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

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

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

According to Elections Committee member Amanda Dowd, 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 the elections are null and void, Dovidio said.

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

Although they regret the conflict in the 2003 election, both Folks and Dovidio are pleased with the manner in which the other elections ran. The 2002 contest yielded a winning ticket. Carrying nearly 66 percent of the vote, Jonathon Jorissen was elected president for the 2000-01 term.

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

Class of 2001

Gernerd (45.5%) [Runoff] (4)

Nelson (27.9%) [Runoff]

Off-Campus

Class of 2002

Winners

Jorissen, Dunleary, Nurse, McWilliams (65.9%) [Runoff]

ND Elections

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

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

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

Fallon was watching her daughter Clare, age 11, participate in the Catholic Dance 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 where you met her, but in the course of our first meeting I could tell she possessed tremendous intelligence and insight.

The first impression Fallon made would be one that would start a long-winded professional and personal relationship.

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

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

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Few problems are expected, but Leap Day has caused some Y2K concerns.

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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 day began with keynote speaker Tanya Bykskind, who has been a part of Hypatia Day for the past several years. Bykskind, a past counselor at SMC, said that she himself has struggled with math.

"I was always the one looking over my shoulder, the one thinking 'did I bring a calculator,' " Bykskind said.

Although girls are often discouraged from exploring careers in mathematics and science, Bykskind said that the day demonstrated that there are opportunities available.

"We need to ensure that we have access to girls when they're younger because they're very impressionable now and we don't want to be in the same position in 15 years," Bykskind said.

Bykskind was one of several speakers during the event, which included plasmonic lectures, an expert panel on exploring math and science careers and a video on Women in Math and Science.

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Things could be worse**

I had a lot of homework this weekend, and I took time away from everything present- ed to me to complain about it.

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

But then I got a reality check.

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

So the next time that you are worried about grades, I suggest you:

1. Take a deep breath.
2. Remember that two students did not spend much of their weekend stressing over a test or course, or worrying about the future. I realized that I should feel privileged to have nothing more serious than a test or course to worry about.
3. Remember that your mom had been hospitalized.
4. Enjoy the opportunities you have as a student.
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**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 300 people Friday that anyone who deals with his company should benefit in return.

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

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

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

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

Cooper also discussed UF's involvement with the Coca-Cola World Citizenship Program, which was created by UF and the Coca-Cola Foundation in December 1999.

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

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

"We're especially proud to be a partner of the University of Florida — the business of education," he said.

Cooper said his company also bene- fits from the esteem it is associat- ed with UF, builds a better business relationship with its clients and helps to create a better work force of col­ lege graduates.

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**LOCAL WEATHER**

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**National Weather**

**NEW YORK**

After two years of review and a year of con- testations, 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 the country. Their reaction pleased with UF, builds a better business relationship with its clients and helps to create a better work force of col­ lege graduates.

Columbia passes anti-violence policy

As the end of the quarter and final exams approach, union officials called for a strike authorization vote last Monday, contending that the university has been discriminating against employees who seek to organize. In an unusual move, university officials have agreed to hold a vote on the issue, which is expected to take place next week. The union is negotiating in bad faith and want a contract just as much as the unions do. At UCLA, 89 percent of the slightly more than 900 teach­ ers, students, and staff members voted to authorize a strike. Union officials called for a strike authorization vote last Monday, contending that the university is compromising the interests of the workers and students by negotiating in bad faith.

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McCourt lectures on war in Northern Ireland

By MICHAEL DE LA ROSA

After witnessing brutality directed against people in his native Northern Ireland, Jon McCourt said he believed his only choice was to join the Irish Republican Army. "It didn't seem like there was an option, no political options, no negotiating," said McCourt. "When I got the opportunity to join the IRA, I jumped at it." McCourt said as he lectured about the conflict in Northern Ireland with a group of students in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium on Monday.

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

"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 recklessness.

"After Bloody Sunday," McCourt said, "I could no longer accept the word of the British government, army or police. Thus, he entered into a period of intense violence and terrorism. During that time, his life seemed dark and empty, McCourt said. "I grew up with nuns. I knew a lot about religion but not about faith. It was all empty; we were growing weary," he said.

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

"Slowly things began to change, and the community came closer together," said McCourt.
Graduate student's film featured on web


Lutterbach wrote, directed, produced and was the cinematographer on the project. A native of Michigan City, Ind., Lutterbach is a 1998 Notre Dame graduate and current MBA student.

Italian professor wins translation award

John Welle, associate professor of Italian at Notre Dame and the poet Ruth Feldman have been selected to receive the 1999 Ratzionale Patchi Book Prize from the Academy of American Poets for their translation of Andrea Zanzotto's work, "Peascants Wake for Fellini's Casanova" and Other Poems." The $5000 prize is awarded every other year for a translation into English of a significant work of Italian poetry.

Welle a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1983, Welle specializes in 19th and 20th century Italian literature, the history of Italian cinema and translation studies. He is the author of "The Poetry of Andrea Zanzotto" and the editor of "Italian Film and Literature: Annali d'Italianistica."

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

Saferide to start after spring break

By HELENA RAYAM New Writer

Saferide will once again attempt to provide efficient transportation to Notre Dame students with its new coordinator Dave Powers. "It's going to be a lot more reliable and run more smoothly," said Powers, whose duties will include managing Saferide's advertising and scheduling.

Powers will also hire and train 10 to 35 drivers and navigators, and he said that he would seek students who are responsible for those positions. In the past, Saferide was a volunteer-based service. Saferide had problems with students signing up to work a shift and not actually coming to work. Although many students did volunteer to work for Saferide, the program did not generate the interest that was expected because students who would use Saferide could not predict when it would have drivers.

Student government has reevaluated Saferide and decided to make some changes. "Now they're paying," said Powers, adding that this is the incentive for students to work on Friday and Saturday nights for Saferide.

Chairman of the Student Senate's Ad Hoc Committee for Transportation, Amy Szestak, said that being employed will make drivers and navigators more responsible. "We would offer [Saferide] as a service and students would call, but Saferide wasn't running because there were no students to drive that night," said Szestak. "If it is someone's job, they will be more reliable." Saferide will have one van and a cellular phone, which students can call in order to get rides from off-campus locations to return to Notre Dame. The navigators will answer the phone and can switch jobs with the driver throughout the night.

The goal of Saferide remains to provide a transportation service for Notre Dame students as a means to avoid drinking and driving. "We do target people that have been at drinking establishments and who are not in a condition to drive," said 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 days and hours next year.

No 2002 ticket carried the simple majority of the class vote Monday. A run-off election between the two tickets that received the most votes is scheduled for Thursday. Competing in the run-off will be the Rachel 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 co-presidents in the run-off are the winning ticket of Amy Matthews and Nicole Benjamin, who received 33 percent of yesterday's vote.
Police arrest 185 protesters in front of Supreme Court

WASHINGTON

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

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

TIJUANA, Mexico

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

Senegal’s election results delayed, run-off pending

DAKAR, Senegal

Senegal’s incumbent president and his main rival appeared headed for a run-off election Monday, with partial returns showing both candidates had failed to win an outright majority in the country’s presidential election, a senior electoral official said. A provisional ballot count showed President Abdou Diouf and veteran opposition leader Abdoulaye Wade on top among the eight candidates who competed in the election on Sunday, said the Interior Ministry official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. He said each failed to gain the 50 percent of the valid vote needed for election.

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VIENNA

Joerg Haider, the politician known for his anti-farmer 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.

AP a 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.
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and lawyer, currently works at Brookview Montessori School. The girls attended morning and afternoon sessions of nursing, chemistry and physics, biology or math.

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

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

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

Other Hypatia Day 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 Emily Koelsch, who was in charge of the chemistry and physics segments. "They need to know that labs are places where women work just as well as anyone else. The hands-on experience shows them that they can do it.

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

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

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

"This is sort of closure on the Year 2000 efforts, like the final frontier here," said Dale Vezchin, research director at technology consultant Gartner Group.

Computers have had difficulties in leap years before. For instance, Arizona Lottery players could not buy tickets because its computer failed to understand Feb. 29.

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.

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.

"We'd 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."
Diversity thwarts GOP’s ‘Big Tent’

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I admit it: I’m a morning person

They are your siblings, parents, and cousins. They are your friends and your neighbors. They are your professors, your classmates, and, if you’re unlucky, your roommates. They are a startling minority on campus. You may even be afraid of them and their “different” lifestyle.

They are morning people, and chances are, you already know one. I’m a morning person. By morning person, I mean someone who does or her or his best work early, who would rather get up early than stay up late after you go down late. They are the people who can utter the expression “Good morning!” and mean it, even before 9 o’clock.

Morning people are not always delighted to have 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.

As a morning person, I have also taken a lot of 8 a.m. classes, in fact, more often than not the first semester I did all my classes before 11 a.m. One class at 8:30 a.m. are great; they are ludicrously easy to get into, even the ones that are really good classes. I once took an upper-level course on Dante’s current class at 9:30 a.m., and slept through the entire class. 8:30. We all sat there with our cups of coffee (and yes, morning people do drink coffee in this way) and thought about what we’d read in the newspaper that morning or about whatever other gossip came to mind. This class also had the best final I’ve ever had to take. Professor Ronjas-Annun invited us all over for dinner and we voluntarily stayed there for hours, eating and talking. The final was worth 40 percent of our grade. I got an A.

People who just 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 everyday, including Fridays before my 9:30 a.m., even when I’ve been at Heartland until 3. Breakfast is by far the most under appreciated meal of the day. It is the meal for Social Concerns seminar that I attended during Christmas break, we were served breakfast every morning, even the crazy morning we went searching for the El Paso, Texas, active passenger depot. The only other early-to-rise Domers breakfast was at the two insulin-dependent diabetics on the trip who had the choice between breakfast and life-threatening hypoglycemia.

So I’m a morning person, March is National Nutrition Month. Anyone who went to kindergarden 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 nutritionally than people who don’t. To quote the American Dietetic Association’s “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 once saw a master brewing the way they keep the biscuit gravy and the oatmeal right next to each other. Even if you’re just a cereal person, like me, and even if you’re really not a morning person, breakfast is worth the five-minute time investment.

Bring up early risers on a great experience last week. On Wednesday morning, South Dining Hall served strawberries, minted cheese and little cups of creme fraiche. I have a handful to take with me on the walk to the library to start my shift at the computer cluster. Wednesday was the second of three days of a six-day 65-degree streak. I was in such delight to eat strawberries while watching the sunrise rise over the stadium and feeling the first hints of a barely breezy. Things like that cure any early morning crankiness.

Kate Rowland

Join the Discussion.

Letters to the Editor

Hey everybody, Re-lax!

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Hurray for Election 2000! Hurray for the top two tickets and the judicial council for orchestrating such a remarkable comedic display about the failures in said simple election process! All of your tomfoolery has truly made us laugh! And hurray for MEN! I was far too enough to have been a candidate in this calumny akin to all of the top positions that were voted for for both parties and no thank you. And to all of our friends who didn’t vote for us, it’s OK. I highly doubt that your support would have constituted the additional 48 percent we needed to capture the majority of the vote and become, outright, the two most overtaken students on campus.

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

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

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

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 Antonkowski), a Notre Dame student who was ridiculed by her class mates because she came from a very large family. This young woman was made to feel shame because she was raised in a family that still practiced the dictates of the Catholic Church. Because her family did not cave in to the ways of contemporary society and limit their family to one or two children by means of birth control, she was bullied for not having as much money. Her mother and father were mocked for their lifestyle.

Is this not persecution? Isn’t it ironic and tragic that this young woman was made to feel ashamed of her beautiful Catholic family at a Catholic University? Ah, but that is just the point isn’t it? How Catholic is Notre Dame these days anyway? Her counterparts, who come form the small wealthy, happily, would like to be able to have sex without children, so they can preserve their shapes. They don’t want to be bothered by the giving required in raising children. The horror! As a front-runner of the ‘60s fiasco, I saw first-hand the result of this. I was at the星星; I heard what people say at intercontinental soccer crusaders/soldiers/evangelists?

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

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

Vertical Horizon is ‘everything you want’ in a band

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

明天晚上，圣玛丽大学社区将举办一场音乐演出，由近来在现代摇滚电台备受欢迎的乐队Vertical Horizon主办。但这不是一场简单的演出。Vertical Horizon已经发行了两张唱片，两张唱片的风格迥异，但都成功地吸引了一众的听众。Vertical Horizon已经付出了他们的努力，明天晚上的演出将向全国的乐迷介绍这个乐队。

The album served as a shot in the arm, courtesy of recent radio darlings Vertical Horizon. But this is not some case of a 1990s one-hit wonder. Vertical Horizon has paid its dues, traveling across the country playing their folk rock for college audiences.

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One might have 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.

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

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

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

Another common myth that circulated was that Vertical Horizon was a Christian rock group. I had heard the rumors, particularly about one of their songs called "The Man Who Would Be Santa." The lyrics depict a loving relationship between a father and his son, but word across the internet was that the man known as Santa was really Jesus Christ. So I decided to come right out and ask Ed if they were indeed a Christian band. I was answered with a chuckle and a shout in the background. "Hey guys, we are getting the Christian question again."

"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, as well as the internet."

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Wednesday night at Stepan Center

former Georgetown rockers Vertical Horizon

stick band Stroke 9 to South Bend

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 freeflowing guitars with some catchy offbeat lyrics. So it's surprising now to hear how difficult it was to get the band heard in front of a mass audience.

"When the radio put us on it was almost as if they had to go against the grain. But now I think the song was able to garner some attention. We really had something unique when we recorded the song," McDermott said.

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

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McDermott also discussed with me the whole process that the band must go through to transform itself into 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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As to who he would like to spend his time with on a deserted island — Britney Spears or Christina Aguilera, McDermott replied, "Aguilera! No question about it. I saw one of her shows and she actually sings, no lip-synching like Britney. Plus, she's a lot better looking."

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

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

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

130 Pound Division

Last year's 125 pound champion Jason "The Sweet Sensation" McManus moves up to 130 pounds and faces Mike "The Don" Fumagalli in the semifinals. Although McManus is the favorite following a huge victory in the quarterfinals, Fumagalli is coming off a strong performance in the quarterfinals.

In this context, Fumagalli might not have an easy time against McManus, but he has no business being written off. The semifinal bout pits second-seeded Camilo "Rollin' Rueda with Krontz in Ruda's first test of the season.

Krontz is coming off a solid split decision victory in which he started slow but managed to land enough punches in the third round to pull out the win. Krontz will likely need to establish himself earlier than he faced Ruda to make the finals.

140 Pound Division

The first card in the 140-pound weight class matches No. 1 seed Kurt Wilson against the surprise of the division, freshman Joshua Cunha. Wilson surprised a bit of a scare in the quarterfinals against Dominic "Little Italy" Angiolo in a hard-fighting split decision. Coleman, who upset Bill "The Wall" Judge, "Unlucky" Dow, is advanced with a split decision by staying with his opponent and countering.

That same strategy could work again against Wilson, who has an aggressive style. In the other bout at 140 pounds, second-seeded Anton "Bucks Pound" Down On Yo Face" Kemp meets Mike "The City Motorman" Waldo.

Kemp reached the semifinals winning a unanimous decision over Raul "The Undertaker" Vargas with a controlled much of the fight. Meanwhile, Mike Waldo enters the semifinals expecting the fight to be much like his bloody unanimous decision victory in the quarterfinal round.

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

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

150 Pound Division

The 150-pound division is shaping up as one to doozy with three top-notch fighters in the semifinals. Unfortunately, a wrist injury to Guy dealt a cruel blow to Notre Dame's upset hopes. Guy fell during her singles match and is unable to compete in doubles. Louderback opted to play Vaughan in her place.

Taking advantage of Guy's injury, Wake Forest was not about to have its five ranking diminished and it quickly served notice to Notre Dame that an upset would be possible. Engel and Be Biell knock off Dassio and Varnum while Canhas and Vaughan fell to Wake's Janet Bergman and Annemarie Milton. In winning two of the three singles matches, the Irish assumed control of the win.

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Roeder resigns after 4-win season

By KATIE McVOY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's head basketball coach Dave Roeder resigned last week after four years of service. After a long, frustrating season, the Saint Mary's basketball team finished the season with a 4-22 record.

"Dave really, really cares about the team," athletic director Lynn Kachmarik said. "It was a huge time commitment for Dave," Kachmarik added. "Working, coaching a high school team, and coaching this team was too much work."

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."
This Week in Campus Ministry

Monday, February 14 through Wednesday, March 1
103 Hesburgh Library
Freshman Retreat #28 (Mar. 3-4) Sign-Up
Targeted dorms: Alumni, Breen-Phillips, Howard, Kennaugh, Knott, Lyons, McClinn, Pasquerilla West, and Sorin

Tuesday, February 29
103 Hesburgh Library
Targeted dorms: Carroll, Cavanaugh, Dillon, Farley, Fisher, Pangborn, Morrissey, Stanford, and Welsh Family

Senior Retreat #28 (Mar. 3-4) Sign-Up

Wednesday, March 1
Wilson Commons
Campus Bible Study
Vigil Mass for the 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday, March 1
Walsh Hall Chapel
Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Saturday, March 4
St. Joe Hall
Freshman Retreat #28

Saturday, March 4
Moreau Seminary
RCIA Retreat
Liturgical Choir Trip

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Ft. Wayne, Indiana
Vigil Mass for the 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, March 5
103 Hesburgh Library
Confirmation Afternoon of Recollection
Rejoice! Mass
Presider: Rev. Bill Wack, c.s.c.

Monday, March 6 through Monday, April 3
103 Hesburgh Library
Freshman Retreat #29 (April 7-8) Sign-Up
Targeted dorms: Carroll, Cavanaugh, Dillon, Farley, Fisher, Pangborn, Morrissey, Stanford, and Welsh Family

RCIA: Conversion of the Heart

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

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

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

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

CATECHUMENS (Godparents)

Jim Cochran (Maryta Mendizabal)
Everett Dittman (Katie Dorn)
Tyson Fraser (Tom Gaughan, CSC)
Kevin Fuller (Jill Neuklis)
Stephanie Hochstetler (Bill Conney)
Lufei Jia (Veronica Lee)
James Krueger (Chris Toner)
Ashlee Logan (Catherine Bateson)
Brian Mink (Chris Lawler)
Sue Roth (Elizabeth Wilchek)
Kyle Shaw (Brian Connor)
Mari Shiraiishi (Gina Pilloni)
Kelly Singer (Beu Kyote)
Kimberly Springer (Marita Connor)

CANDIDATES (Sponsors)

Conrad Engelhardt (Jennifer McEntee)
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Rachelle Gentner (Mary Lopez)
Christa Guerrero (Tim Burbage)
Emily Hallinan (Katie Coleman)
Robyn Harridge (Billy Marshall)
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Matt Maum (Marie Gemma)
Michael Mancuso (Adam Van Fossen)
Katie Meierotto (Michael Rizzo)
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Stephanie Newcom (Chris Powers)
Alexis Nussbaum (Stasia Bijak)
Andrea Odlinca (Jennifer Scholl)
Gina Pierson (Kristen Clancy)
Dylan Reed (Ryan Walsh)
Renita Riley (Katie O'Brien)
Bill Roth (Gary Chamberland, CSC)
Bill Westberry (Dawn Meyer)
BENGAL BOUTS

By KERRY SMITH

Bengal sports editor

When semifinal action resumes in the 70th annual Bengal Bouts
With the field narrowed to just four in each weight division, every punch becomes more critical as the competition grows tougher with each bout.

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

Third-year boxer Dobosh is looking to average losses in previous tournaments. The senior lost a split decision to the No. 1 seed during his sophomore year and made an entry exit from last year's competition when he was upset as the No. 2 seed.

Dobosh will ring the iron tonight after earning unanimous decision over Junior Billy "Sweat Poa" McMurrin in the quarterfinals Sunday.

Dobosh's next challenge in route to the finals is Tom "The Pretender" Pierce. Pierce, a freshman fighting in his first bout, took a unanimous decision against Christopher "Redhead Thunder" Knox Sunday.

Pierce will have to control his control-rolled boxing and patient attack in order to advance.

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

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

160-pound division
In one of the most open brackets in the Bouts, the title is up for grabs in the 160-pound weight division.

With top seeds "Dangerous" Dan Schaefcr and J. P. "Fabulous Thunderbolt" Carmardo both leading by unanimous decision over Schaefcr and will be looking for his third win when he takes to the ring against untested Joseph "The Polygamist" Smith.

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

In the lower half of the bracket, Matt "All You Can Eat" McCullough, who upset Carmardo will need to overcome challenger Chris "My Nickname Was Excised" Reinhold to advance to the finals.

Mehan seeded off a spirited John "Judas" Barlow in a unanimously decided bout.

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

No. 1 seeded Sean "The Elite Kid" Nowak fought his way through the field. Nowak advanced through the quarterfinals with ease—Nowak took only 18 seconds to dispose of his opponent.

With a walkover decision.

"The Morning Glory" Hagens is ready for the challenge Nowak will present him.

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

O'Rourke has the advantage of being a lefty, but reality is that will carry him no farther.

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

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

Junior Chris "The Weekend Scientist" Pearsall vs. PJ. "Downlow" Duwors

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

Irish take first, second at Classic

Special to The Observer

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

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

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

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

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

The club will now set its sights on the nationals from March 30 through April 2 at Indiana University. The men took third in last year’s championships at the Naval Academy, and were the national champions in 1998, while the women cracked the top 10 for the first time last year.

Field hockey

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

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

Men’s volleyball


"c'mon, let's go study...
right now... it'll be fun."
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 match-up 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 last time the Irish tallied a 4-0 lead over Purdue with wins by Sachire, Talarico, and Andrew Laffin at the No. 1, 2 and 4 singles matches, respectively.

Seventeenth-ranked Sachire left little room for hope of victory for his 62nd-ranked opponent, Smith and Tallin coming away with victory 6-4, 6-3. While Brian Farrell wrapped up a win in the No. 1 doubles match 6-4, 6-1. The lone Northwestern point came when Notre Dame’s Taborga by squeezing past Northwestern’s 44th-ranked pairing of Joost Hoit and Brad Erickson 9-8 (7-1). With the win, Taborga and Talarico improved to 12-5 on the year and preserved a five match unbeaten streak.

All-American Sachire tallied another singles win by downing Erickson 6-2, 6-3 in the No. 1 match, improving to 2-2-4 on the year. Smith and Laffin chipped in 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 6-4, 6-3, 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, 6-3.

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

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JEFF BEAM

A pleasant spring stroll across the quad.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2000

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY

Joaquin Phoenix, actor (age 30)

Jared Leto, actor (age 27)

Antonio Sabato Jr., actor (age 27)

Happy Birthday! Follow your intuition and you won't go wrong. You can make money through a worthwhile project you will do well. You will do your best to make your personal life as pleasant as possible. The worst time to start new self-improvement and health regimes is now. You will be satisfied only if you are a participant in life. Your number is 5, 18, 22, 31, 37.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Obstacles may cause you to get behind where important duties are concerned. Travel will not be in your best interests. Communications will not be kind to you in the wrong way. You will not have a lot of luck. Taurus (April 20-May 20): Anger is in the air. Not only have you got­­­­­­en involved in dubious investments, but now you must ask the impossible or get into an uncomfortable situation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your emotional life will be too much. Don't make decisions today. Be careful not to make decisions regarding your current situation. 000

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will find that propositions or career changes can not only be adopted, but are the best thing you could ever do. You are in a new way. You can get into the new situation. 000

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be tempted to spend money or gamble today; however, the loss will be worthwhile if you avoid getting into an uncomfortable situation. 000 000

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your emotional environment may be unsettled. Do not attempt to understand your place or make promises you cannot keep. Try to deal with the problems of those who dwell under the same roof as you. 000 000 000

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will not have much contact. Do not act badly or without thought if you are disappointed with others. Take time to plan your responses carefully 000

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do not invest in baby! You will attract moles. It is possible that individuals will come you from a spirit or place. You won't offer to pay for others 000 000

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your emotional well-being will be threatened and arguments will prevail if you push your opinions on your family. Minor accidents in your home will happen if you are careless. 000

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let others get certainly depressed. Handle your relationship with care. When dealing with secret affairs you should not get too involved. 000

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Anger will manifest if you earned money or belongings in an unfortunate state. Do not blame yourself for not paying for a membership to an expensive club. 000

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If your temper goes out of hand, your career could suffer. Do not use emotional blackmail on your friends. Changes on the horizon must be carefully considered. 000

Birthday Baby: You have your feet planted firmly on the ground. You will never deviate from what you want to do. Judge on marking and whatever you see at yourself; you are a a diverse instrument. 000 000

(Read this advice. Check out Eugenia's Web site at spouseadvice.com, eugenia@nd.edu)

EUGENIA LAST

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A DEPRAVED NEW WORLD

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Puzzle by Nancy Salom on 02/29/00

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Heavyweights bring heavy hitting to semifinals

**By BILL HART**
Sports Writer

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

**175-pound division**

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

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

"Tom's obviously an excellent boxer," Dietrich said about the bout. "Based on our sparring, all of us in our division are pretty close in our abilities. Keith was a tough opponent, but I wasn't surprised by how difficult it was."

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**BENGAL BOUTS**

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

**180-pound division**

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

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

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**WOMEN'S TENNIS**

**Irish split Tobacco Road trip**

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

The results came as no surprise.

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

That's exactly what they got. After beating 33rd ranked North Carolina 5-4 on Saturday, the Irish figured they were in great shape to make an upset-minded run at the fifth-ranked Demon Deacons of Wake Forest. Notre Dame did make a run, but couldn't manage the upset, as Wake Forest took two of three doubles matches, after splitting singles, to pull out a 2-4 victory.

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

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

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

North Carolina shocked the Irish by taking the first two doubles matches to knot the score at 4. The Irish tandem of Dasso and Becky Varoum lost a tight match 8-6 to Marlene Mojta and Erin Nerling, while Guy and Katie Cunha lost an even closer match to the Tar Heels' Andrea Dick and Erin Rau.

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

**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 3-5 over the weekend with wins over Virginia and Arkansas.

"It was a great chance to stun the Demon Deacons on their home courts. The Irish have typically been much better in doubles play than in singles and were able to capitalize on the fact that they faced a struggling doubles pairing." Myers

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**BASEBALL**

**at Pennsylvania**
Saturday, 1 p.m.

**at Big East Tournament**
Stones, Conn.
Sunday-Tuesday, TBA

**GLANCE**

**More Bengals ...**
Coverage of the 79th Bengal Boats continues inside with middle- and lightweight prelims.

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