermakers attempt at victory. The Notre Dame win marked the 10th straight time Notre Dame has topped Purdue.

Seniors Ryan Sachire and Trent Miller quickly fired up the Irish squad by racing to a 3-0 lead in No. 2 doubles, giving up only one point in the process. The pair never looked back, run-

ning away with an 8-3 victory over Purdue's Scott Mayer and Carl McCafferty.

The Boilermakers evened out the score in doubles when Derek Miller and Laith Al-Agba edged out the Irish's James Malhame and Ashok Raju 9-8 (7-1) at No. 3 doubles.

The 53rd-ranked Irish duo of Aaron Talarico and Javier Taborga then clinched the doubles point at No. 1 doubles by topping the Boilermakers' threatening 50th-ranked team of Jason Marshall and Andrew Wakefield. Down 6-7, the Irish pairing was able to break Marshall's serve to stay alive and claim victory 8-6, and improved to 11-5 with their fourth straight win.

Purdue coach Tim Madden was stunned by the energy and aggressiveness displayed by Notre Dame at the start of the match.

"Notre Dame's doubles teams had energy like we haven't seen this year," Madden said. "They

hit us off the court early on and that really set the tone for the match. That lingered on throughout singles."

Notre Dame tallied a 4-0 lead over Purdue with wins by Sachire, Talarico, and Andrew Laffin at the Nos. 1, 5 and 6 singles matches, respectively.

Seventeenth-ranked Sachire left little room for hope of victory for his 62nd-ranked opponent Marshall by taking away the first seven games of the match before closing out the match 6-0, 6-4.

Casey Smith followed up his Irish teammates by posting a 6-4, 6-3 win at No. 3 singles, while Matt Daly finished the scoring for the Irish by defeating the Boilermakers' Derek Miller, brother of Irish senior Trent Miller, 6-3, 6-4 at the No. 2 singles spot.

The Boilermakers were able to salvage one point when Andrew Wakefield came away with victory over the Irish' Taborga 6-4, 6-

3 at No. 4 singles.

Notre Dame's fiery style of play was not extinguished during its travels for Sunday's battle against the Northwestern Wildcats, as the Irish again effectively shut out their opponents.

Notre Dame's doubles team of Sachire and Miller again started the winning ways for the Irish by speeding to an 8-3 win at No. 2 doubles before Malhame and Smith clinched the doubles point with an 8-6 win in the No. 3 match.

Notre Dame's Taborga and Talarico continued their winning streak and completed the sweep of the doubles for Notre Dame by squeaking past Northwestern's 44th-ranked pairing of Joost Hol and Brad Erickson 9-8 (7-1). With the win, Taborga and Talarico improved to 12-5 on the year and preserved a five match unbeaten streak.

All-American Sachire tallied another singles win by downing Erickson 6-2, 6-3 in the No. 1 match, improving to 22-6 on the year. Smith and Laffin chipped in two more points for the Irish by posting wins at No. 3 and 5 singles respectively. Laffin rallied for the win by regrouping after the first set and coming back in a dominant fashion to take the match 3-6, 6-0, 6-2.

In the No. 2 singles match, Notre Dame's Daly proved he is coming back strong from a shoulder injury by capturing victory 6-4, 6-3, while Brian Farrell wrapped up a win in the No. 6 match 6-4, 6-1. The lone Northwestern point came when Notre Dame's Taborga was defeated at No. 4 singles 6-3, 6-3.

The Irish return to action Friday, when they travel to California to participate in the Pacific Coast Doubles tournament.

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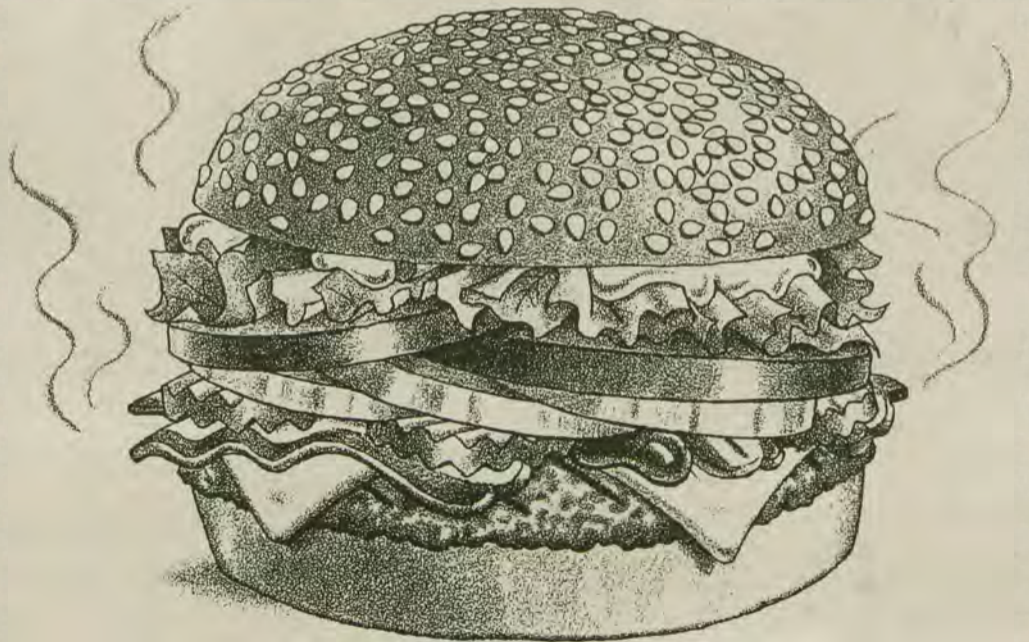
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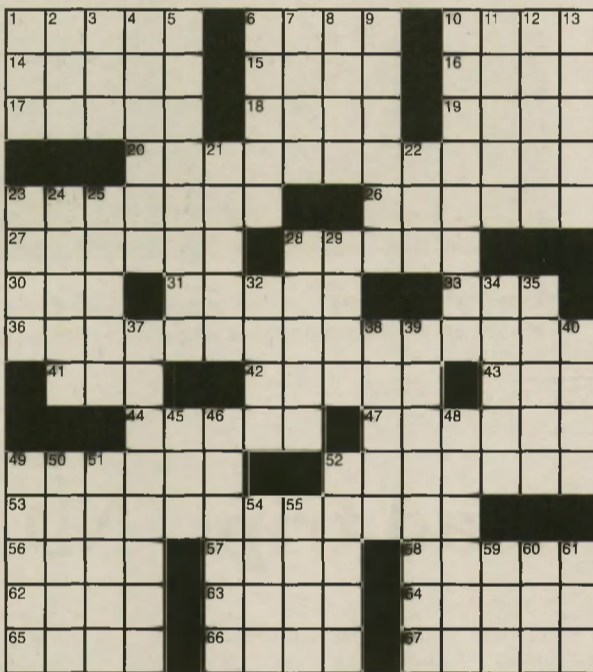
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 - 6 A pope may lead it
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 - 14 Kind of paint
 - 15 Burn soother
 - 16 "Coffee, Tea ?"
 - 17 Result of a workout
 - 18 Starting point for a fight test?
 - 19 Roll-on target
 - 20 C.P.A.'s
 - 23 Edmonton's home
 - 26 Plains Indian
 - 27 Rita of "West Side Story"
 - 28 Jewelry that's not kept in a safe
 - 30 "Give it ___!"
 - 31 Photographer Adams
 - 33 New-car feature, for short
 - 36 Potluck dinner dish
 - 41 Tackle a slope
 - 42 "Merrily we roll ___"
 - 43 Certain turn
 - 44 "___ Hope" (former soap)
 - 47 Tea type
 - 49 Fund-raising effort
 - 52 Colony members
 - 53 Features of many signs
 - 56 Cartoonist Thomas
 - 57 Furrow former
 - 58 Europe's "boot"
 - 62 Novel ending?
 - 63 Hindu music
 - 64 Tea type
 - 65 Cattail, e.g.
 - 66 Baseball's Vizquel
 - 67 Pix
- DOWN**
- 1 1997 U.S. Open winner Ernie
 - 2 Like sushi
 - 3 Had a beef?
 - 4 Navy builder
 - 5 On the outside
 - 6 Food from heaven
 - 7 Baldwin of "Prelude to a Kiss"
 - 8 Fair-to-middling
 - 9 Arrangements
 - 10 Heels and loafers
 - 11 "As You Like It" forest
 - 12 Camper's dessert item
 - 13 To the point
 - 21 When many people have lunch
 - 22 Cole who was "King"
 - 23 "___ for All Seasons"
 - 24 NBC's peacock and CBS's eye



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- 25 Babbler
 - 28 Laugh waves
 - 29 As well
 - 32 Read a bar code
 - 34 Stupid louts
 - 35 Writer's angle
 - 37 Ran
 - 38 Sleep sound
 - 39 Vain voyages?
 - 40 Poached edibles
 - 45 Shoot the breeze
 - 46 Football star's title
 - 48 Lend an ear
 - 49 Li'l one
 - 50 Diner serving
 - 51 Mail, in Marseille
 - 52 Battling
 - 54 Jack of "Rio Lobo"
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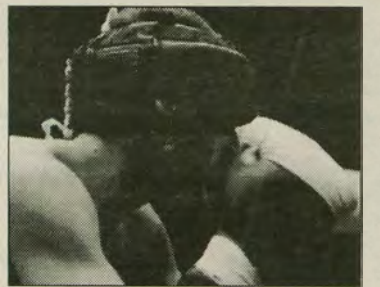
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Heavyweights bring heavy hitting to semifinals

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

If Sunday's quarterfinals are any indication, tonight's Bengal Bout semifinals should provide plenty of hard-hitting action. But unlike the lighter weight classes, upsets have yet to appear on the radar screen. If anything, this should lead to some of the most exciting bouts of the tournament.

175-pound division

In one of the most tightly contested brackets of the tournament, all four top seeds advanced to berths in tonight's bouts. Top seed Tom "The Tulsa Bomber" Biolchini picked up from where he left off on his last two titles, knocking down Paul "Beast of the East" Riley just more than a minute into the first round.

Biolchini will face off against fellow off-campus senior Tom "How Ya Like Me Now?" Dietrich, who knocked off Chris Viasnoras with a flurry of punches late in the third round.

"Tom's obviously an excellent boxer," Dietrich said about the upcoming match. "I've got to stay away from his punches and put in a few of my own."

The other bout of the division features two juniors, Steve "The Angry Pirate" Pfeiffer and Josh

BENGAL BOUTS



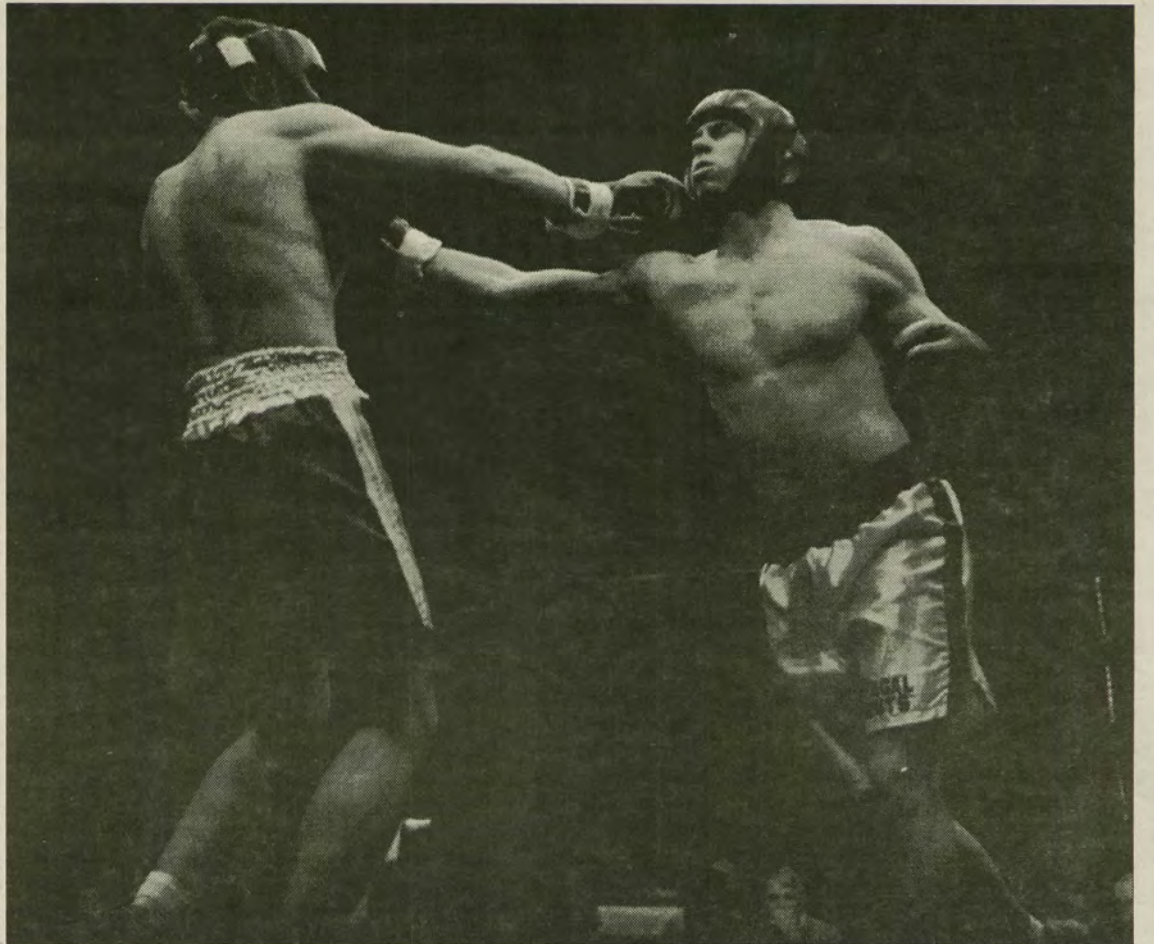
"The Sandman" Thompson, who each tallied decisive victories in their first jaunts in the ring. Pfeiffer knocked down sophomore William Pepek 20 seconds into the third round by forcing him into a corner and scoring a left-right combo. Thompson's long reach and steady pacing earned him a unanimous decision over sophomore Kurt Kurple.

180-pound division

Top seed Joey "Soda Pop" Leniski faced a major challenge in the quarterfinals, earning a split decision over upset-minded sophomore Keith Arnold.

"My first thoughts [during the bout] were that it was hard to determine the rankings," Leniski said about the bout. "Based on our sparring, all of us in our division are pretty close in our ability. Keith was a tough competitor, but I wasn't surprised by how difficult it was."

Leniski will face Morrissey senior Doug "Sauce Doggy Dogg" Bartels, who



Tom Dietrich (right) trades punches with Chris Viasnoras in Sunday's quarterfinal bout. Dietrich advanced with a unanimous decision to face Tom Biolchini in the semifinals.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish split Tobacco Road trip

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

The results came as no surprise.

When the members of the Notre Dame women's tennis team glanced at the schedule and saw that they would be playing two ranked teams on the road on consecutive days, they knew they were in for a battle.

That's exactly what they got. After beating 33rd ranked North Carolina 5-4 on Saturday, the Irish figured they were in great shape to make an upset-minded run at the fifth-ranked Demon Deacons of Wake Forest. Notre Dame did make a run, but couldn't manage the upset, as Wake Forest took two of three doubles matches, after splitting singles, to pull out a 5-4 victory.

Notre Dame 5
North Carolina 4

Wake Forest 5
Notre Dame 4

"They were both tight matches," head coach Jay Louderback said. "I thought we adjusted well against North Carolina and won some big matches there, and against Wake we gave it all we had."

The Irish kicked off the weekend by sticking it to the Tar Heels on their home court. Michelle Dasso, Nina Vaughan, Lindsey Green and Kimberly Guy won singles matches to give the Irish a 4-2 advantage as the match shifted to doubles play.

Normally strongest in doubles, the Irish women were a bit out of sorts Saturday.

North Carolina shocked the Irish by taking the first two doubles matches to knot the score at 4. The Irish tandem of Dasso and Becky Varnum lost a tight match 8-6 to Marlene Mejia and Erin Niebling, while Guy and Katie Cunha lost an even closer match to the Tar Heels' Kendrick Bunn and Kate Pinchbeck 9-8. Green and Kelly Zalinski staved off North Carolina's upset bid by winning the No. 3 doubles

match 8-4.

"That was uncharacteristic for us," Louderback said. "Our doubles have just been so good. It was just one of those days."

Uncharacteristic doubles play was again a problem as losses in No. 1 and No. 2 doubles thwarted an Irish upset bid on Sunday.

Notre Dame played brilliantly in the singles portion of the match, earning a 3-3 split with the nation's fifth ranked team. Dasso led the charge by stunning seventh ranked Adria Engel in straight sets. Vaughan and Green also netted victories.

"Michelle was just fantastic," Louderback said. "She came out against Engel who has to be one of the best in the country and just drilled her."

Tied heading into doubles play, the Irish figured to have a great chance to stun the Demon Deacons on their home courts. The Irish have typically been much better in doubles play than in singles and were

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SOFTBALL

ND leaves Arkansas with three wins

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

Junior Jennifer Sharron and sophomore Jarrah Myers led Notre Dame in competition this weekend as they were named to the Morning News Invitational all-tournament team.



Myers

The Irish, now 7-4 overall, finished 3-3 over the weekend with wins over Virginia and Arkansas.

Myers hit .316 from the plate (6-for-19) with three runs, four RBIs and a home run to start the Irish scoring in a 6-1 win against Virginia.

Sharron pitched to a 1-1 record on the mound. She

threw 12 strikeouts in pitching nine innings of the 10-inning loss to Missouri and earned a 1-0 shutout against Virginia while allowing just two hits. She also went 5-14 at the plate to grab a .367 average for the weekend while adding an RBI and a double.


Notre Dame started the weekend with two one-run losses in a double-header with Missouri.


The Tigers grabbed a 5-4 win in game one. Down 1-0 going into the seventh with two outs, the Irish scored four runs to take the lead before Missouri retaliated with three to extend the game. Still 4-4 in the bottom of the 10th, the Tigers scored for the win on a sacrifice fly.


In game two action the Irish took an early lead with two runs on RBI doubles by Myers and Danielle Klayman. Sharron doubled in the third


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
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
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