Saint Mary's students elect new class officers

By AMY GREENE

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

Alison Joseph and Stephanie Pace won 82.8 percent of the vote as they ran unopposed in the Class of 2003 election. "We're really enthusiastic about getting the ideas that we did on our platform and are excited to start everything in April," said Pace, the newly elected junior class vice president.

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

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

There were four tickets running for the sophomore class board.

The Brette Maher Ball ticket received the most support with 31.2 percent of their voting base.

The newly elected sophomore class officers are:

Brette Maher: Hall 31.2%
Jablonkin: Diefell 27.9%
Mahoney: McGraw 21.8%
Harrison: McLaughlin 15.3%

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Pirotte/Kathara 48.3%

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tenure service to South Bend on Sept. 5. "They have been in the process of pulling out of smaller airports in the Midwest since late last year," said John Schalliol, executive director of South Bend Regional Airport. Continental Airlines, which has served South Bend since 1996, had the best on-time performance of any major airline for the month of April, according to figures from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

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

"They have only one runway. That and the small size of the airport, operational issues and delays," said Julie Gardier, spokesperson for Continental Airlines.

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

"It really goes back to the same reasons that American Eagle pulled out," said Schalliol. Continental is slowly acquiring regional jets, according to Schalliol. As they shift focus, Continental will retire more and more of the smaller turbo-prop aircraft that they are currently operating. He noted that the regional jets are more efficient to operate, therefore, more profitable for the airline.

Gardier confirmed that Continental plans to move to an all-jet fleet by 2004, however, she denied this had an effect on University officials take action but will provide the Student Senate and the Office of the Student Body President with data to analyze and eventually form a proposal.

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

"Through talks with students, it has become evident that we need to do a survey to decide what the next step should be on the issue," said Brooke Norton, student body vice president and student body president-elect. Norton said referendum results do not require a disservice if they made," Kirk said. "These survey results alone wouldn't dictate policy.

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

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

Both Harridge and Lordi believe having the parietals issue up for election would help foster the positive gender relations she experienced while living in England. Joe Lordi agrees.

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

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

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

"I am in favor of extending parietals past 12 a.m. on weekdays.

"I am in favor of ending parietals before 10 a.m. every morning.

Students interested in voicing their opinions about University parietal hours may have an extra incentive to vote in class council elections this Wednesday, when a survey asking for student views on parietals will appear on ballots.

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

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OUTSIDE THE DOME

Students protest liberation of Kuwait, unjust

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. At 10:27 a.m., Nathaniel Howell, conference coordinator and former U.S. Ambassador to Kuwait, summoned police to the university after protesters stepped onto the stage, refused to leave and interrupted the conference. University of Virginia Police Department Lt. Mike Gibson said, "The Institute for Global Policy Research of the university sponsored the conference, held last weekend over two and a half days. Conference organizers aimed to discuss the liberation of Kuwait and the aftermath of crises in the Gulf region, Howell said. The conference focused only on the liberation of Kuwait, but did not addres the concern that many Iraqi citizens, namely children, are dying because of sanctions, said Nicholas Graber-Grace, protester and member of the Charlottesville Coalition to Lift Sanctions. "The conference was not telling the entire story," Graber-Grace said.

Protesters wanted to include speakers to address humanitarian issues resulting from the complete economic sanctions. But those speakers were not allowed in, said Pardew, one of the seven arrested. Protesters walked silently into the auditorium carrying signs with photographs of dead Iraqi children on them. They assembled on stage behind Howell and waited quietly for a minute or two, she said. Protesters began singing "Wake up, the children are crying, children of Iraq. Wake up, the children are dying, children of Iraq," she added.

After refusing to leave, protesters were arrested for trespassing and dragged off stage by police.
Members discuss interaction with Board of Trustees

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Assistant News Editor

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

Nagle said students had previously approached her with concerns that groups such as the Student Body were not made aware of the Board's decisions. She raised those concerns during the meeting of the Saint Mary's student Life Committee with the Board of Trustees.

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

The Trustees agreed to make an effort to meet with more students the next time they met on campus, Nagle said.

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

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

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

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

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

Currently, the cost of the student center is $18 million but efforts are being made to bring the cost down to $15 million, said Allison Web, student activities board coordinator who also sits on the committee dealing with the Masterplan and the new student center.

Web said the College has raised $12 million and predicted the College will break ground on the new center in the summer of 2002.

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

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

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

In other news:

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

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

Eldred refused to clarify her e-mail to Renner.

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

"I also asked her if there would be any repercussions for students who had participated in the reading of the 'Monologues' last week and she said she had no comment." Renner advised members of the Board seeking clarification of Eldred's e-mail or if they had further questions to ask Eldred.

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

"We want to make sure the students nominated will work with the professors too and this way it's a popularity contest," said Matha.

The increased cooperation and inclusion of professors may also serve as a valuable link as SAC representatives to take ownership of their position and to make them want to be a part of the committee they are sitting on," said Matha.

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

• Changeover for the BOC will take place at the March 26 meeting of the Board.
Lecturer suggests self-evaluation

By KIMBERLY SPRINGER
News Writer

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

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

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

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

“Critique is the way in which we challenge each other to grow...[and] we live in an age where critique is not only possible but mandatory for the understanding of a healthy spirit in contemporary society.”

Fiand outlined two paradigms used to explain four questions either directly or indirectly related to spirituality. First, who is my God, the source of evil and sin, and the human being is the image and beloved of God,” she said.

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

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

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

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

The code can also be given out by the LaFortune business manager by workers NExpress. According to Mary Edington, acting director of student activities, the plans for having the LaFortune computer cluster open 24 hours began last year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ten thousand people participated in the first such large-scale celebration organized by the government since the war's end. They lined the two-mile stretch of road between al-Seef palace, the seat of government, and Flag Square, where festivities began Sunday in the presence of former President Bush — Kuwait's hero for assembling the Gulf War coalition.

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

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

On one float, a girl dressed like a bride, singing a free Kuwait, sat in a miniature al-Seef palace. Another showed a closed fist, a sign of resolve against Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's continued threat.

Kuwait has resisted gala anniversaries for a decade out of respect for its war prisoners. The Kuwaiti government decided to part with tradition this year because the 10th liberation anniversary falls just one day after another big anniversary — 40 years of Kuwaiti independence from Britain.

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

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

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

Associated Press

Media tours Greenville sister sub

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

What happened Feb. 9 will come under close scrutiny when a rare Navy court of inquiry begins next week to look into the Greenville's sinking of a Japanese fishing vessel off Honshu during an emergency surging drill. As a prelude to the March 5 hearings, Navy officers on Sunday gave the media a tour of the USS Columbia, the Greenville's sister Los Angeles-class submarine.

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

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

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

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

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

Associated Press

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

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

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

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

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Father Mark Poorman is interested in receiving student feedback on parietals, said Kevin Berchou, chair of the Senate Residences Life Committee that drafted the ballot issue. Berchou said although senate initiatives do not need administrative backing, Poorman, Notre Dame’s vice president for student affairs, recently approved the referendum. The judicial council will oversee counting of referendum votes Wednesday, but Berchou said he is not sure if the body will release results that night.

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The Brettnacher/Hall ticket and the Jablonski-Diehl/Janke ticket will face off in a run-off on Wednesday. “It will be a tough run-off,” said Brettnacher. “but we are ready to campaign and are excited about the whole process.”

The turnout among freshmen was exceptionally high as nearly half of the freshman class participated in the election. “Forty-nine percent of the freshmen voted, which is an awesome voter turnout,” said Nicky Prezioso, elections commissioner. “The candidates did a great job campaigning and really helped to increase voter awareness and participation.”

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

“We’re very enthusiastic and surprised at the results,” said senior vice presidential candidate Michelle Houser. “We are going to try our best to continue campaigning, but both tickets for the run-off are great tickets. Either way the election goes it will be a great senior year,” said Houser.

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

There was the most interest and response in the senior class election. “Fifty-six percent of the junior class voted which is incredible,” said Prezioso. “It’s great to see such enthusiasm and participation in the up-coming senior class.” Run-off elections will be Wednesday for the freshmen and seniors and all class officers will begin their terms April 1.
Bush faces first major test in office

Associated Press

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

It would be a tough assignment for any president, but this new leader has hurdles all his own. Elected without a clear mandate, Bush gets only mid-term marks for his public speaking, has yet to build enough support in Congress and has had to make his arguments heard in the midst of the din over the Clinton scandal, a spy scandal, a White House shooting and an airstrike against Iraq.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Court upholds state abortion regulations

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Abortion-rights activists said the opinion was subject to the blanket nature of the regulations, which apply equally to doctors performing medical abortions and those dispensing the newly approved drug RU-486.

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

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

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

Why do Catholics place so much emphasis on service?

- Catholics agree, but with one important difference. True faith is always expressed in action. "Faith without works is dead." (Letter of James 2:17)

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

Volunteering and doing good to others is very much a part of the American way of life. However, there is a very important difference between civic volunteerism and Christian service. As Christians there is a reflective and spiritual dimension to service. Through the eyes of faith, Christians see Christ in those whom we seek to serve. "When I was hungry, you gave me to eat....what you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do to me" (Matthew 25). In serving others we serve the Lord. Christian reflection also leads us to seek a more just economic and social order so that poverty will be less common. Finally, as Christians at the service of others we do not focus on pride in our accomplishments or on what we get out of the experience but on the changes that Christ works in us through our attempts to serve. We often leave an experience of service humbled and with a greater awareness of God's plan to use each of us for the good of all of us. This is the heart of the Gospel: That we imitate Christ. His Kingdom is made real through the love and sacrifice we do for one another just as he has done for us.

Ever wonder why we as Catholics do what we do or believe what we believe? Please send us your questions, comments and suggestions to ministry.1@nd.edu.

Three things can have when we get too comfortable. We can lose a sense of our need for God. It becomes easier to forget that the vast majority of the world's people live in severe poverty. And the pursuit of still more can preoccupy our endeavors.

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

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Ever wonder why we as Catholics do what we do or believe what we believe? Please send us your questions, comments and suggestions to ministry.1@nd.edu.
Mormons release freed slave records

WASHINGTON

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

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

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Reconciling science and religion

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

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

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

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

The T-shirts in question had the slogan "Man's administration has already done so with The Observer Tuesday, February 27, 2001"
The observer was no different. Bashing the Knights of Columbus is our primary task. With Mother Teresa of Calcutta as our model and The Blessed Virgin Mary as our patroness, we say this: if you don't want your baby, give it to us. We don't want your baby, we want your baby to live. We want to spread a message of love.

Richard G. Wurmbrand

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

Recently, I was having a discussion with a friend of mine who enjoys inventing adjectives. His most recent creation was extremely dirty, and I jokingly told him that I would slap any one who could be described by that word. It's a strong reaction, but that's the power of language. It has the power to alienate as well as to unite. Hannan's letter reflected on both the Knights and the Catholic Church's responses to the accusations.

The ambiguity and generalizing in the accusation of the existence of and our contribution to this backlash against women. Frankly, we aren't even aware of any specific backlash against women. If our monument is manipulative, we hope that our reminder to the God thinks otherwise. If, however, their alarm as our memorial comes from the deep sense that they have done something horrible, then our memorial has served its purpose.

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

But this theological misstep was not as serious or as grievous to me as the rhetorical dimension of Hannan's letter. Its purpose was not to persuade me of his points' reasons for donating the statue, nor even to explain it in any kind of coherent fashion. Its purpose was to offend those who do not agree with him.

Such passages as the one cited above and the one about, "the excommunication that they inflicted upon themselves by having an abortion" belies an intention to alienate as well as to unite. He (and all of us) need to conscious of the powerful tool (or weapon) we wield in the form of language. It has the power to alienate as well as to embrace and consequently there are responsible and irresponsible uses of it. Whether he wanted to or not, Hannan's letter reflected on both the Knights and the Catholic Church (who are sure never authorized such an utterance) and made them look unforgiving and hostile, which the Church patently is not.

So where am I going with this? Yesterday's Gospel reading was the one about the给出了答案。If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive." (Luke 17:3-4). Thus, we embrace all of our brothers and sisters who have suffered as a result of abortion. We pray for them daily, and we ask God that our prayers might also serve as a vehicle to convert hearts and end abortion forever. Lastly, we wish to end with a suggestion for the "pro-life" contingent here on campus and throughout the world. Pray the rosary invocation to the Immaculate Conception, "the apostles said to the Lord, Increase our faith!" (Luke 17:5). May it ever and ever, until your hearts are converted.

Response to rhetoric

Scott John Hardy

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The only choice is life

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MINUS RHCP HELP, FRUSCIANTE'S SOLO ATTACK FAILS

By GEOFFREY RAHIE
Scene Music Critic

John Frusciante is certainly a man with some notable musical and life experiences. As a budding guitarist with the Red Hot Chili Peppers he played on one of the most important rock albums of the '90s, Blood Sugar Sex Magik. Then Frusciante started to dabble in hardcore drugs. He quit the Peppers, and put out some weird solo albums. Fast forward to 1999: Frusciante gets his act together, records a huge album with the Peppers in California, and officially announces to the music world that he is back.

To Record Only Water for Ten Days is Frusciante's latest solo effort, covering 15 songs in a little over 40 minutes. One would think that Frusciante's latest success and sobriety would produce a thoughtful, even excruciating release. Instead, the guitarist offers a self-indulgent, pretentious record.

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

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

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

Coupled with Frusciante's terrifyingly weak voice, the lyrical substance is simply terrible. Frusciante must be trying to be an artsy coffee shop fellow with all of his cute little phrases. "I'm crowded when I'm gone," "Let me pretend I'm fake," and "I want the hills will swallow us up" are just some of the juicy nuggets that lead to the conclusion that Frusciante wrote these lyrics while being abducted by aliens. Frusciante tries too hard not to be cheesy and just ends up making nonsensical trash.

Frusciante should be commended for his ambition, and he does show off an ability to layer various keyboards on top of his guitars. However, his aptitude with the other instruments is masked by weak song structures and bad instrument placement. A poorly inserted instrument track can kill a song, no matter how strong the actual composition is. The only song that really keeps off the disc as a success is the instrumental "Murderers," whose tracks blend into a harmonious mix which allows the ear to actually come free.

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

FUTURE PAVEMENT LEAD TRIES TO MAKE NAME FOR HIMSELF

By CHRISTOPHER MCGOVERN
Scene Music Critic

As the leader of the seminal-rock group Pavement for the past decade, Stephen Malkmus fought the good indie rock fight against all the Britneys and Christinas, the Matchbox Twenties and Third Eye Blinds, the Limp Bizkis and the dark side - Sober and back on his feet, John Frusciante's latest solo album unfortunately does not reflect the growth he has attained in life.

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

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

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

With some hurt-so-good guitarists, "The Hook" tells the story of Chris Elliot's nancy-boy character in Cameron Crowe's "Almost Famous" from swabbing the decks to running the ship. "Trouble" leaves listeners craving more as it clocks in at a mere minute and a half. The ancient Greek-themed "Trojan Curtains" reminds one of Built to Spill with its slide guitar driven melody. All are basically middle-of-the-road Pavement tunes.

Perhaps fittingly, as Pavement was oft compared to Built to Spill, Malkmus' first single off the album, "Cocaine Grove," sounds oh-so-Lou Reed. High praise for Malkmus to be sure, but old Lou comes off a loser in this song, whose style isn't worthy of even Reed's worst material.

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

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

By EMMETT MALLOY
Scene Musiccribe

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

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

Following in the footsteps of the Dead, Pearl Jam, the only band still standing intact from the Seattle "grunge" explosion, has encouraged the taping and distribution of its concerts, as long as a profit was not being made. Avid collectors of bootlegs themselves, the band members hoped that the move would make its concert recordings easily accessible to anyone. But it would deter professional bootleggers from making money off their music. However, many concert recordings, some of which were mastered by poor sound quality, were still popping up in stores and on Internet sites for ridiculous sums of money.

A band known for taking a stand — the Ticketmaster boycott, its refusal to make videos — Pearl Jam decided to take the matter into its own hands and beat bootleggers at their own game. In a move never before attempted, the band decided to release every show in its entirety from the 2000 European and American tour, a grand total of 72 different live albums. Mastered by the band's sound-stew, each performance comes as a double-disk set, and the album case comes with extremely minimal artwork — the venue, the date and the set list are the only things printed on the sleeve.

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

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

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

Despite lacking some of the angst and rawness between the band's main singer and guitarist, Pearl Jam's massive approach to melodic rock classics like "Jeremy" and "Even Flow" continues to reach new levels of passion and intensity. On the bittersweet "Black," a frequent opener of the first set, Vedder stands back and lets his band-mates, in particular lead guitarist Mike McCready, draw upon the emotion he stirs up in the song's dramatic conclusion. McCready, who often challenges Vedder for the spotlight with his amazing guitar work, matches Vedder's poignant vocals with extended solos that are equally as passionate.

Whether in his career, "Jimiry Ma" his latest album, Binaural, also reveals how constrictive the confines of the studio are on the band. Vedder often finds such songs like the poetic "Thin Air" and the chilling "Nothing As It Seems" to be abhorred. Instead, Vedder steps up the pace and allows it to offer the "official bootlegs," completely unedited, at a bargain price of around $12.

After listening to the bootlegs, one has to wonder whether Pearl Jam should test new material live before recording an album. Every live performance of a song blows its studio counterpart away. Though the band's recent work reflects a more pensive and earnest side, Pearl Jam has not lost its ferocious edge. With former Soundgarden drummer Matt Cameron in the seat, Pearl Jam can still tackle the striking dynamics and the fearless force of its catalogue. From Vedder's provocative "Go" to Yield's egotistic "Do The Evolution" to the ever-present and explosive "Corduroy" from Vitalogy, the band steps up the pace and refuses to look back. Even on such covers as Neil Young's "Rockin' In The Free World" and "Cortez The Killer," the band steps up the pace and refuses to look back. Even on such covers as Neil Young's "Rockin' In The Free World" and "Cortez The Killer," the band steps up the pace and refuses to look back. Even on such covers as Neil Young's "Rockin' In The Free World" and "Cortez The Killer," the band steps up the pace and refuses to look back.
Irish gymnasts bring victory from Big Red Invitational

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame gymnastics club returned victorious from the Big Red Invitational at Indiana this past weekend.

In an unusual scoring system, in which a gymnast's scores are totaled to crown one champion, the Irish dominated, as the men's score totalled 136.8 and the women's 126.05 combined for first place total of 262.85. The Irish easily defeated the nearest competitor. The field included teams from Purdue, Ohio State, Illinois, Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois.

Top performers for the women included Erin Henry, who placed fourth on the vault (9.1), eighth on the uneven bars (8.15), second on the floor (9.90), third on the balance beam (8.9) and claimed first on the floor exercise (9.15). Smith also placed fourth on the bar, as men and women were allowed to compete in each other's events.

The men were again paced by Mike Garry, who placed second in the all-around (47.7), 10th on the high bar (7.7), fourth on the pommel horse (7.7), fifth on the rings (7.0), and on the Vault (7.9) on the Parallel Bars (8.0), and 5th on the high bar (6.8). Captain Miller continues to rebound from surgery, as he placed fourth on the floor (9.1), third on the vault (9.0), eighth on the parallel bars (7.8) sec.

The Irish will next compete in the national championships, the Clover Classic, March 24 at Gymnastics Michiana.

Ultimate

The ultimate club's annual trek to the Mardi Gras Invitational is coming to an end this weekend for the women's squad and some valuable game experience.

Behind the exceptional layout defense of Minn Stev, Wireless, some very strong catches by Julie Schutte and Mariah Gunther, with floor man Allison Rodrick's knack for making timely big plays on offense, the club opened with wins against Ohio State, Washington, 13-0, Texas, 13-4, and Notre Dame dropped a tough game to club power, Sneath, 4-2.

The men's squad was too much to overcome against this caliber of competition, as the club lost to Georgia, Ohio State, Notre Dame, Wisconsin, and Emory. The Irish rallied to clinch their closing match with Minnesota.

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Women's Water Polo

The Notre Dame women's water polo club dropped three of five matches this weekend at Purdue. The Irish lost for the last time this season to Purdue, 11-7, and Illinois, 10-8, the two teams that the Irish had defeated twice earlier in the season.

The club refused to let this loss affect them. The Irish then thrashed Northwestern 10-4 and played very well against Ohio State, losing to Miami, 9-7. In the finale, the Irish pinned Ohio State with its only loss of the weekend, 9-8.

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

Men's Lacrosse

Notre Dame defeats Penn State in season opener

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team opened its season today with a 10-8 victory over the Penn State Nittany Lions. Heading into the season, Notre Dame was ranked 11th, while Penn State held the 17th ranking.

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

At the end of the first quarter, the score was tied 3-3. Penn State's Wood scored first with 9:53 remaining in the half. Gatzlaff brought the score to 10-8 with 3:35 remaining and then twice more before the quarter was finished.

John Flanla opened the scoring for the Irish with 7:35 remaining in the half. Senior midfielder Todd Ulrich's man-up goal brought the Irish within 1-3 earlier in the first period before David Ulrich scored the last goal of the quarter.

Sixteen seconds into the second period, senior midfielder Chris Young started the scoring for the Irish on another man-up goal. Jon Harvey scored again for Notre Dame, breaking the Penn State defense and giving the Lions, the score to 5-4 at the half.

Both teams emerged from halftime on a mission. Penn State opened the half with three consecutive goals, giving the Irish the 7-5. The Irish responded with three goals in a row, taking the lead back to 8-8, The Irish responded with three goals in a row, tying the game at 8-8, but Washington would fight back to claim the fourth game, setting the stage for the decisive fifth game.

In a seesaw battle, the Irish fell short, 15-13. The team record now stands at 15-12, and the club will next take the course to the MAAC championship.

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**FENCING**

**Irish win combined Conference title**

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

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

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

"On the men's side, I think we definitely fenced up to our potential," sabreman Andre Crompton said. "Taking first and second in every weapon was definitely a plus. That was what we deserved. On the women's side, I don't know if the women are fencing up to their potential." The epee squad was the only women's squad to win a team title. The Irish averaged their third place finish last year by defeating Wayne State in the finals. Wayne State knocked Notre Dame out in the semifinals last year.

The women's sabre squad nearly won the Midwest Sabre title but Northwestern rallied from a 4-3 deficit to win 5-4. Northwestern also won the foil title to edge the Irish 425-420 for the women's title. "We know we are good fencers and we know we are capable of winning. We just have to go out and do it," epeeist Meagan Call said. "We were a little disappointed but I think we can fence better than we did fence and I think we will in the future."

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

"He said that he got hurt," Crompton said. "There is something wrong with his thumb. I don't know if he is going to be OK. He said after the meet that he didn't know if he was going to be OK (for the Regionals)." Even without Szelle the Irish still took the top two spots in epee. Crompton defeated top-ranked Jakub Kromchmalski of Wayne State in the semifinals before upsetting his second-ranked teammate Andrej Bednarski in the finals. Crompton has never qualified for NCAAs before but with his performance this weekend Szelle's injury, he could win the Region in two weeks and qualify for the championships. "I think it definitely gives me a lot more confidence than last year," Crompton said about his victory.

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

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

Daren Debic repeated as Midwest Conference foil champion with a 15-8 win over teammate Forrest Walton. Walton finished second to Debic last year as well.

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Freshman upsets defending 135-pound champion

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

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

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

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

Budding Kenny's superior reach, Steinbach took him by surprise and viciously and continuously pounded the southpaw in a fight that was ended by the referee just 29 seconds into the second round.

"I didn't think I was going to," Bravo said. "But I felt good in the first. I've got a lot of credit. I thought it was the best fight of the Bout so far." D'Agostino concurred.

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Justin Myers had a memorable Thursday night.

"It was like a true fighter's camp in his apartment, as three of his roommates went to Mardi Gras in Chicago. It was like a true fighter's camp, a place where he could find a quiet spot to train and meditate. He spent most of his time in his apartment, away from the distractions of the outside world."

Myers was one of the independent fighters who competed in the second round of the Bengal Bouts. His fighting style was known for its aggressive and powerful punches. He was a true fighter who never backed down from a challenge.

Myers first Bengal Bouts may have been against senior captain John Lynk, who recorded a unanimous decision over Matt McDonald in the 185-pound class. Advanced to the ring in a unanimous victory, Thompson's decisive hooks put John "The Caveman" in a defensive position right away. Thompson's left hook was solid through all three rounds, though Caver was able to answer with some uppercuts, but in the third round, Thompson forced Pfeiffer into the corner again in the third round's third unanimous decision.

Myers dominated the 185-pound division in the 185-pound class, advanced to the semis in the preliminaries of the 165-pound weight class. Then, following the fight, former champion and fellow Monmouth student Eric Goulet, a semi-finalist, congratulated Myers and advanced to the semi-finals in his corner for his semi-final round bout.

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

Despite one stress fracture, one torn bicep and typhoid fever, Perrone still busts a move on his 21st.

Happy Birthday Mike!

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**Bball**

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

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

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

But beyond UConn’s shooting edge — the Huskies shot 49 percent from the field — was its dominance on the glass, where it outrebounded the Irish 44-29.

The edge on the boards helped the Huskies get some fast break scoring, a problem as the Irish failed to get back to guard.

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

Dasso becomes all-time winningest player in Irish win

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by STEVE KEPEL
Sports Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Looking to end the weekend undefeated the Irish went up against a tough Kansas team on their home court on Sunday. Keeping on track with their solid play, the Irish won 7-0 for the second day in a row without dropping a single set. The trail was blazed for the Irish after a third consecutive doubles point was clinched with wins from No. 5 Dasso/Varnum, Cuhna/Guy and Leslie/Vaughan, who all won 6-2.

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

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

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

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

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

Irish can clinch Big East with win against Pittsburgh

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

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

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

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

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Ruth Riley
center

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

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

Sophomore guard Laine Selwyn led the Panthers with 23 points in that game. Her backcourt mate, Brooke Stewart, added 13.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Irish center Ruth Riley, shown against Georgetown, can help the Irish make history with a win over Pittsburgh tonight. With the win, Notre Dame will tie Connecticut for the Big East title, a first since they joined the conference.
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Josh Thompson’s first experience with Bengal Bouts was not when he later wore the gloves as a first-year fighter in 1999. Living just down the road in Granger, Thompson would come to the Bouts with friends as a spectator, but never thought he would step into the ring.

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

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

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

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

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

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

“One of the funny things is this year, all three of the junior captains, Matt Fumagalli, Mark Cinitti, and Rob Joyce have won a championship before. "The four senior captains, with the