Poorman unveils new alcohol policy

Policy prohibits hard liquor, dances in dorms and outlines new tailgating rules

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

The University's top student life official unveiled Monday broad changes to the school's alcohol policy, challenging students to its core non-drinking activities and heading off its own concerns about an alcohol-centered campus climate.

Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, announced three significant changes that took effect Monday, including a prohibition of drinking among undergraduate students:

- a ban on "hard" alcohol in residence halls,
- a rewriting of the tailgating policy to permit drink-Off packages to be purchased and drunk in designated parking lots on home football weekends.

The changes -- the first major revisions since 1988 -- may prove a watershed moment.

"I felt like we needed some change two years ago," Poorman said. "We looked hard at what we think would have the greatest impact on campus. The changes we've made have been looked over the past two years." Poorman announced the changes Monday to the alcohol task force of the Campus Life Council. He'll formally introduce the measures to the C.L.C. on March 25.

Poorman sent word of the changes swiftly to campus in an e-mail Monday. The text of that message also appears in a full-page advertisement in today's Observer.

Announcement of the changes would have come later, Poorman said, but he wanted to end speculation about the impending action. For nearly two weeks, visitors to the student Web site NDtoday.com have fueled the rumor mill, posting messages about the University tightening its alcohol policy.

In the letter to students, Poorman said a study of alcohol use and abuse that began in 2000 yielded both "encouraging and alarming" results. He said data collected through focus groups and surveys found that many students either
don't drink or do so in moderation, but officials "cannot overlook or excuse abusive drinking."

"I want a campus culture that is creating a lot of alternatives [to drinking] and that isn't completely rooted in alcohol use," he said. The Observer.

Banning any challenges from Poorman's colleagues, the policy amendments will take effect in the fall. Poorman said he changes already have the support of University officials, who will likely approve them in July.

Notre Dame adopted an alcohol policy in 1984, and it underwent revision four years later. The University banned logs in residence halls in the late 1970s.

Poorman acknowledged that the current policy is disjointed and doesn't clearly spell out rules governing on-campus drinking among undergraduates. A more "user-friendly" policy in the fall will provide clearer guidelines, he said.

"In general, it's a good policy." Poorman said. "It just needed improvements to lead to a healthier, safer environment.

It's an environment that will prohibit hard liquor in dorms.

Poorman believes the move will curtail the introduction, alcohol poisoning and hospitalization which usually involve students consuming drinks with high alcohol content.

He offered no clear-cut definition for "hard liquor," saying officials would base that determination on proof, or alcohol content.

On a non-residential campus

Starbucks opens in LaFortune

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

Notre Dame's first Starbucks opened for business in LaFortune Student Center last Thursday during the mid-semester break and has been steadily filling with customers thirsty for its brewed beverages.

"We've been busy since we've opened the doors," said Jim Labella, general manager of the Huddle in LaFortune. "The store lead is Kim McComb, a former employee of the Huddle.

Starbucks, a national chain, sells coffees, teas, and other items such as mugs and thermoses, all of which are available at Notre Dame's shop. All of the employees who prepare the beverages, called "baristas," become skilled at mixing numerous drinks on the menu.

Labella said students were eager to apply for jobs with Starbucks once they heard it was opening a shop on campus.

"We filled up our shifts immediately," said Labella, adding that he had to turn many applicants away.

Labella added that he predicts success for the University's Starbucks because students are already familiar with the coffee shop from their hometowns.

"Students really seem to recognize the brand names," said Labella.

Freshman Brian Abrt said he made his first visit to the campus Starbucks Monday because he had frequented the place in his Cincinnati, Ohio hometown.

"This place reminds me of it," said Abrt who ordered a tall chai tea.

Sophomore Meghan O'Donnell and Leslie Devereaux also visited Starbucks Monday after a morning class to catch up on spring break gossip. A tall caramel macchiato and a grande steam ciser sat on their table as O'Donnell commented on the wood and colors that makes the campus Starbucks like others she has visited.

"I think everyone's really happy that it's open," said O'Donnell, who is from Michigan. "They did a really good job representing [Starbucks]." Devereaux added that she was an avid Starbucks drinker and thought the business would be a good addition to campus.

"I think it's more unique than any place on campus," said Devereaux.

Although Starbucks might have name recognition with students, there are still other businesses on campus that sell coffee, including Reckers and the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. These shops, especially Reckers, have contributed to a southward and westward migration during

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Labor secretary selected as SMC speaker

By SHEILA EGTS
Saint Mary's Editor

U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao will deliver the commencement address at Saint Mary's on May 19.

Chao, a native of Taiwan, is the first Asian-American woman appointed to a president's cabinet in United States history. She was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in January 2001.

According to Susan Dampeer, assistant to Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred, Chao will be an appropriate choice for the event.

"We look to students for lots of input and ask them to submit their ideas," said Chao.

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Fleck's new album flows with solo talent

This live album strengthens Bela Fleck's already influential name in music and is another feast for the world's greatest banjo player.

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ND grad dies in Hancock scaffolding accident

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

During the mid-semester break, some members of the Notre Dame community gathered in Merrillville, Ind. to remember 1994 Notre Dame graduate Melissa Cook who died after scaffolding from Chicago's John Hancock Center fell to the ground in high winds, killing three people.

On March 9, the day of the accident, Cook was driving with her cousin, Jill Nelson, and their mothers to her 30th birthday celebration at a restaurant in the city. She stopped at the traffic light in front of Hancock Center, a pedestrian pass when the scaffolding gave way, killing both Cook and Nelson, a Purdue graduate, who were in the front of the car. Cook's mother and Nelson's aunt, Nelson's mother, were in the backseat and survived with injuries.

The Chicago Tribune reported that police are investigating the cause of the accident, which some have attributed to high winds and others to poor regulation of the scaffolding. Both Cook's parents and the family of the third victim, Nanetta Cameron, have filed wrongful
INSIDE COLUMN

Come sail away

Oh captain, my captain. Oh, no. I checked my email at 3 a.m. on Monday night and was flung into a fit of shocked disbelief over some changes to alcohol policy. I fear that the vague statistics will be attacked, the pros and cons and more of the policy will be debated vehemently, and the "to drink or not to drink, wait, no. college kids always drink" tendencies will be intricately examined in the pages of The Observer in the next few weeks. It will get ugly and maybe a bit redundant, no doubt.

But before the Viewpoint e-mail box is overrun, before we get a follow-up e-mail saying what the policy "really" means, I'm just a little emotional. If these policies are for real, then I think some mortifying is in order. No more Crush in the Lewis courtyard? No more Wake-and-Shake in the sweaty basement of Alumni or what would you do for some beer at March Gras? Rest in peace rum and coke? See ya screwdrivers? Adios mil margaritas? Denied for daquiris? Ta-ta tequila? It's a lot to hit a girl with in one e-mail.

I think I fall somewhere in between the "signifi­cant number" of students who never drink or drink moderately, and those who fall into the lie of alcohol. I've said some pretty stupid things that I thought were brilliant and witty because of alcohol. I've woken up feeling like a train was driving through my head and my saliva glands had been through my mouth and my throat had been forced with liquid barium. I've said some pretty horrible things that I thought were brilliant and witty because of alcohol. I've had woken up feeling like a train was driving through my head and my saliva glands had been forced with liquid barium. I've said some pretty horrible things that I thought were brilliant and witty because of alcohol.

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Katie Hughes
Copy Editor

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

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Head basketball coach Mike Brey on his team's final home game, a 76-68 win against Providence

"I can't say, 'Put your faith in ResLife anymore.'"

Former peer advocate Nikki DePersis following her resignation after a confidential sexual assault case

BEYOND CAMPUS

Arizona student charged with killing her infant

TUCSON, Ariz.

A University of Arizona student is facing a first-degree murder charge after allegedly killing her newborn baby and burying it in the backyard of her parents' eastside home, police officials said.

Heather M. Porzel, an agriculture sophomore, was arrested March 9 on the charge of killing her newborn daughter just after birth. Tucson Police Department Sgt. Marco Borboa said.

Porzel said Porzel gave birth to the baby in the bathroom of the home and buried it a week later in the backyard. Borboa said on the night of March 9, Porzel's mother called 911 after her 18-year-old brother found the family dog had dug up the newborn infant in the backyard of their home. He said an autopsy revealed the baby was a healthy female with blond hair and 3 inches of umbilical cord attached to her belly.

Police said although the baby appeared to have been born healthy, they didn't know whether she was buried alive.

The approximately one-hour delay from the autopsy didn't reveal how she died. It has been confirmed as a homicide, Borboa said.

Porzel was booked into Pima County Jail in lieu of an $800,000 bond. On Friday morning, Pima County Jail officials said Porzel had denied interviews to all news reporters.

Porzel's mother declined comment over the phone Sunday afternoon.

Borboa said Porzel was arraigned last week.

Arizona Daily Wildcat

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla.

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regent blasts affirmative action

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

Supporters of the two lawsuits challenging the use of race in admissions said they were shocked and disap­pointed by University of Michigan Regent Dan Horning's remarks in a letter to a fellow regent, but they believe his statement will not affect the outcome of the cases. In a letter written by Horning to Regent Kathy White, which was sent anonymously to The Michigan Daily, Horning expressed anti-affirmative action sentiments and attacked White for her alleged "bias" on the racial composition of the board. The two lawsuits have openly defended the importance of a diverse student body, yet privately I have held to my chest that I don't think our admissions policies will withstand this legal challenge and I certainly don't feel they are based on merit. Horning said in the letter, Horning went on to say he believes the University's admissions policies keep qualified students out while admitting less quali­fied minority students.

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Student leaders react to new policy

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

Displeased with sweeping changes to the University alcohol policy, student leaders declared the modifications Monday and vowed to organize a campus movement against the decision.

Student government officials expect today to contact the Student Activities Office to reserve space on the Fieldhouse Mall. They plan to hold an all-campus town hall meeting there Wednesday to voice their concerns about University decision-making and to garner student feedback on the trio of campus policy changes.

"It's really hard for me to accept that these three things are the solution to the drinking problem," said Brooke Norton, student body president, referring to the trio of changes officials unveiled Monday.

The changes, which will affect only undergraduate students, include: a ban on hard liquor in residence halls; a ban on dances in residence halls; and a new tailgating policy that allows drinking-age students to register to host tailgates in a cordoned-off parking lot on home football weekends. "They present it as holding the community to a higher standard," said Judicial Council President Tim Jarotkiewicz. However, students are going to look at it as punishment." A sticking point for seniors Norton and Jarotkiewicz is that students were frozen out of the drafting of the changes. While Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, said his office collected student input through focus groups and surveys, Norton claims the changes Monday were another instance of University officials locking students out of the policy-making process.

That's the main issue here," she said. "It's another thing where students weren't included in the process. No students were involved in the creation of the solution."

Norton recalled that since she's been a student here, she's heard the issue brought up down several tradition-rich events — Sophomore Siblings weekend, campus football tickets and the freshman Graffiti Dance.

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The moves are about being in the dorm and having a good time together." Peter Rossmann, senior class president, said the changes also prompt safety concerns. He suggested more students would travel off campus to drink and put themselves in danger walking around campus. "This is certainly going to result in more people going off campus," Rossmann said.

Rossmann and other student leaders questioned the reasoning behind the changes.

"If you're not a part of it, you can't really support something that you didn't help make," said Student Senate President Paul Hallahan, a sophomore in the Sorin Hall senator and chief of staff for the student body president and vice president-elect. "This is not a plan expected to e-mail undergraduates today, alerting them to plans for the Wednesday meeting. She also hoped to draw a large student crowd, or driving back to campus.

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PBS anchor will speak on-campus tonight

Special to the Observer

Jim Lehrer, executive editor and anchor of "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" on PBS, will deliver the Red Smith Lecture in Journalism at 8 p.m. today in the Hesburgh Library's Carey Auditorium. The lecture is free and open to the public, with a discussion period to follow.

Lehrer, a correspondent and anchor at PBS for the past three decades, was teamed with Robert MacNeil on "The MacNeil/Lehrer Report" and "MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour" for 20 years. During the 1995-96 season, Lehrer became sole anchor of "The NewsHour." A winner of two Emmys and a member of the Television Hall of Fame, Lehrer received the National Humanities Medal in 1999. He also has won the Fred Friendly First Amendment Award, the George Foster Peabody Award and the William Allen White Foundation Award for Journalistic Merit. In 1991, he was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

During the last four presidential elections, Lehrer served as moderator for eight of the nationally televised debates among the candidates, presiding exclusively over all of the debates in both 1996 and 2000. A former newspaper reporter, columnist and city editor in Dallas, Lehrer is the author of 13 novels, two memoirs and three plays. His novels include six about a fictional lieutenant governor of Oklahoma as well as "The Last Debate," which is about journalism.

The Red Smith Lecture in Journalism was established in 1983 to honor the sportswriter and 1927 Notre Dame alumnus Walter W. "Red" Smith, who won the Pulitizer Prize in 1976 for distinguished criticism. At the time of his death in 1982, Smith was a columnist for The New York Times.

The Smith Lectureship, which is administered by Notre Dame's John W. Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics & Democracy, is made possible by a gift from John and Susan McMeel and Universal Press Syndicate.

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Freshman Retreat #41
Retreat Date: Apr. 12-13
Pick up applications: Monday, Feb. 25 - Monday, Apr. 8

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Retreat Date: Apr. 19-21
Pick up applications: Monday, Mar. 18 - Friday, Mar. 22

Spanish Mass
1:30 p.m.
Zehr Hall Chapel

Law School Mass
7:30 p.m.
Law School Chapel

MBA Mass
7:00 p.m.
Mendoza College of Business Chapel

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7:00 p.m.
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Eucharistic Adoration
Monday through Tuesday
1:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Fisher Hall Chapel

03/20 Wednesday
Saint Egido Community
6:00 p.m.
Log Chapel

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer
10:00 p.m.
Morrissey Chapel

03/21 Thursday
Bible Study (in Chinese and English)
8:00-9:00 p.m.
Wilson Commons
Ben Fisher, bfishcer@nd.edu
Heidi Oberholtzer, oberholtzer.1@nd.edu

Eucharistic Adoration
11:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Bible Study (in Chinese)
7:30-9:30 p.m.
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Bo7 Mass
8:00 p.m.
Hammes Student Lounge
Coleman-Morse Center

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**Mom gets life sentence for drownings**

Associated Press

HOUSTON

Andrea Yates was formally sentenced to life in prison Monday for drowning her children as some of her relatives went on television and accused her husband of not doing enough to help her.

Wearing an orange jail suit, Yates walked into court and looked toward the bench where her family had sat during the four-week trial. The only familiar faces were a pair of jail psychiatrists who treated Yates last June after she confessed to drowning five children in the bathtub.

Asked by state District Judge Belinda Hill if she had anything to say, Yates shook her head no. The judge then told Yates she was going to prison for two concurrent life terms for drowning three of her children.

"Good luck to you, Mrs. Yates," Hill said as she dismissed the 37-year-old former nurse, who will be eligible for parole in 2024.

Defense attorney George Parnham asked that Yates stay at the Harris County Jail for as long as possible to continue receiving care for her mental illness. She will be closely watched for at least 30 days and then remain in protective custody, prison officials said.

Jurors last week rejected an insanity defense and convicted Yates of capital murder in the drownings of Noah, 7, John, 5, and 6-month-old Mary. Evidence also presented about the drownings of Paul, 3, and Luke, 2.

The same jury rejected lethal injection as a punishment Friday, meaning Monday's life sentence was automatic.

"She wants to know what all this means and it's very difficult to explain," defense attorney Wendell Odom said. "She wants to know what's happening."

"I think Andrea right now thrives on solitude and being quiet and being away from it all." Her family, however, was far from quiet.

Brian Kennedy, her brother, in an interview broadcast on ABC's "Good Morning America," called Russell Yates an "unemotional" husband who was inactive to his sister's needs.

"I think that any man and woman whose spouse was so severely down, confused, that sick, that I would do whatever it would take to make sure my other half would get the help that was necessary," Kennedy said.

**Explorers find Incan ruins in Peru**

Associated Press

LIMA

Explorers have found the extensive ruins of an Inca town, complete with human remains, sprawled spectacularly across a mountain in southern Peru, the expedition leaders said Monday.

The ancient settlement clings to the slopes of a rugged peak in a region of the Andes Mountains where the Incas hid after the Spanish conquest. It consists of more than 100 structures, including a ridge-top truncated pyramid, ceremonial platforms and a five-mile-long irrigation channel.

British author Peter Frost, who led an eight-member expedition to the area last year, said it is the largest Inca site found since 1964 when American explorer Gene Savoy discovered Vilcabamba, considered the capital of the empire's jungle refuge.

"Few, if any, Spanish conquistadors ever reached the southern part of Vilcabamba," Frost said in an interview, referring to the region around Vilcabamba. "This site may ultimately yield a record of Inca civilization from the very beginning to the very end, undisturbed by European contact — an unparalleled opportunity."

The Incas ruled Peru from the 1430s until the arrival of the Spanish in 1532, constructing state-block cities and roads and developing a highly organized and militarized society.

The settlement is 290 miles southeast of Lima and about 24 miles southwest of Machu Picchu.

"The site turned out to be far more extensive than we expected," said Alfredo Valencia, a Peruvian archaeologist.
Starbucks
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nights. Rather than taking away business from the other places, Labella said Starbucks could be a complement to them. "Starbucks is really more than a coffee shop," said Labella. "We want to create a cool place to hang out - sort of like Reekers. Our hope is to create the late night space on the north side of campus."
At the same time, Labella said he wants it to be a comfortable atmosphere that is not only for sobering up. "We're hoping the students respect the place," said Labella. Starbucks will be open from Monday through Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. to 2 a.m., Thursday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 a.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4 a.m. and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. In addition to cash, the store accepts Flex Points and Domer Dollars.

Chao
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suggestions of who they would like to see at commencement," said Dampeer. "We hope that the students are excited to have Secretary Chao on campus." Dampeer said she will suggest to the commencement planning committee that a Saint Mary's student accompany Chao for the day to represent the College. Chao will also deliver the commencement address at Depauw University in Greencastle, Ind., following her visit to Saint Mary's. As the head of the Department of Labor, Chao manages issues such as wages and work hours, workplace safety and pension and health benefits. Before coming to the Department of Labor, Chao was a distinguished fellow at The Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based public policy think tank. Previously she served as president and chief executive officer of United Way of America (UWA), where she restored public trust and confidence in the nation's largest charitable-giving institution after it was tarnished by mismanagement. Prior to joining UWA, Chao was director of the Peace Corps, the world's largest international volunteer organization. She also served as deputy secretary of transportation under former President George Bush. Secretary Chao is an excellent example of what women can achieve with hard work and a solid education," said Eldred. "Her story will inspire our graduates as they begin life beyond college."

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Cholesterol and You - What to Do?, Paul Howard, MD, FACC

Session 4, Tuesday, April 9, 2002
The ER - How and Why We Decide to Admit Patients, Mark Walsh, MD

Session 5, Tuesday, April 16, 2002
Sleep Disorders, Brian Foreman, DO, FCCP, FACC

Session 6, Tuesday, April 23, 2002
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HP - Compaq proxy fight nears an end

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CUPERTINO, Calif.
The proxy fight over the $21 billion acquisition of Compaq Computer Corp. by Hewlett-Packard Co. gave individual investors a rare chance to directly influence the fate of two companies - and perhaps an entire industry.

HP's shareholder vote on the deal, Tuesday, shaped up as one of the closest corporate elections ever. The company and opponent Walter Hewlett both claimed to have momentum over the other.

Although both sides left open the possibility they would announce Tuesday that they had won, the official results won't be known for weeks. Independent proxy counters must verify each vote, and each side can challenge whether the proper people signed certain ballots.

HP and Compaq say the deal is essential for their long-term survival in the consolidating computing industry, and HP chief Carly Fiorina has staked her reputation on seeing the acquisition through.

Hewlett, the son of one of HP's late co-founders, says HP is overpaying for Compaq, would get bogged down selling low-margin personal computers and services and can't afford to risk the complex integration of the companies' massive organizations.

Coming into Tuesday, about 22 percent of HP stock - including the 18 percent held by the Hewlett and Packard families and foundations - had come out against the acquisition. About 9 percent was publicly in favor. That gave an unusual amount of power to individual investors, who control one-fourth of HP stock.

Consequently, the company and Hewlett swamped HP's 900,000 shareholders with letters, advertisements, telemarketers' phone calls and multiple ballots, since investors can change their votes as many times as they want.

"This company has a lot of investors, and every one of them is going to count," said Hewlett spokesman Todd Glass.

Most investors mailed their proxies, but at least 1,000 shareholders were expected to cast their votes in person at HP's meeting Tuesday in Cupertino.

Former HP engineer Jane G. Evans, 72, already voted her shares for the deal but said she would attend the meeting to try to persuade fellow retirees to approve the acquisition too.

"I think it will revitalize our company and drive it into the future," she said.

Rarely do proxy fights turn into such cliffhangers, said Charles Elson, director of the Center for Corporate Governance at the University of Delaware.

"Usually you get a pretty good sense of how it's going to go one or two days out. The fact that neither side is claiming victory shows that this ranks up there as one of the closer ones," Elson said. "It's going to go down to the wire."

The most recent proxy fight close, he said, was last year's banking merger of Wachovia Corp. and First Union Corp., which was approved by 60 percent of Wachovia shares after rival SunTrust Banks Inc. made an unsolicited takeover bid for Wachovia.

Too close to call

The merger between Hewlett-Packard Co. and Compaq Computer Corp., the computer industry's biggest merger, is being decided Tuesday as shareholders vote in one of the closest corporate elections ever.

HP's stock performance, daily closings per share

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HP announced it plans to buy Compaq for $25 billion.

European regulators approved the acquisition of Compaq by HP.

U.S. federal regulators approved the merger.

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where dorms are central to student life, the long-standing tradition of dances in residence halls will go the same way as potent alcohol.

Poorman said the in-hall dance ban springs from a pattern of students drinking the dance to drink.

"Some of the most problematic behavior occurs at dances where the focus is on individual gatherings," he said. "Rectors say that ruined softball for her first two years at Notre Dame under the team's then-head coach Brian Boulac, now an assistant athletic director for the Joyce Center."

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The ban doesn't hurt tradition, it comes at a time when student life officials would have input in the enforcement of tailgating rules. It clears up confusion surrounding the use and abuse of alcohol. "It's a much better policy because it allows students to organize their social lives around the use and abuse of alcohol," Poorman said.

He noted that the policy could empower students who don't want to organize their social lives around the use and abuse of alcohol.

Poorman was enthusiastic that the changes would better serve the mission and empower students. "A big part of this effort was to empower students who don't want to organize their social lives around the use and abuse of alcohol," Poorman said.

The new policy allows students 21 and older to register to host tailgaters in a designated parking lot before home football games. It clears up confusion surrounding enforcement of tailgating rules from last fall.

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He noted that the policy could have called for an outright ban of all alcohol — a so-called dry campus — but said that wasn't the type of environment he wanted to create.

The new policy will be flexible in that students who now want to move off-campus can arrange through the Office of Residence Life and Housing to have their on-campus housing deposits refunded, Poorman said.

The actual language of the alcohol policy that will appear in the student handbooks won't be written until this summer. Poorman said student government officials would have input in the rewrite.

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Board grants more money to campaign

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

In the last week for the current Saint Mary's Board of Governors, members voted to increase the amount of money given to the Senior Leadership Committee's campaign after conferences with representatives from the committee and discussion. Combined with a previous grant, the BOG has donated a total of $595 to the campaign.

"We re-evaluated what they were doing and decided that we needed to help them out more," said Michelle Nagle, Saint Mary's student body president. "Originally, we weren't sure where all of the money was going. With a clearer understanding it was easier for us to decide what we needed to give."

Prior to spring break, BOG granted the committee $145 to help educate the student body on the group's mission to encourage seniors to donate to the college in their final year as students and also after they graduate.

This week, BOG agreed to allocate an additional $450 to assist the campaign with mailings and publicity.

The board also approved two co-sponsorships in March meeting: Erin Schenz and Julia Fletcher represented themselves and three other students who will be traveling down to Clifty Falls State Park to attend a conference sponsored by the Indiana Branch of the American Society of Microbiology. Schenz, Fletcher and one other Saint Mary's senior will be presenting the research they completed for their senior comprehensive.

"It will be a great chance for us to network and get feedback on our research," Schenz said. "The two juniors will benefit from the experience. It is also a really good chance for professors to walk around and get a feel of the graduates that are out there."

Fletcher and Schenz asked for $498 to cover the costs of a car rental, lodgings and food for the trip.

"There will be lots of under-graduates and graduates there," Fletcher said. "We will represent our department. We found some new information in our comps, we would like the chance to present it to people."

Schenz also stated the group plans to present their experience to the biology club at Saint Mary's, the parent organization to the microbiology club on campus.

Brigid Buhrieflend, the president of Saint Mary's chapter of Toastmasters International, asked BOG for a co-sponsorship to cover the costs of a reception to reintroduce the chapter to the campus. Toastmasters International is an organization devoted to helping students improve their public speaking skills.

"We lost our chartership during the 1999-2000 school year," Buhrieflend said. "We still ran a chapter on campus, but we rechartered the club this year. On April 7 we are planning a charter meeting, and the district governor of Toastmasters is coming from Indianapolis to present our charter to the club."

According to Buhrieflend, costs would include transportation for the district governor, food and advertising for the event. The club plans to invite members of the administration, including Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred and all the deans.

"We've all worked very hard to make it get this far," Buhrieflend said. "But we can't do any fundraising through Toastmasters — it is not allowed in terms of the BOG rules."

Toastmasters International's rules do allow clubs to collect dues, but most of that, Buhrieflend said, had to go towards the charter this year. Before it lapsed two years ago, Toastmasters International had been a presence on campus since 1980. It now boasts 20 members, Buhrieflend said. BOG approved $250 to assist the club in preparations for the reception.

In other BOG news:
• Tiffany Mayerhofer, Student Activities Board coordinator, announced that "How Well Do You Know Your Roommate" will take place in Dallinways coffeehouse on Wednesday, March 30, at 7 p.m. Also according to Mayerhofer, "Ocean's 11" will be shown at the student union.

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NAACP protests S.C. flag during ND games

By TYLER ROSEN and CRAIG SAPERSTEIN
The Duke University Chronicle

GREENVILLE, S.C. - While the Duke University basketball team battled Winthrop and Notre Dame inside Greenville, S.C.’s Bi-Lo Center this weekend, a different battle raged outside the arena.

During two of the three NCAA Tournament sessions over the weekend, representatives from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People presented the Confederate flag’s presence on the grounds of the state Capitol building in Columbia, S.C.

“We want to remind America that economic sanctions will continue against South Carolina because the state insists on disrespecting African-Americans and all those who cherish freedom,” Nelson Rivers, director of the NAACP’s research and legal division, said in a statement. “The NAACP demands that the Confederate battle flag be removed from a place of sovereignty.”

Before Saturday’s Duke-Notre Dame tip-off, pro-flag demonstrators, who held up large Confederate flags and signs, waited for the NAACP, which had conducted a mile-long march to the arena earlier in the morning.

Winston McCuen, one of about 25 pro-flag protesters that turned out Saturday afternoon, said the Confederate flag, moved from atop the Capitol dome in July 2000 to a special memorial on the Capitol grounds, deserves a location befitting honor.

“The flag is something to be held as one of our jewels, one of the things we’re most proud of,” McCuen said. “It’s a symbol recognized around the world of the things we’ve done.”

The Greenville native also blasted the NAACP. “This is part of their ongoing campaign to culturally cleanse the South,” McCuen said. “They’re not setting their focus on the real problems of the black community.”

The NAACP has pickedeting centers throughout South Carolina since the beginning of the month and has imposed an economic boycott on the Palmetto State since January 2000.

While the opposing sides were publicly unbashed in their views, Duke participants in the NCAA Tournament gave a more muted response. Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said that given his own’s support as a member of the NCA, he would not comment until after the season.

Duke guard Matt Christensen gave a similar response Friday as the Blue Devils prepared for their second-round duel against Notre Dame.

“Most of the people on the team have some pretty strong personal views about that,” the team’s elders member said. “But none of us want to say anything that would distract — or distract from what we’re trying to do.”

Duke guard Dahntay Jones expressed his dislike of the flag.

“The state shouldn’t have flown any people’s way of thought or way of living,” Jones said. “I think that situation is wrong.”

Teammate Mike Dunleavy, Duke tri-captain, expressed his unease with the flag, but said he understood the feelings of pro-flag activists.

“State-wise, country-wide, there are a lot of things our country takes pride in,” Dunleavy said. “Certainly, I’m not someone who supports the Confederate flag because of what it does represent. I think to each his own — everybody has his own opinion on it, so I don’t really want to get into it further than that.”

Okla. telemarketers ordered to pay $39M

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A federal judge has ordered an Oklahoma City telemarketing group to pay $39 million to customers who allegedly were deceived into paying huge sums for magazine subscriptions.

The judge granted the Federal Trade Commission’s request that the companies be charged with contempt for violating the terms of a 1996 settlement with the government. The resulting order is the largest ever involving federal telemarketing rules, the FTC said Monday.

The companies are Diversified Marketing Services Corp., National Marketing Services Inc., NPC Corporation of the Midwest Inc. and Magazine Club Billing Service Inc. Officers of the companies were also named in the government complaint.

Messages left for several attorneys identified by the FTC as representing the companies were not immediately returned.

Judge Vicki Miles-LaGrange of the District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma found the companies in contempt on March 4 and ordered them to give the money to the FTC within 30 days, the agency said. She also required the FTC to submit a plan for how consumers will be repaid.

The FTC had first accused the telemarketers in 1996, alleging they lied to customers about the cost of magazine subscriptions, billed their accounts without permission, refused to cancel subscriptions and threatened consumers’ credit ratings.

The companies settled the charges by agreeing to refund $1.5 million to consumers and to not continue the alleged practices.

The FTC sought the contempt order in January, alleging in a complaint that the telemarketers had not changed their ways as agreed and instead acted as if they had “erased from their minds that they had been sued.”

Isaura Whitesides, 28, of Laredo, Texas, said she agreed a year and a half ago to pay about $40 to the telemarketers to enter a sweepstakes and get 20 free magazine subscriptions. She said she was shocked when a bill arrived for nearly $900.
San Francisco OKs instant runoffs

Associated Press

This city became the first major U.S. city to adopt instant runoffs for nearly all municipal races, a move that is encouraging fringe candidates — always a boisterous voice here — to think they may actually have a chance on Election Day.

Currently, if no candidate for a city office gets more than 50 percent of the vote, a runoff is held weeks or months later between the top two vote-getters.

The new instant system would avoid this second round of balloting by allowing the voters to rank candidates as their first, second and third choice. These preferences would be used to pick a winner.

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Pedophilia was overlooked

One point still needs to be made about "The Vagina Monologues." A lot of things could be said about the show, but I offer here no criticism of the students who participated in the play or attended it nor of the author and promoters. And if the play had been done for a class in a course and not necessarily those of The Observer.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Open minds, not dead dogmas, will lead to real truth

When I first set foot on Notre Dame’s cam­pus as a freshman, I thought I had all the answers and that my beliefs and values were set in stone. Nearly four years later, I now see not only how those answers, beliefs and values have changed, but also immature and wrong I had been. This makes it easy to understand how Vincent Mata could throw off such arrogant and insulting remarks in his letter “Truth is not relative” in The Observer on Mar. 7.

Catholic doctrine is in fact opinion. It is just as much an opinion as Buddhist doctrine, Jewish doctrine or any of the countless others. While Catholic doctrine “flows from the truths God has revealed to man,” it is based on the belief that God exists. As there has never been any concrete evidence that can clearly prove the existence of God, this completely becomes a matter of personal opinion or faith. If Mata chooses to believe in the existence of God and in Catholic doctrine, good for him, but that is only his opinion and is not then made into a universal for all of us “scandalous, anti­ Catholic sinners.”

Secondly, how offensive, closed-minded and arrogant of Mata to assume that Catholic doctrine is the only correct one. Out of the thou­sands and thousands of religions and sects of the past and present, he has the audacity to claim that his is the only one to come from truth. That isn’t strength in faith, that is ignorance and disrespect to the beliefs of others.

The great philosopher John Stuart Mill believed that as soon as we refuse to question our values and beliefs we are left with nothing more than “dead dogmas.” These “dead dogmas” are hollow and without substance as they are never challenged or tested and thus never forced to be compared with other values or beliefs. Maybe Mata would like to transform Catholic doctrine into a “dead dogma.” That way he can be rid of us “open-minded types” and become a follower, unquestioningly believing anything the Vatican cares to dish out to him. Or maybe four more years of education and life experiences will open his mind and soul and allow him to see real truth, and youthful arrogance masquerading as truth.

David Fulton
senior
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Questioning ‘grave disorder’

In response to Professor Charles Rice’s Feb. 26 comments about homosexuality, I ask him to tell us what he is speaking for himself as a man, a father and a grandfather) considers the “grave disorder” at the core of homosexuality. Is he familiar with or does he have reasoned objections to the approach of the Notre Dame Standing Commission for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs to this topic?

Since the thesaurus the Academy of Pediatrics is wrong to endure adoption by same-sex couples, and few think of homo­sexual behavior as a sort of sin, it is a matter of psy­chopathology inherently incom­parable with parenthood. But inter­personal manipulation and exploitation and child abuse are forms of savagery not unknown among heterosexual married couples.

Are homosexual couples inherently selfish, likely to avoid all obligations to their own and future generations? Neither Professor Rice nor the Vatican has evidence supporting such a claim. Professor Rice’s objection to adoption by same-sex couples is, if anything, a religiously­ based imposition of self­interest on persons he does not know and is in no position to judge.

Obfuscation to authority has a place in the life of any Romani Catholic. Nevertheless, to make general assertions that a group of people, no more likely to treat others as toads or objects of contempt than anyone else, are gravely disordered, simply because some few anecdotal doc­uments assert this to be the case, is to make a tool of oneself, and to mock the Sabar of the Good Samaritan.

Edward Manier
philosophy professor
March 18, 2002

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Josh Skolnick
Brown Daily Herald

Ignoring terror is a dangerous gamble

This past weekend, you probably heard a lot about the luck of the Irish. In fact, I’m willing to bet that beer­ soaked festivities this Saint Patrick’s Day resulted in a lot of luck for Irish people this weekend. But despite their potential sexual­ valued fortunes, the Irish simply don’t compare to the Americans.

Despite everything that has happened to this country in the past six months, we continue to enjoy a string of luck that is virtually unprecedented in history.

For a while during the “90s, we gam­bled on the fact that luck, rather than sacrifice, would keep the peace. On Sept. 11, we lost big. But we still refused to leave the table. We continued to rely on luck, rather than target­ed military action, to ensure our safety.

For fear of the necessary expansion of the war on terror, we forgot what Saddam Hussein is watching. Saddam Hussein is watching the United States gain access to nuclear weapons.

They fail to realize that without action, it’s luck, and nothing more, that protects us. And as we all realized six months ago, that luck can run out all too easily.

I do not necessarily advise immediate military action against Iraq. The poli­ cies surrounding the issue are complex, and the inherent dangers of such actions are great. But while the country falls back into its reassuring sleep in the coming months, we continue to dance dangerously on the thin line of luck.

We will never completely take away the threat of terrorism. In the end, the line comes down to chances. But what we can do is put the odds in our favor. Sure, the horse with the gimpy leg and the crazy look in its eyes might win, but would you put your week’s check on him.

Throughout the late 20th century, we couldn’t lose. We kept rolling the dice, and kept steadfast past Park Place and Broadway, landing in the safe, warm bosom of “Go.” When Sept. 11 came along, we should have been smart enough to get out of the betting game and actually start to earn our money. Instead, I fear we are beginning to scoff at this monumental lapse. The fact that we’ve avoided a further major terr­ orist incidence in the subsequent months only emboldened our gambler’s heart.

We’ve failed to notice that in the corner there’s a husky, mustachioed pit bull with a penchant for biological warfare. Saddam Hussein is watching the United States gain access to nuclear weapons. We can either take our money off the table and stop relying on luck to pay the rent, or keep going this way. In the end, when the loss is severe, we will be starting all over again.

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Fleck’s new live album flows with solo talent

By MIKE SCHMUHL
Scene Music Critic

Bela Fleck is a musical chameleon. Constantly experimenting with unorthodox instruments and toying with different styles of music, Fleck is a very influential name in music and even considered “the world’s greatest banjo player.”

OK, you’re thinking a banjo? Your instincts would probably hint at a dirty hillbilly with missing teeth wailing on his banjo his Uncle Cletus gave him for Christmas when he was eight. However, listening to Fleck’s playing is a little more advanced.

Plucking away at his electronic synth banjo, Fleck performs a type of music that can’t be labeled. From progressive jazz and traditional bluegrass to funk and world influences, Fleck and his “Flecktones” have either tried a certain approach to music or will try it in the very near future. With the help of some accomplished guest musicians, Fleck and the Flecktones continue to experiment with various musical tastes and attempt to capture the essence of one of their live shows through their latest release, Live At The Quick.

The set starts off strong with a short interlude and “Earth Jam.” An impressive bass line and a smooth sax play behind Fleck’s incredible banjoing. As the other instruments slow, Fleck continues to play at a rapid pace for the rest of the song. Varying tempos and beats within a song is difficult to do, but Fleck makes it seem easy.

The song, “Zona Mona” is a relaxing track that includes two saxes and Fleck’s banjo. A Caribbean feel is added to the mix with the addition of steel pan percussion. “Scratch & Sniff,” the best song on the album, revolves around a funky bass line and teases from the sax and banjo.

Fleck’s skill shines through when he performs the classical piece, “Prelude from Bach violin partite #3.” A six-minute act on acoustic banjo, Fleck tests the limits of his musical scope.

The next few songs showcase the talent of the Wooten brothers, two members of the Flecktones. On “Ovombo Summit,” Roy “Future Man” Wooten solos on his own invention, the synth axe Drumitar. The percussion device is essentially an electronic drum in the shape of a guitar. With African chanting in the background, Future Man pounds away at his instrument to create a bizarre interlude in the show.

“Improv/Amazing Grace” is a five-minute solo by one of the best bassists in the world, Victor Wooten. Starting off with only a few notes, Wooten builds the song into a mass of complex lines and structures before returning to the simplicity of the American hymn.

The guest musician Congar ol’ Ondar, a Tuvan throat singer, gives an interesting performance with “Alash Khem (Alash River Song).” Able to play two notes at once and hold the notes for a while, ol’ Ondar is a good example of the diversity of Fleck’s musical experiments.

Other jams such as “Big Country,” “A Moment So Close” and “Hoedown” are all solid songs with a lot of potential. However, each song runs around eight minutes long and becomes very repetitive.

In general, Bela Fleck proves that he can still experiment with a range of genres and instrumentations. The album has a couple solid songs and some great solos, but the length of most of the songs and dull jams bring down the overall experience. In comparison to Fleck’s earlier work, Live At the Quick falls short of expectation and quickly fails in being a great live album.

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John Heieck is not what you'd call a stereotypical Notre Dame senior. That's probably due to the fact that few of his classmates have real aspirations of rock stardom.

In a move that probably wouldn't go over too well with most Notre Dame parents, Heieck is about to forgo his four years of education at Notre Dame to make a run at the rough and tumble world of rock and roll. "I have been preparing for nice, comfy desk jobs with Accenture. Heieck is rehearsing and dreaming of the stage. Music has always been important to Heieck, but after graduation, he hopes to make music his life.

In a continuing trend to further the Notre Dame community's knowledge of its own campus bands, The Observer sat down with the senior English major to talk about his borderline obsession with U2. Life at Notre Dame as a rocker and the future career of a "nameless wonderband."

Observer: For those who don't know you, give the story of your band — kind of a brief general history of the band's existence.

Heieck: The band is comprised of Brandon Bodammer on drums, Andrew Penke on bass and background vocals and me on lead vocals and guitar. Andy and I have been in and out of bands since high school, but the three of us have been together for about a year and a half now. Our trip to ND is the band's first appearance outside of our hometown of Omaha, Neb.

Observer: Describe your musical style.

Heieck: The question every original band dreads to answer... Well, I would describe our present musical style as rhythmically-driven pop-rock, with a melodic and original, come check us out. You won't know, that if you are looking for something fresh, melodic and original, come check us out. You won't be disappointed.

Observer: What can ND students expect from one of your live performances?

Heieck: Lots of cross-dressing. No wait, that was "The Godchildren of Grunge" rock resurgence.

Observer: What are your biggest musical influences?

Heieck: During my high school career, I recently discovered a well-travelled West Coast band with the same name. Normally, I wouldn't have been interested, but they have a reputation for unpredictable following in Seattle. So right now, we're kind of in limbo. Personally, I'm pushing for Drunk in Public, but I don't think Andy or Brandon will go for that.

Observer: How has going to Notre Dame affected your life in a band?

Heieck: It has been both a blessing and a curse. Andy and Brandon both went to college in Omaha, which have made rehearsals quite rare, but precious. It also forced Andy and I to develop individually as song writers, which has, in the long run, greatly benefitted the band. When we have song swapping sessions, he and I begin in two totally different places both literally, as in our different experiences at home and abroad, and metaphorically, as in our different mindsets at the time. Somehow, during those sessions the songs come into focus, at which point Brandon has to lay down some kind of groove to make sense of it all. It's actually quite miraculous that anything comes out at all.

Observer: Why should Notre Dame take notice of this band?

Heieck: Notre Dame should take notice. I think that if you are looking for something fresh, melodic and original, come check us out. You won't be disappointed.

Observer: What else should Notre Dame know about this nameless wonderband?

Heieck: That's a great way of describing us. I think I will call us "The Nameless Wonderband" until we get a real name. I guess I want people to know, that if you are looking for something fresh, melodic and original, come check us out. You won't be disappointed.

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Observer: Do you have any advice for college students who want to start their own band?

Heieck: Well, for bands to really work, two things have to exist. First, everyone has to be interested in the same way or want the same things. Second thing is that people in the band are people you have to get along with. The guys in my band are my best friends. You need that to get through the bad times. If you don't have that... well that's why a lot of bands break up.

Observer: Where can students find your guys playing live?

Heieck: We're playing two nights this week: Wednesday at BW-3's from 9 to 11 p.m., and Friday at Benchwarmer's from 10:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. The first show I believe is all ages, and both shows will have drink specials.

Observer: Do you plan on playing in the South Bend area again or is this a one time offer?

Heieck: We will definitely come back in the future, but have no immediate plans on coming back next year. It depends on how well received we are. We hope to come back during the fall or so, but it's a long trip from Omaha.

Observer: What does the future hold for the band?

Heieck: Well, I graduate from Notre Dame in May. Afterwards, our nameless band (apart from having a name by then) will begin playing full time across the country. We hope to be signed to a major label shortly thereafter, at which point we will take over the world.

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**Women's Lacrosse**

Irish prepare for Big Red test

By Chris Coleman

Sporz Wire

The No. 15 Irish women's lacrosse team continued its strong win streak over Boston College and George Mason, losing just once in its undefeated start when meeting the tenth-seeded Cornell Big Red today at 4 p.m.

In a stark contrast from Friday's meeting between the two programs, both of which are building a reputation in lacrosse, Cornell is the first of many ranked teams that the Irish will face this season.

"This is the first game to really show what we are about," captain Brian Moser said.

Cornell, undefeated in its first three games this season, will be a big test for the Irish. Both teams beat Stanford earlier in the season, and that result will be of more importance to the higher seed Big Red, as Cornell beat them 20-9, while the Irish beat Stanford 10-5.

The Irish defense looks up to the task to handle the scorching prowess of the Big Red, led by defensive Big East Player of the Week, goalkeeper Jen White. White has a season percentage of .611 and caused 3 turnovers in each of the last two games. But to stop a deep team like Cornell, the Irish will have to be thinking defensively.

"Cornell has a lot of seniors and another on their team can handle ball and be a threat to score," said Moser. "Everybody is going to have to be on their game defensively." Offensively the Irish have yet to score more than 10 goals in a game on their way to the first 4-0 start in the six-year history of the team.

Danielle Shearer has stepped up as a leader on the field and received the Big East offensive player of the week for her efforts. She recorded six goals and five assists in the wins against George Mason and Boston College, while leading the team in both goals (9) and points (17).

"She has been the catalyst for us to be able to take any defender on-one, on-one," said Moser. "Dan can really get the team started (scoring)." Moser and Natalie Lofstrom, both seniors, have nine and seven goals respectively.

The Irish will need to continue to put up numbers on the scoreboard to compete against Cornell, which scores an average of 15 goals a game.

The Irish hope to carry with them the momentum they gained easily defeating Big East opponent Boston College at home on Saint Patrick's Day. The Irish won 14-10 and the closest the Eagles came to challenge them was early in the game when they made it 4-2.

The Irish laxers made it clear which team was greener by scoring five more goals before the half to increase the lead to 9-4. The Irish never looked back, winning easily and moving them to 1-0 in conference play.

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**Field and Track**

Irish seniors excel at NCAA women's track and field championships

By Dave Cook

Sporz Wire

The Notre Dame men's and women's track and field teams capped off the indoor season last weekend with the NCAA Indoor Championships. The Irish had depth and young talent throughout the indoor season, but at the seniors who shined in the national spotlight.

Seniors Ryan Shank, Luke Watson and Liz Groppi capped off their collegiate indoor careers with top ten finishes in each of their respective races, earning each of the three runners All-American honors.

Shane became the most decorated track and field athlete at Notre Dame, earning All-American honors for the third time in his four-year career with a 6th place finish in the 5000-meter run.

Watson was the only other men's athlete to represent the Irish at nationals, finishing in third place in the 3000-meter run with a time of 8:02.15. He marked the second time in his career that Watson was named an All-American, not being in 2000 when he was All-American in the distance-medley relay.

Shane also ran in the 3000, finishing 18th in a time of 8:18.75.

Watson's third place finish was also the highest for any track and field athlete has finished at nationals since Heisman Trophy runner-up Tuffy McManus finished second in the 55 meters in 1991.

The efforts of Watson and Shane earned the men's team a 21st place overall among 49 national teams with nine points. Tennessee won the men's title with 62.50 points.

Gropp finished fourth in the 400 meter dash in a time of 52.88 seconds. Her fourth place finish is the best result ever by a female track and field athlete at Notre Dame.

Gropp was also a part of the mile relay team that had the nation's third best time going in to the meet. They did not do as well as they had hoped.

Other competitors for the women at nationals were junior Tamiesha King in the long jump and freshman Lauren Kinney in the 60. King finished 13th with a jump of 6.02 meters. Lauree King took 11th place in the mile with a time of 4:45.89 in the preliminary race.

Her time was less than a tenth of a second from qualifying for the final.

Overall, the women finished tied for 34th place with five points.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish win 1, drop pair during spring break

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team experienced a wide range of emotions over spring break. On March 9, the Irish won their first game of the season against Rutgers by a score of 11-6, but the exhilarating thrill of victory would not last long as the Irish dropped their next two contests in heartbreaking fashion. On March 12, the Irish dropped their third game of the season 7-5 to host No. 4 Virginia. Four days later, the Irish lost a dramatic double-overtime thriller to visiting No. 3 Loyola 7-6. The emotional loss marked the second overtime defeat this season for the Irish.

In the win against Rutgers, freshman midfielder Brian Giordano led the way with two goals and two assists for the first points of his collegiate career. Fellow freshman Matt Malakoff also added a goal in the contest, while sophomore Dan Berger continued his stellar play leading the Irish with two more goals against the Scarlet Knights. The team's trip to Charlottesville, Va. marked the return of Irish coach Kevin Corrigan to his alma mater, Virginia. Defense was the key to Notre Dame's strong showing against the Cavaliers. The game was tied with only 1:45 remaining in the game when Virginia's Billy Glading scored the game-winning goal.

Junior goalie Nick Antol made 17 saves against the potent Cavalier attack. Brian Giordano continued his stellar play leading the Irish with two goals in a losing effort. Against Loyola, the Irish defense rose to the occasion and held the undefeated Greyhounds to only six goals in regulation. After Notre Dame won the face-off to open the second overtime, Loyola's Michael Sullivan ended the game with a shot that got just past the reach of junior goalie Nick Antol giving the Greyhounds a 7-6 victory.

Senior captain Devin Ryan led the Irish with a hat trick for his sixth, seventh, and eighth goals of the season. Sophomore Dan Berger also scored registering his team-high tenth goal of the season. Although Notre Dame's record currently sits at 1-4, the Irish have played remarkably well for an extremely young team that has battled against the toughest competition in the nation.

"We lost our four games this season by only a combined five goals. It's tough to lose like that," said Brian Giordano, "but we're proving to ourselves that we can compete against the top teams in the country."

Notre Dame's post-season hopes are still very much alive. The Irish have yet to open up play in the Great Western Lacrosse League. Notre Dame's standing in the GWLL will determine whether the Irish qualify for the playoffs. All of the experience against top teams outside the GWLL should serve many of the younger Irish players well when they begin division play in a few weeks.

"We just need to take one game at a time," said Giordano. "We need to let it go and battle. We're proving to be a very live team and we're going to compete against the very best teams in the nation." Notre Dame has yet to open the season with a win in the GWLL. They will open the season against the Cats on Saturday at 3:30.

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Irish sophomore Matt Howell chases a Penn State player earlier in the year while junior Travis Wells looks on. Notre Dame went 1-2 in action during spring break.

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FENCING

Fencers capture 12 spots

• Irish qualify maximum number of competitors to National Championships

By MATT LOZAR Sport Writer

At the Midwest Regional Championships on March 9, the Notre Dame fencing team had one goal in mind: qualify the maximum 12 fencers for the National Championships. They took care of 11 of those spots themselves, but needed a little help to get the twelfth.

In men's sabre, the Irish only officially qualified Andrea Crompton for nationals. By finishing in the top four, a fencer automatically qualifies for the national championship. Crompton finished fourth and qualified for the second straight year.

But for the Irish to qualify their other men’s sabre fencers, they had to wait five days before the NCAA selection committee gave junior Matt Fabricant the at-large bid.

Fabricant matched his seed by finishing fifth at the regional competition. His day was lightened with a 5-3 comeback victory over Wayne State senior Jakub Krochmalski.

"I was just trying to go out and fence hard," said Fabricant. "I dropped three today but I beat some good people."

Matt Fabricant
Irish sabre fencer

Freshman Derek Snyder, visibly affected by his complications from tonsillitis, took third place and qualified for nationals. Coach Yves Auriol was impressed by the freshman’s efforts.

"Derek Snyder showed a lot of guts today," said Auriol. "It was really a challenge for him. This morning we weren’t sure if he could fence."

Senior Steve Mautone finished fourth in men’s epee. Since a school can only qualify two fencers per weapon, Mautone will not qualify for his first national competition.

Freshman Michal Sobieraj returned from his foot injury to claim the men’s full title. Junior captain Jan Viviani finished second in claiming the other spot for nationals. Senior Brian Casas finished sixth and will not return to the NCAAs.

On the women’s side, freshman Alicja Kryczalo continued her impressive debut season in winning the foil title. In a fence-off for the title, Kryczalo defeated Ohio State’s Hannah Thompson 5-3.

Other qualifiers for the national championship were sophomore Kerry Walton also qualified for nationals with a third in women’s epee, and junior epee captain Anna Carnick was fourth. Sophomore Desticia Millo qualified with a second in women’s sabre, and senior sabre captain Carianne McCullough took third to qualify. Walton is the only new qualifier in that group.

Auriol feels confident in his team but knows some fine-tuning will be necessary to win the national title.

"You know when you have a car running well, and you want the car to run a little bit better, so you make an adjustment, we want to do that [with the team]," the coach said.

Starting Thursday, the Irish will attempt to win their first national championship since 1994 at the national championships at Drew University in New Jersey.

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Senior David Graves looks to pass the ball around a Connecticut defender in the Big East Tournament March 8. The Irish lost to Duke 84-77 in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

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thanks the class bully as he receives a swirly. "It's an honor to be crushed by you," the Irish said as the Blue Devils' water-boys tossed in alley-oop after alley-oop.

And, after the game, instead of saying they could have won, the Irish said they should have won.

As freshmen, Graves and Swanagan welcomed those moral victories three years ago. After all, you have to learn to walk before you can run.

Now, Irish players scorn the very thought of them. Perhaps that's because they're sprinting after the nation's top programs.

"We don't accept moral victories. Deep down inside, we'd rather see it than believe it," Chris Thomas, Irish point guard said.

There's a fearlessness about them, and there's a belief it's their destiny to win," Brey said. "When they put the jersey on, you don't think you're supposed to lose."

But the Notre Dame uniform is starting to make a name for itself, too, and the Irish are slowly adopting Duke's aura of invincibility. When Humphrey talks about playing Notre Dame's style of basketball, everybody knows what he is referring to. When Matt Carroll says the Irish just have to play like themselves, teams start quaking in fear.

"This," Graves said, pointing right at the word 'Irish' emblazoned across his chest, "this is pride. This means something now. It didn't before."

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**ND WOMEN’S GOLF**

Golfers grab 2nd in best finish this year

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

After a disappointing performance two weeks ago, the Notre Dame women’s golf team spent a week practicing in Tampa, Fla. that culminated in the Snowbird Invitational, sponsored by Northern Illinois University, last Thursday and Friday.

Notre Dame was led by freshman golfer Karen Lotta, who finished in fifth place with her rounds of 77-73.

"We are really pleased about how we finished, especially coming off of [the Tulane Green Wave Invitational]. We did a lot better this time," said junior Terri Taibi, who shot a 36-hole total of 155 to tie for 13th place.

Notre Dame, with a 36-hole team total of 617, finished 17 strokes behind tournament champion Arkansas State. The Indians, with a total of 600, set both a 36-hole tournament record and a single round record after Friday's team score of 295.

Arkansas State's Shellie Wenzel won the tournament with a record-setting total of 139 strokes for 36 holes.

In past tournaments, the Irish have had trouble getting all of the players to perform at the top of their games, but last week, everyone seemed to achieve their potential.

"We were just trying to do the best that we can, and have everyone play as well as they could on the same day so we could get a nice low team score, and fortunately it happened for us," Taibi said.

Senior Kristen McMurtrie tied for 47th place after tying two rounds of 82.

Sophomore Rebecca Rogers finished third for the Irish with rounds of 83 and 76 that put her in 25th place.

Senior Lauren Fuchs tied for 47th place after shooting two rounds of 82.

"Everyone basically played like we know that everyone can. Finally everyone put it together at the same time," Taibi said. "This has been our best finish in awhile."

The Irish do not compete again until the Indiana Invitational on April 6.

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**HOCKEY**

**Irish end season on high note in CCHA playoffs**

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Editor

The Irish entered the CCHA playoffs on spring break riding a five-game winning streak and hoped to keep the momentum going for the final leg of their season-ending run. The Irish used that momentum to steal two of three games from fifth-seeded Nebraska-Omaha and hoped to keep the momentum going for the final leg of their season-ending run.

On its home ice, the Irish would get as they dropped a close 3-1 loss to Northern Michigan, an upset of No. 3 Michigan of the season, which included a five-game winning streak and an upset of No. 3 Michigan State on its home ice.

"They played very, very well," Poulin said. "I think it has been the best I've seen our teams play in my seven years here."

In the opening game of the playoffs, the Irish dropped a tough 3-2 loss in double overtime when first-team all-CCHA forward Jeff Hoggan knocked in his 24th goal of the season just 40 seconds into play to break the tie. Defender Tom Galvin recorded the first goal for the Irish and Brad Wanuchulak would be credited with the game-tying goal in the third period on an apparent own goal by the Maverick center Hoggan as he drew the puck back from a face-off and past Ellis into his own net.

"I really think that we won the series with the post-game Friday and the way we handled Saturday," Poulin said. "I could already tell by the way [four players] were reacting that there was going to be no feeling sorry for themselves."

The Irish returned to the ice with poise and snatched their own overtime victory by a 2-1 margin. Notre Dame got on the scoreboard first by way of junior Evan Nielsen's power play goal at 8:52 of the first period. Freshman goaltender Morgan Poulin fought off the brunt of the Maverick attack until 6:07 of the second period when a turnover by Andy Adams tied the game on a Nebraska-Omaha power play. Senior David Inman would record the game-winner for the Irish, however, eight minutes into overtime play when he knocked in a Galvin rebound for his goal of the season.

With the series tied at one game each for the two teams, the Irish returned to the ice Sunday night for the final game of the series and came away with their second 2-1 victory to advance to the next round. After falling behind early, the Irish tied the game with just four seconds left in the first period on John Maruk's third goal of the season off of a rebound from junior John Wroblewski during the Irish power play.

Then at the 18:03 mark of the second, the Irish took the lead for good on a wrist shot from Nielsen that slid past Ellis.

"With the way that overtime works in the playoffs, the periods are a full 20 minutes, so it was as if we played four games in three nights," Poulin said. "We came back Friday against Northern Michigan, and we played very well."

Notre Dame took the early lead against the Mavericks when senior David Inman knocked home his 19th goal at the end of the first period. "Against Northern Michigan, we went up early, but we just couldn't get that 2-0 lead," Poulin said.

Instead, the Wildcats tied the game at 17:37 of the second when Chris Gobert scored his first of three goals on the night. At 7:30 of the final period, Northern Michigan took the lead for good when Gobert stripped the puck away from an Irish defender at the blue line and skirted the puck behind Cey for the go-ahead goal. Gobert added an empty-netter with 16 seconds left in regulation for the final tally of 3-1.

The Irish finished their season with an overall record of 16-17-5, but Poulin was proud about his team's performance at the end of the season.

"You get experience in these games by playing in this game. One of our goals this season was to make it to Joe Louis Arena, and we accomplished that," said Poulin. "With only three seniors departing after this season, I'm excited already," Poulin said. "I'm here in the office on the Monday after the season ends getting ready for next year."

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Dear Notre Dame Students:

As you may know, the Office of Student Affairs has spent the last two years looking closely at alcohol use and abuse at Notre Dame. During the 2000-01 academic year, we gathered 30 focus groups from both the campus and the local community, including students, faculty, administrators, hall staff, parents, alumni, law enforcement and city officials, landlords, and tavern owners. Their varied perspectives provided insight into the many effects of alcohol use and abuse both on our campus and beyond. This year the process has continued as we have talked at greater length with rectors and the University’s officers and trustees. We also have closely analyzed the incidence of alcohol abuse at Notre Dame and compared our experience both with that of other institutions and with campus trends nationally.

The picture that has emerged from our study of this issue is both encouraging and alarming. A significant number of Notre Dame students either do not consume alcohol or consume very moderate amounts. Alcohol is not central to the social lives of these students, and many students are making responsible decisions about alcohol.

At the same time, our study also confirmed the perception that a significant percentage of Notre Dame students engage in abusive drinking. The health consequences of alcohol abuse have been well-documented: the academic and social costs are perhaps less evident, but no less real. A third of Notre Dame students report missing classes because of drinking. Serious and harmful behavioral problems almost always involve alcohol. Students’ lives are often disrupted by intoxicated friends or roommates. Hall staffs spend a disproportionate amount of time and energy addressing behavior related to alcohol. Local residents are disturbed by intoxicated students in their neighborhoods.

Abusive drinking is not unique to Notre Dame, nor is it a "new" problem. Be that as it may, we at Notre Dame cannot overlook or excuse abusive drinking because it is typical among college-age students, is part of a "tradition" or somehow constitutes a "rite of passage." With national studies showing that nearly half of college students engage in binge drinking, many in higher education consider alcohol abuse to be the single most important health and safety issue on college campuses today.

Over the past 15 years, the University has addressed this issue with some success. The programs we have made in terms of responding to the educational and therapeutic needs of students with regard to alcohol is particularly noteworthy. The Office of Alcohol and Drug Education offers many programs that help students examine their choices about alcohol and educate them on the dangers of alcohol abuse. Through the Counseling Center and local agencies, confidential treatment is available for students concerned about their drinking or who have a serious drinking problem. Our commitment to providing these educational and therapeutic resources is stronger than ever, and we encourage students to take full advantage of them.

We also have addressed the alcohol issue at Notre Dame through the behavioral expectations articulated in the Alcohol Policy. Created in 1984, the Alcohol Policy was based on the report of the University Committee on the Responsible Use of Alcohol. Some modifications were made in 1986 through the work of the University Committee on Whole Health, and the Use and Abuse of Alcohol. The Alcohol Policy has remained largely unchanged since then.

When we began this study and consultation process two years ago, we wanted to know if the campus community supported the Alcohol Policy as currently written, especially since fourteen years had passed since the last major revision. While the consensus from the focus groups basically supported the current policy, a strong sense emerged that modifications were needed to address the most serious and dangerous abuses. With this in mind, we have carefully reviewed the policy and identified specific areas of change.

Today I met with the Alcohol Task Force of the Campus Life Council to outline for them those areas of the Alcohol Policy we intend to modify, and next week I will meet with the entire CLC to discuss these modifications. Because I know that any change to the Alcohol Policy is of great concern to students, I would like to share with you what I told the Alcohol Task Force. Effective in the fall of 2002, the Alcohol Policy will be modified in the following ways:

- **Students, regardless of age, will not be allowed to possess or consume "hard" alcohol in undergraduate residence halls.**
  
While one obviously may become intoxicated by consuming any alcoholic beverage, we heard credible evidence that the most serious incidents of intoxication occur when students consume hard alcohol. In general, the students involved in these most serious incidents of intoxication seemed to fall into two categories: those who were inexperienced with hard alcohol, and those who deliberately consumed large quantities in a short period of time, usually in the form of "shots." Because of the high alcohol content in relation to volume, the abuse of hard alcohol is particularly dangerous.

- **Residence hall dances will be held outside of the hall, either at on- or off-campus venues.**
  
The Office of Student Affairs is working with other University departments to give students access to a variety of venues on-campus where halls can host dances.

Dances are an important part of hall life, playing a critical role in building hall unity and spirit. While we hope to preserve the rich traditions associated with these dances, we also wish to eliminate unhealthy patterns that have become part of these events over the years. Many halls across campus simply do not have a common room large enough to host a dance for hall residents and their dates. In part because of these space constraints, the focus of the in-hall event has become not the dance itself but the gatherings in individual rooms. Hall staffs have reported many incidents of problematic behavior during in-hall dances as students traveled back and forth between the dance floor and the private gatherings.

To a certain extent, this change reflects a trend in ball dances that already has begun. According to a recent survey by Student Activities, the number of dances held outside the halls over the past three years has increased steadily; of the 47 hall dances held during the 2001 Fall Semester, 29 took place outside the halls.

- **Undergraduate students who are 21 years of age may host tailgate gatherings in a designated parking lot on home football Saturdays, provided that these gatherings are properly registered.**
  
Graduate students may host tailgate gatherings without registering. Rules regarding consumption at tailgate gatherings hosted by alumni, family and friends will follow Indiana law. Students who are not 21 may not host tailgate gatherings where alcohol is served, nor may they possess or consume alcohol at tailgate gatherings hosted by others. In accordance with Indiana law, those who provide alcohol to minors at tailgate gatherings will be penalized, and abusive drinking by anyone, regardless of age, will result in sanctions.

Some confusion has existed in the past about our tailgating policy. By adopting a policy that mirrors Indiana law, with its accompanying privileges and responsibilities, we hope that our expectations of students will be clearer, both for those who are of majority age and those who are underage.

I know that many of you will have questions about these changes. The details of the new policy will be finalized as it is formally drafted, a process that will happen over the next several months. While we anticipate no other substantive changes, during the drafting process we also intend to streamline and reorganize the Alcohol Policy so as to make it easier to read and understand. As in years past, Student Government will have the opportunity to be included in the "LaC" revision process.

The issues associated with alcohol abuse are complex, and there are no simple answers. I welcome continued dialogue about this important topic, and I look forward to continuing to work with students, faculty and administrators to create a healthier campus environment. In this, as in all things, Notre Dame’s goal must be "the formation of an authentic human community graced by the Spirit of Christ."

Yours in Notre Dame,

Mark P. Forman, S.C.

(Vice President for Student Affairs)
ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Leadership needed for return to prominence

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. All right, let's start this off with an apology and a disclaimer.

To compare women's basketball to football is a stretch at best, in many ways the two sports couldn't be more different. So I'm sorry in advance.

And I think Muffet McGraw is one of the greatest coaches ever to grace this campus — her face doesn't line the same wall in LaFollette as Lou Holtz's for nothing.

But on Sunday night McGraw said something that scared me. It reminded me of Bob Davie and it reminded me of something Davie said after the 2001 Fiesta Bowl, or should I say, the Oregon State Races.

Holtz's for nothing.

But somebody must step up to the plate to keep the Irish in the Big East tournament. And McGraw didn't mean this as the start of a rebuild. She said it'll be Sunday night.

So while Tennessee came together and used their attitude to their advantage, Notre Dame fell right into their plan. Just as in their Big East tournament upset to Orange Blossom, the Irish failed to adjust when the Irish didn't fall on their end. But while Ratay stepped up at the end of that game and made it close, none of Notre Dame's veterans came forward to stop the bleeding Sunday night.

In fact, only Wicks — the same freshman who led the Irish in scoring against Connecticut earlier this season — seemed unfazed by the environment.

McGraw looked at Sunday's game a positive experience for Notre Dame. So it'll be Joyce. Maybe it'll be Joyce. Maybe a sophomore like Wicks can instill an attitude like Lawson did for Tennessee Sunday night. Maybe it'll be Ratay. Maybe it'll be Joyce. Maybe a sophomore like Wicks can assume the prominent role.

But somebody must step up and this team must refuse to play at any level except full speed, using Sunday night as motivation. Otherwise, it'll be just another rebuilding year.

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Tennessee, Notre Dame's young team was overmatched in every aspect of the game, against No. 6-ranked Duke. That's why I said, "Can we get 85 to 90?" Eighth-ranked Notre Dame played one of its best games this season, but they couldn't keep up with top-ranked Duke down the stretch as the Blue Devils advanced to the Sweet 16 with an 84-77 win over the Irish.

"This was one of the tougher games I've been involved in the NCAA as far as two teams going after each other, and I've been in a lot of them," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "That's a credit to Mike's team and his staff. We feel fortunate to win." Neither team had trouble scoring, as nine players scored in the double-digits. Notre Dame matched Duke shot for shot, basket for basket from the opening tip and refused to be intimidated by the Blue Devils.

"You have to be aggressive with them," said David Graves, who along with Matt Carroll, finished with a game-high 20 points. "You can't stop back, and if you do, they're going to kill you."

The Irish let a golden opportuni-

Pardon Notre Dame for not rolling over and accepting Duke's invincible status. They already did that three years ago. And they had quite enough of it then, thank you very much.

When David Graves and Harold Swanagan played basketball for the Irish as mere freshmen, back in what may come to be known as the Dark Age of Notre Dame basketball, a small charter plane from South Bend, Ind., flew across the United States and landed on the frozen Alaskan tundra for the Great Alaska Shootout.

During that tournament, Notre Dame played Duke and lost. Big time. The final score was 111-82. Graves said they lost by 50. Swanagan thought it was closer to 90.

In Alaska, Notre Dame played like the scrappy little kid who loves to dream.

Above, Irish players Charles Thomas, Tom Timmermans, Harold Swanagan and Torrian Jones look on in disbelief as the Irish fall just short of an unlikely upset of top-seeded Duke. At right, Chris Thomas dribbles around a Blue Devil defender.

The Irish came out green and if you do, they're going to hurt us defensively. "We could never get anything going offensively and that really hurt us defensively," McGraw said of Tennessee's 45.3 field goal percentage compared to Notre Dame's 28.8 percent clip. "That just really hurt us that we couldn't convert."

After the Irish came out aggressively on both ends of the floor and built a 4-2 lead, Tennessee reclaimed the lead when freshman Britney Jackson hit the first of her two three-pointers on the night. By the midpoint of the first half, Tennessee had built a 25-14 lead, which they increased to a 55-37 halftime advantage. "Our five starters got us off to a quick start," Lady Vols coach Pat Summit said. "I thought the defensive intensity in the first five minutes was just terrific. It certainly gave us a lot of momentum and really ignited our offense the whole way." Tennessee saw eleven players score, led by junior guard Kara Lawson's 16 points. Jackson added 10 while Michelle Snow came off the bench to score 11 points for the Lady Vols. Freshman Kelsey Wicks, who also led the Irish with 16 points against No. 1 Connecticut earlier this season, came off the bench to pace the Irish with 10 points.

Even as Summit removed her starters in the second half, Tennessee's bench continued its aggressive offensive attack, building a 42-point lead before Swanagan's last-second shot.

**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

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