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 and five to seven p.m. Freshmen will recast their votes today.

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 election are null and void. Dovidio said.

A special 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 runoff today will not prompt a high voter turnout.

“I fear that given the state of student government elections recently, some people may be discouraged from turning out. This is the third mistake in three elections,” said Matt Smith, the president candidate on the omitted election.

Smith noted that this ballotting 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 2003 runoff yielded a winning ticket. Carrying nearly 66 percent of his class’ vote, Jonathan Jorissen was elected president for the 2000-01 term.

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 can see ELECTIONS/page 6.

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

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 attending. Teachers recommended each girl because of her interest and ability in mathematics and science.

“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 1991, she married Stephen Fallon, an associate professor in the Program of Liberal Studies at Notre Dame.

Fellon 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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Nancy Fallon, editor of Saint Mary’s Courier, dies unexpectedly

By NOOREN GILLESPIE Associate News Writer

Nancy Fallon, three-year editor of the Saint Mary’s alumna 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.

“Aafter 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 and writing projects and also wrote a video script for the College.

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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 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.
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 I hands paddled away at my computer's keyboard for hours. But then I got a reality check.

Weekday night, I heard about a sophomore from Zahn 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 even know the senior's name. 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 potentially low grade.

Instead of complaining to my friends and family members, I spent time talking to her on the phone everyday to cheer her up. I thought that was important than perfect grades. Her recovery was more crucial than mine. But my mom's health has improved and she has been able to return to work. And so I got wrapped up in myself worse, die. Why wait for something bad to happen?

I realized that I had been taken for granted. I was given the opportunity to study at a school I love. I received the chance to realize that I have wonderful friends who put up with me even when I complain. So I realized that you are worried about your grades, remember that tomorrow you or a family member will become ill, or even worse, die. Why wait for something bad to happen? 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 was receiving a wonderful education. I realized that I have wonderful friends who put up with me even when I complain.

So I realized 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.

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

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5 Day South Bend Forecast

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Tuesday, Feb. 29.

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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."

Jonathan Pentzien

"It was, quite honestly, a blur."

Saint Mary's senior

"It's time to begin the journey toward everything Notre Dame and her students can and will be.""Sixty-nine percent of the films seen in America are made in America. ... It's a tremendous depriva- tion for the children to see the world in their own eyes."

Luciana Castellina

OUTSIDE THE DOME

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 390 people Friday that anyone who deals with his company should benefit in return.

"We partner with this school so that students may grow 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 opening of 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.

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 offered coverage. The first four resolutions, which establish policies for student education, the availability of information on the new policy, the favor of a strike. At Davis more than 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike authorization last Friday, with 84 percent voting to strike. The vote marks the third union strike..."
McCourt lectures on war in Northern Ireland

By MICHAEL DE LA ROSA
New Winter

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 option, no negotiating ... so when I got the opportunity to join the IRA, I jumped at it," McCourt said 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 boxed 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.

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 terror.

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Graduate student's film featured on web

"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.

Ryan Lutterbach 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, and current MBA student.

Italian professor wins translation award

John Welle, associate professor of Italian at Notre Dame and the poet Ruth Feldman have been selected to receive the 1999 Bialystoker Poets Translation Prize from the Academy of American Poets for their translation of Andrea Zanzotto's work, "Peasants Wake for Fellini's Street Frozen in an Instant in Time." The $5,000 prize is awarded every other year for a translation into English of a significant work of Italian poetry.

Welle specializes in 19th and 20th century Italian literature, the history of Italian cinema and translation studies. He is at work on a book about literary intellectuals and film history.

Saferide to start after spring break

By HELENA RAYAM News Weiss

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.

The goal of Saferide remains 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 Szestak. "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 their hours next year.

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

No 2002 ticket carried the simple majority of the class' vote Monday. A runoff election between the two tickets that received the most votes is scheduled for Thursday. Campaigning in the run-off will be the Rachel Gernerd 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 on-presidents race produced a winning ticket of Amy Matthews and Nicole Benjamin, who received 32 percent of yesterday's vote.

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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.

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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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 sessions, 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 participants 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 Katelyn Koelsh, 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," Koelsh 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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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 Teppei 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 risks, such as 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 wrap-up 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.

“If we are 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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It must be a leap year! Following this column’s last publication, an article containing institutionalized bigotry within the Republican Party, I received an avalanche of e-mails that railed 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 opinion. They were typical of the Notre Dame community of the 1990s.

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 peaceable coexistence. Today’s students are predominately conservative and Republican, a reflection of the changing times. I am too 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 present as the American public.

Richard Daley, chairman Jim Nicholson zeroed in on the “pandering” of 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 historic participation 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. Some 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 University to show the war on hate is not just about gay and lesbian student groups, the administration, and from meeting on campus. My answer is a clear and unequivocal “yes.”

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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 to grade exams or catch up on work than stay up late. Early mornings are really not a luxury, they are a necessity. They are the morning people, and their attitude is contagious. 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.

Kate Rowland

There is a special bond among morning people. For one thing, we spend more time together. We run into each other at 8 a.m. every morning in the center of campus. You might be in the first hour of a 9 a.m. class at breakfast or at Roll’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 9 a.m. with two other equally insomniac morning people. I think we get along better for it. It’s more fun to do stressful things 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 believe it.

As a morning person, I have also taken a lot of 8:30 classes; in fact, this semester is no exception. When I first arrived at Dartmouth, I developed a serious case of classitis; I didn’t consider taking morning classes. 8:30 a.m. classes are great; they are ludicrously easy to get into, even the ones that are really good classes. I once took an 8:30 a.m. class from a famous professor. I don’t remember how I got into the class, but when I got up at 8:30 a.m. that week, I went to class.

Since I believe that my political activism, though greatly lessened by current circumstances, it is still like some sort of ongoing ish about what we’d read in the newspaper that morning or about whatever other gossip comes to mind. This class also had the best final I’ve ever had to take. Professor Rojas-Anadon invited us all over for dinner and we voluntarily stayed there for hours, eating and talking. The final was set up worth 40 percent of our grade, I got an A.

People who just mean 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 every day, including Sundays, when I’m not at Roll’s or at the dining hall. Breakfast is the most nutritious way to start any day. People who skip breakfast are more likely to take in excessive amounts of nutrients. People who don’t eat breakfast are more likely to be threatened by hypoglycemia.

So, what is 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 nutritious 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 seem to recall eating something resembling gravy the way we 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.

Even up late more on a great experience last week. On Wednesday morning, South Dining Hall served strawberry pancakes. Even the pickiest of eaters, even the ones who 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 my first day of final exams, and I was happy to be able to eat 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 first-runner of the 60s fiasco, I saw firsthand the results of this, 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 “gender” sex into callous, graceless, imitators of the worst examples of the male gender; “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 women evidently have been denied access to much that is holy. These are our best and brightest? By whose standards? Harvard? Yale? 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/gentleman/girls/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 on their own “Catholic” school. They are still learning and being formed, remember? Where is the guidance? Where is the protection? Where is the referendum?

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 it. Therefore, change the name because “Our Lady” doesn’t seem appropriate for the type of women who are attracted to this school.

Sheryl Miller

TEGRANT

Kate Rowland

It’s May Save Your Life.

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 Antokowsi), a Notre Dame woman who was ridiculed by her classes mates because she came from a very poor family. This young woman was made to feel ashamed 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 first-runner of the 60s fiasco, I saw firsthand the results of this, as young women and men threw their morals to the wind. 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 women evidently have been denied access to much that is holy.

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Carmen, Mass.

February 16, 2000

Hey everybody, Re-lax!

Ted Higgins

Junior, St. Edward Hall

February 24, 2000
Vertical Horizon is ‘everything you want’ in a band

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

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 1993 one-hit wonder. Vertical Horizon has paid its dues, traveling across the country playing their folk rock. Scannell. Horizon’s guitarists/vocalists Keith and Matt Scannell. Horizon’s bassist Ed Toth before the release of the live album Live Stages. The album served as a turning point for the band, elevating their aggressive ear-catching style. The band came full circle in 1998 with the addition of bassist Sean Hurley and has since turned back. 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 having 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 setlist, 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. “It wasn’t that we just 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 shrug and a shrug about the background. “Hey guys, we are getting the Christian question again.”

Turns out 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 what ever 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.

Vertical Horizon

Courtesy of RCA Records

There & Back Again
1992
Running on Ice
1995
Live Stages
1997
Everything You Want
1999

Wednesday, February 29, 2000
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 some of Stroke 9's material on the radio.

"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 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.

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"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.

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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-syncing like Britney. Plus, she's a lot better looking."

"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.

For Stroke 9, hard work finally pays off

"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. 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 headlining 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.

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150 Pound Division

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The lightweight classes in the Tuesday semifinal round of the Bengal Bouts feature both returning champions and

designers looking to make the final trip toward championship bout and sev-

eral newcomers vying for a shot at a

title.

120 Pound Division

The 120-pound division appears to

BENGAL BOUTS

130 Pound Division

Last year’s 125-pound champion

Wilson survived a bit of a scare in the

quarterfinals 13th Annual "Little Italy" Anthology in a hard hitting

split decision. Coleman, who upset Bill "The Polish Hammer" Jaworski

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"Bringing it All Together"
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.

"Dave really, really cares about the team," athletic director Lynn Kachmarik said. "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."
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 on Sunday, March 5 at the 11:45am Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Bishop Daniel Jenky, CSC will be presiding.

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

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Leslie Ferris (Adrienne Franco)
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Christa Guerreno (Tim Burbage)
Emily Hallinan (Katie Coleman)
Robyn Harridge (Billy Marshall)
Risa Hartley-Werner (Michael Cretellia)
Matt Manuck (Marcia Gemma)
Michael Mancuso (Adam Van Fossen)
Katie Meierotto (Michael Rizzo)
Cory Neal (Annie Neal)
Stephanie Newcom (Chris Powers)
Alexis Nussbaum (Stasia Bijak)
Andrea Odicino (Jennifer Schell)
Gina Pierson (Kristen Clancy)
Dylan Reed (Ryan Walsh)
Renita Riley (Katie O'Banion)
Bill Roth (Gary Chamberland, CSC)
Bill Westberry (Dawn Meyer)

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Semifinals bring tough competition to ring

By KERRY SMITH

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 Alexander, each weight division, every punch becomes more critical as the competition grows tougher with each bout.

160-pound division

In one of the most open brackets in the ring, the title is up for grabs in the 160-pound weight class. With top seeds "DANGER" Dan Schaeffer and J.F. Fabulous Thudmephe, Carmano given early exits from the tournament, any of the four remaining could grab the championship crown.

165-pound division

The 165-pound weight division boasts some of the toughest competitors of the tournament. No. 1 seed "The Ernie Kid" Nowak and No. 2 seed "The Destroyer" Penn advanced through the quarterfinals and semifinals with ease—Nowak took only 18 seconds to dispose of his opponent, Tyrone, and Penn took over just a minute to take out "Hot the Fightin' Ensign".

In the lower half of the bracket, Matt "All You Can Eat" McCullough, who upset Carmano in the quarterfinals, surprised everyone with his advancement to the semifinals. With a unanimous decision over "The Madman" Smith, Penn received a bye in the preliminaries and advanced past the quarterfinals with a decisive win.

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BENGAL BOUTS

Semi Finals Pairings

120 LB. Weight Division

Michael "The Bobbies" Davis vs. Jimmy "Pinata" Philbin
Dan "San" Buonadonna vs. Steve "The Destroyer" in the Newberg
140 LB. Weight Division

John "The Sweet Sensation" McMahon vs. Matthew "Biraj" Dooley
Daniel "Too Short" Gallegos vs. Camilo "Rollin" Rueda
155 LB. Weight Division

Robert "The Skinny Ginja" Varlo vs. Paul "He-Man" Geh
Tom "The Pretender" Pierce vs. Jeff "The Pittiford Kid" Doboh
160 LB. Weight Division

Joseph "The Polygamist" Smith vs. PJ. "Downtown" DuWors
Matt "All You Can Eat" McCullough vs. Chris "My Nickname Was Exced" Matta
165 LB. Weight Division

Sean "The Ernie Kid" Nowak vs. Tim "Rock" O'Rourke
Joe "The Polish Tank" Czerniawski vs. Don "The Destroyer" Penn
175 LB. Weight Division

Ben "The Mail Must Get Through" Dillon vs. Brian "The Beatnik" Hobbs
Rob "The Golden Slasher" Joyce vs. Joe "Layth Down The Smacketh" Kipps
190 LB. Weight Division

Steve "The Sweet Scientist" Pearell vs. Mike "Honey" Hammer
Patrick "The Hayman" Otewski vs. Jason "It's Not Easy Being J-Rod" Rodriguez
200 LB. Weight Division

Peter "The Beatin' Rap" Ryan vs. Joe "I'll Take You" Tumari
DAN "Let Me" Adam vs. Jonathan "BGP" Pennzien

Heavy

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

Two high seed met in the other half of the bracket, as sophomore Matt "The Motor City Madman" Williams and junior "The Hitman" O'Rourke had a tough battle. Williams advanced with a split decision, while O'Rourke was defeated with a unanimous decision in the quarterfinals.

After a tough battle, Williams was able to advance to the semifinals, where he will meet "The Hitman" O'Rourke. The semifinal bout promises to be exciting, with both fighters looking to make it to the championship.

170-pound Division

Top seed Brian "Hoppe" Hobbs will continue his title bid as he faces eventual champion Ben "The Mail Must Get Through" Dillon.

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

Coming away with a split decision, Hobbs earned rights to continue on in the tournament until a final match. No. 2 seed Joe "Layth Down The Smacketh" Kipps advanced with a split decision to enter the semifinals.

The Skinny Ginna

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

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

After watching the preliminaries and quarterfinals from the side, sophomore captain Peter "Beat the Rap" Ryan will look to defend his top seed in a bout against sophomore Joe "It's Not Easy Being J-Rod" Rodriguez. Brandt said about his upcoming match, "I just want to come out there strong, and keep my punches straight."

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

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

The Bouts continue tonight at 7:30 p.m.
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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 Ten — 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 the uneven bars and third in floor. The club will now set its eyes 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.

### Men's volleyball


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**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.

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Where to go when you need to know.
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, running 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 Malham and Askok Jaju 9-8 (7-1) at No. 3 doubles.

The 53rd-ranked Irish duo of Aaron Talarico and Javier Wakofield then clinched the doubles point at No. 1 doubles by toppling 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, 3 and 6 singles matches, respectively.

Seventeenth-ranked Sachire left Boilermes rooms of honor with 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. 5 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 unable to salvage one point when Andrew Wakefield came away with victory over the Irish's Taboria 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 Malham and Smith clinched the doubles point with an 8-6 win in the No. 3 match.

Notre Dame's Taboria and Talarico continued their winning streak and preserved the lone doubles for Notre Dame by squeaking past Northwestern's 44th-ranked pairing of Joost Hoit and Brad Erickson 9-8 (7-1). With the win, Taboria 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 6-3, 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 Taboria 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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DREAM POEM

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Heavyweights bring heavy hitting to semifinals

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 didn't 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.

"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 I gave it all we had."

The Irish kicked off the weekend by knocking off No. 18 Wake Forest 5-4, with sophomore Jarrah Myers leading the way. Myers, who knocked off Chris Viasnoras with a flurry of punches in the third round.

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

The other bout of the division features two juniors, Steve "The Angry Pirate" Pfeiffer and Josh Dietrich. When the members of the first-seeded duo glanced at the schedule, they thought they were in for a 5-4 victory.

"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 advanced with a unanimous decision to face Tom Biolchini in the semifinals.

BENGAL BOUTS

"The Sandman" Thompson, who each tallied decisive victories in their first two matches in the ring, knocked down sophomore William Peak 29 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 Karps.

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.

The Irish, now 7-4 overall, finished 3-3 over 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 start the Irish scoring run to start the Irish scoring run.

Sharron doubled in the third with two outs, the Irish scored four runs to take the lead before Missouri retaliated with three runs in the seventh.

Still 4-4 in the bottom of the 10th, the Tigers scored to win the game on a sacrifice fly.

In game two the Irish took an early lead with two runs on RBI doubles by Myers and Danielle Klayman. Sharron doubled in the third to extend the game. Still 4-4 in the bottom of the 10th, the Tigers scored to win the game on a sacrifice fly.