Senate opposes ban on in-hall dances

Resolution unanimously passes and will go before CLC today

By ANDREW SOUKUP
News Writer

Claiming residence life would be damaged if dances were forced out of the hall, the Senate unanimously passed a resolution Sunday opposing the proposed ban on in-hall dances and criticizing the decision-making process used by the Office of Student Affairs in revising the alcohol policy.

The resolution will now be presented at today's Campus Life Council meeting, the same meeting where Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, is expected to formally announce the proposed changes to the student alcohol policy.

The resolution was brought forward at last week's Student Senate meeting where members rushed passage of a resolution contesting the recommended ban of in-hall dances. Brooke Norton, student body president and chair of the CLC, said the council will consider the resolution today at its 3:30 p.m. meeting in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune Student Center.

Norton, who last week organized a student rally protesting the announced changes, also has arranged for CLC to formally introduce the policy changes today at its meeting.

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Hair dryer sparks Welsh Hall fire

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

A fire forced residents of Welsh Family Hall to evacuate their dorm minutes before 9 a.m. Friday but caused no serious injuries.

The fire, caused by a sparking hair dryer in Room 303 of the women's residence hall, was quickly contained after sprinklers turned on and firefighters arrived, officials said.

One of the roommates finished using her hair dryer Friday morning, placed it on a high shelf of a plastic storage unit and left the room shortly before the second roommate walked in to find sparks and smoke coming from the dryer, according to Rex Rakow, director of Notre Dame Security/Police. Rakow said campus police soon received a call from the second roommate, who thought the fire had been put out, but when police and firefighters arrived, the fire was still burning.

Notre Dame and South Bend fire officials responded to the blaze.

"There was a lot of smoke and not much damage," said

Saint Mary's junior and South Bend resident Misty Sloman, 29, died in a one-car traffic accident early Saturday morning on Ridgedale Road, police said.

The car was traveling south on Ridgedale when Sloman failed to negotiate a turn in the road. The car veered off the roadway and struck a tree, police said.

Sloman was wearing a seat belt, and the car's air bag also deployed, police said. She was pinned in the car and pronounced dead at the scene from internal injuries. Sloman was the sole occupant of the vehicle.

The South Bend Police Department is still investigating the fatal crash. Sloman, of the 900 block of East Fairview Avenue, died about 4:30 a.m. near her home on the city's south side.

By SHEILA EGTS
Saint Mary's Editor

Residents of Welsh Family Hall sift through soaked items in the hall lobby searching for personal belongings after a fire on Friday morning. The fire was contained by overhead sprinklers.

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

Student government officials plan to mount a public offensive today against proposed changes to the alcohol policy as University administrators formally introduce the changes to the Campus Life Council.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Snowballs

Before I came to college, I hadn't owned a scar or gloves for ten years. My family moved to Arizona when I was 12. It was then that I lost the snow and everything that came with it.

Not to say that we don't have snow in Arizona, we get it every once in a while in the mountains. But in Arizona is always a beautiful thing, and even more beautiful because it is always gone by noon. It is picture-perfect, never black and never yellow. I remember in junior high when we had a snow day, but by afternoon, the snow was gone and we were back outside playing like we love the cauli, the sunshine and the dry heat. I love seeing sandals everyday of the year and never having to pack away winter sweaters. I love Arizona in its entire splendid, but my love for sun doesn't stop me from having fond memories of snow from my childhood.

I grew up in Atlanta, Ga. Each winter, I remember piling on clothes so I could go outside and run unchecked by the cold. I remember playing in the snow with my little brother when we were younger. I was always the one who would initiate the snowball fights, I was the one who would shove handfuls of snow down my little brother's shirt. I was the one who ended up laughing. I always had fond memories of the snow—until this year. Things have changed.

Ten years later, I am back in the snow. And, now, my little brother is here with me. And, just as back in the snow together, with one problem: Justin's a little wiser, a lot bigger—and even more revenge.

So far, I have experienced this revenge over a dozen times. Seems like Justin just loves to sneak up on his poor defenseless sister. Unlike childhood, when we would dress up and prepare to go out and play in the snow, these attacks come without warning. I cannot prepare. I cannot escape. I am always on my toes. If you find yourself running, followed closely by a large man with a handful of snow, don't laugh it off as simple sibling rivalry. This is the most successful snow man in South Bend to supply his revenge for years. I mean, a handful of snowballs as children is nothing compared to two more years of walking in constant fear. It can't be as bad as she makes it out to be, you say. And, yes, I do have a tendency to over exaggerate. Like our snowball fights, it is in Christian love. I really love my brother. Trust me, I haven't seen him play in my house and back and face and legs and arms are frozen from being tackled into a huge drift of snow for the hundredth time, I sometimes ask myself how I could ever forgive him.

So, I ask all you who feel the wrath of a sibling during a snowball war. Call your family and get out with good aim and the dry heat.

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BEYOND CAMPUS

LOS ANGELES

University of Southern California researchers are set to begin market tests on a system in Arizona that may use Nokia phones to order things in place of credit cards.

By summer's end, students selected in the pilot study, which will distribute 500 to 1,000 phones to a random sampling of incoming freshmen, should be able to purchase items from USC's dining venues and possibly the bookstore.

A full-scale study involving more students will begin after the pilot ends. The study is the first of its kind in the United States.

USC was asked for permission to conduct the study by South Korea's Harex Infotech, which will finance the research through subsidiary Zoop International, the company developing the software.

But while the infrared payment system developed by Harex has been wildly popular in South Korea, researchers working on the three-year project in the United States are skeptical about the possibility of duplicating that success.

Such success could not be replicated because of social and cultural differences in the United States, said Francis Pereira, the director of the program.

But Mike Watson, senior vice president of Zoop International, said he was more optimistic.

"Everywhere in the world you go, there is slightly different payment culture," he said. "One of the purposes of this trial is just finding out the human needs in the application process in the U.S.

Pereira's fears may initially be found true, however. Nearly 60 percent of 40 students surveyed said they would not be interested in the new technology.

"Everything's about efficiency now, and people want to carry less, but I can still stick my credit card in my back pocket," said Tania Zielke, a junior majoring in business administration.

"That's easier than having it in a cell phone."

Beyond Campus

USC combines student cell phones with credit cards

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Prof alleges conspiracy in FBI raid

TAMPA, Fla.

Two women were handcuffed and kept up to 15 hours on Wednesday while FBI agents raided the home of Islam's most respected cleric in America, according to controversial University of South Florida professor Sami Al-Arian.

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SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Grad students endorse unionization

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Speaker advocates peace

By KIFLIN TURNER
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Achieving peace through violence is not the solution, but it is an unfortunate reality, said Colman McCarthy, founder and director of the Center for Teaching Peace in Washington D.C., and journalist for the Washington Post.

As the keynote speaker of the Notre Dame Undergraduate Peace Conference last Friday night, McCarthy questioned the conventional methods of attaining peace and how to best become an effective peacemaker.

"Peace is a result of love," said McCarthy, who pointed to prayer, service and non-violence as the path to a peaceful future.

The peace advocate said that prayer and spirituality, regardless of the faith, is necessary in practicing the essential tenets of peace through forgiveness and non-violence.

Decreasing someone's pain and increasing someone's peace through a small act, McCarthy said, is of real importance.

McCarthy, calling the area between the White House and the United Nations "the core of America," cited that Washington had the highest dropout rate. He said there isn't a significant push to remedy these problems in the immediate.

"Eighty percent of the lawyers work for 20 percent of the people," said McCarthy. "Very few of us are called on to do great things, but all of us are called to do small things."

McCarthy asked the audience if there's someone possible to teach peace in an institutional setting. At an inner-city high school in Washington D.C., McCarthy organized and implemented a volunteer course on radical non-violence but noted that very few programs in the country exist in peace studies, saying people graduate "peace illiterate."

"Peace is not nothing abstract we're talking about, it's something we're living with," said McCarthy. "We live in a violent society."

McCarthy said every day the U.S. Congress gives the Department of the State, referred to as the "Department of Killing," by McCarthy $800 million a day for the military budget that is four times the budget of the Peace Corps. He said this is amount is also three times the budget for Teach America (a program that encourages college graduates to teach in public schools) annually allotted to both programs.

McCarthy named the United States as the largest seller of weapons in the world that initially provides the means for violent conflict among nations that occur in third world countries.

"We have all wars are - the poor killing the poor," said McCarthy. The word "war," said McCarthy, has become so desensitized that it is no longer an adequate expression to denote the level of true suffering.

"We use it so much, it doesn't have any impact," he said. "I call it slaughter."

This legal violence, according to McCarthy, is injustice in its purest form. Unnecessary violence does not end there, he said. It also exists in the present policies regarding animal rights.

"That's where the peace movement is weak," he said. "We've ignored the enormous suffering of the animals in this country.

Violence that is not seen does not dispel it from being violence nonetheless. McCarthy identified two types of violence that exist, hot and cold.

"International violence in the World Trade Center. You saw it, you felt it, it was visceral," said McCarthy.

Contributing to cold violence are factors that are largely avoidable and at once inexcusable.

"There are two types of preventable disease - poverty and affluence," said McCarthy.

After Sept. 11, McCarthy cited four possible options in reaction to the events - military, political, legal and moral. Out of them all, the United States has chosen the military option as a solution, and unfortunately so, according to McCarthy.

"That's our foreign policy, you got a problem, go bomb somebody," said McCarthy. "Here we are, the wealthiest nation bomb- ing the poorest."

Approaching conflicts from a moral perspective is ideally the most favorable solution, but McCarthy said it is hardly the angle that our country chooses to take.

"We don't believe in forgiveness, or otherwise we would have," said McCarthy. "It's been a long time when we have a democratic government that respects human rights."

McCarthy urged students to take advantage of the peace studies program at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's because of its rare presence in higher education.

"Question the answers," encouraged McCarthy. "The answers that say it ends with violence."

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The administrator, a former Dillon Hall rector, also expected to address feedback he has received in the past week about the proposed changes. He said his comments would echo information he announced in a March 18 e-mail to students. Kirk will introduce other planned changes to du Lac, Poorman said. “I’m curious to hear Father Poorman’s input,” said Sol Galmarini, said Badin Hall senator and CLC member. Norton expected to allow three students to direct questions to Poorman. She said other students could submit questions to CLC members, who, in turn, would question the administrator. In anticipation of a capacity crowd in the Notre Dame Room, Norton said she also reserved space for the meeting in the LaFortune Ballroom. Ironically, council approval of the Senate-drafted resolution would forward the measure to Poorman’s desk for consideration in the Office of Student Affairs. Poorman last week announced three changes to the alcohol policy that University officers are likely to approve this summer and enact in the fall:
• the ban of in-hall dances
• the outlawing of “hard” liquor in undergraduate residence halls
• and the loosening of tailgating rules to allow 21-year-old students to host parties before the home football games.

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While tourists were spreading the word about the fire, many of the residents’ belongings were cleared out immediately after the fire so that it could dry. It had been wetted by overhead sprinklers in the room.

The two sophomores who left the hall Friday around 8:30 a.m. to work on a thesis and came back to the dorm around 11 a.m. after the fire had been extinguished. The RA said she found dorm residents as well as outsiders helping to clean up the room.

Student Body President-elect Libby Bishop was one of the students who volunteered to help tidy the room.

“Everything was soaked,” said Bishop, who lives on the dorm’s fourth floor. “You realize how much stuff you actually have in your room when you’re going through it by hand,” said Cryan.

“Right now, we’re all just so thankful for everyone affected by the fire was saved,” said Cryan.

Both residents moved to a different room in Welsh after the fire.

“They’re doing well,” said Cryan. “They’ve definitely really leaning on their friends (and family).”

The residents of the Welsh room were unavailable for comment.

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**KOREAS REOPEN DIALOGUE**

South and North Korea have agreed to resume dialogue and exchange special envoys moving to ease tensions in one of the world’s most militarized regions. The agreement was reached after a series of secret talks between the two governments at the North’s Diamond Mountain resort and third countries, officials said. The mountain is a tourist attraction that has been open to South Koreans since 1998.

**SERBS RALLY AGAINST NATO**

Supporters of Slobodan Milosevic marked the third anniversary of NATO’s air war on Yugoslavia Sunday. Carrying Serbian flags and chanting “NATO, go away!” some 7,000 Milosevic supporters rallied in Belgrade to condemn the 1999 bombing and to protest the former leader’s war crimes trial in The Hague.

**RIDGE WILL NOT TESTIFY IN CONGRESS**

Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge said Sunday in his refusal to testify before Congress about the White House’s anti-terrorism budget, saying his appearance would threaten the constitution’s separation of powers. Ridge said he will continue to meet informally with lawmakers, but he has no intention of testifying because he is an adviser to the president, not a Cabinet member obliged to appear on Capitol Hill.

**INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS**

Official apologizes for comments: A county official has apologized for using the words “trailer trash” in an e-mail about tax changes affecting mobile homes. The memo was distributed to some county employees and mentioned a change to taxes on mobile homes. Hawkins said her words have been taken out of context.

**AFGHANISTAN**

Gunmen attack Afghan security chief

**KABUL**

The governor of an Afghan province demanded U.S. Special Forces hand over several rival Afghan allies who allegedly opened fire Sunday on the region’s security chief, killing a bodyguard and wounding two others before reportedly fleeing into an American compound.

Afghan authorities said the assailants were believed to have been allies of the United States and took refuge in the Americans’ fortified airport compound. There was no confirmation from U.S. forces.

The security chief of Khost province, Sur Gul, escaped injury in the attack, the latest in a series of incidents in the area involving rival groups, according to Hazeeddin, intelligence chief of Khost.

Hazeeddin said the assailants opened fire on Gul because he had tried to disarm them a day earlier in the Khost public market.

“We will talk again tomorrow with the Americans and I am sure they will hand them over,” Moshin Ghafoor Ibrahim said. “I was busy today with the funeral, but I don’t think they will refuse.”

Most of Khost is under the control of U.S.-backed warlord Bacha Khan Zardran, but within Zardran’s group there are rival factions.

Many Afghans in Khost blame the rising tension here on the United States for having recruited warlords as allies in the fight against the Taliban and al-Qaida. The warlords are paid for their services — something that has triggered clashes among Afghan groups eager to win support and patronage from the Americans.
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Apelle received the biggest events each dorm
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Senators also disagreed of the
process through which the
policy was implemented. They
said the proposal will go before
the University's key officers
without the approval of the
CCC Task Force on Alcohol
Policy.
Several senators claimed
less than 80 students were
involved in the focus
groups before settling on say­
"less than 80 students"
were involved.
"The CCC is going to look to
pick it apart," Sen. Senator
Pat Hallahan said. "We need to
make sure it's right."

"The administration] was looking to see if the
focus groups matched up
with the numbers. It
turns out they did."
Jesse Flores
Carroll Hall senator

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Library adds rare letters to collections

By LAUREN BECK New Writer

Notre Dame alumnus Robert O'Grady and his wife Beverly presented Friday a rare collection of Latin American liberator Jose de San Martin's letters to the Hesburgh Library.

San Martin wrote the 45 letters during his military campaigns in Latin America from 1814 to 1821. The letters document his liberation of Chile, Argentina, and Peru. Most of the correspondence is to Chilean General Bernardo O'Higgins, reporting on military progress, coordinating troops and requesting supplies.

O'Grady, an Argentine native and 1963 Notre Dame graduate, said the letters were an important reflection of San Martin's character.

"San Martin is enormously inspirational. He was an individual at a level of the very best, up there with George Washington and the other Founding Fathers," he said. History professor Ivan Jakic considered San Martin an heroic leader in a time of confusion and civil war.

"San Martin left a beautiful legacy. He was a man of true integrity, a leader who refused to shed unnecessary blood. He is an example for us and for generations to come of what people in Latin America accomplished," he said.

The letters, which will reside in the library's Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, are invaluable primary resources, said Jennifer Younger, director of University Libraries.

"One of the greatest needs of scholars is to have access to primary resources. This cash of letters represents a unique addition to the collection, and one we will be privileged to make available to other scholars," she said.

Jakic said faculty members and students alike would benefit from the donation.

"The letters are important for teaching because they show the texture of history and give us the elements we need to convey historical truth," he said.

Students may consult the letters for research.

Beverly O'Grady said she hoped the letters would interest students of all disciplines.

"They provide a wide base for people whose interests are anywhere in this field — politics, literature, economics," she said.

The San Martin letters added to the O'Grady Collection, which features other rare Latin American books, poetry and letters that the couple has acquired from book dealers.

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In the last month, three programs ran that have pushed the boundaries for what we can watch. There was the CBS documentary "9/11," an uncensored look at one fire house's response to the terrorist attacks; ESPN's "A Season On The Brink," which ran on the same night, but was much more boring since it was basically a vehicle for Brian Dennehy to swear a Hounser-red streak in nearly every sentence; and FX's new cop-show "The Shield," which is so raunchy that it makes "NYPD Blue" look like "CHiPs."

What do these have in common with the new alcohol policy? It's called the law of unintended consequences. Those three TV programs would never have made air time 10 years ago. None of them had the problem that the networks broadcast them clearly put the TV-MA label on them, warning of mature content. So in an entertaining irony, the labels that were slapped on shows to make television safer for children resulted in more adult content than ever before.

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A student who lives on campus has friends, resident assistants and rectors who can deal with a hazardous situation. There are no such safeguards outside the Notre Dame bubble. Who will help when a student that no one knows passes out at an off-campus bash? Who will take the keys from a plastered perpetrator when he or she decides to drive home? Will anyone care if someone gets back safe? Instead of assuming control of the situation, the University decided to throw its hands up and hope that strangers, the South Bend Police Department, cab drivers or God knows who else takes care of it for them. Some "in loco parentis." Furthermore, even in dorms, if someone engages in abusive drinking, the problem could go unreported and the University's negative attitude toward sexual relations contributes to an aura of silence about rape. Victims are reluctant to come forward because they don't want to admit that they had sex, or became intoxicated to the point where they were taken advantage of.

If, under these new alcohol rules, a student hosts a party where someone gets hammered to the point where they need assistance, will they tell their RA? Or their rector? Even if the host is 21 and only beer was served, the stigma of the new rules could impair the judgment of even someone who hasn't drunk a drop.

Listen, if you want to stop a problem, you have to identify what it is first and take only those measures to stop it. If underage drinking is the problem, increase the fines for minors who are caught drinking, and start punishing hardly those of legal age who either supply them the booze or fake IDs to buy it. If binge drinking is the problem, punish the binge drinkers. Perhaps RealLife could set up "alcohol probation" for repeat offenders. In sum, the new alcohol policy is flawed because it won't force the heavy or underage drinkers to stop, and those students who do drink legally and responsibly suffer, because they can't have their choice of drinks they can keep in their living space. Once more, the University has put the "lure" back in "in loco paren­­tis" by deciding on a new policy that's the equivalent of using a nuclear weapon to flatten an anthill, being blind to both the fallout and the collateral damage it causes. There are ways to fix problem drinking without stepping all over the toes of responsi­­ble students. Start there first.

Mike Marchand, a 2001 graduate, analyst for RealClearPolitics and con­­tributor to The Politix Group, used to be a responsible underage drinker. Now he's a responsible legal drinker. Though he prefers rum-and-Coke or a good Long Island Iced Tea, e-mail him with any great drink recipes at Marchand.3@nd.edu.

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Opportunistic Federalist Society ignores Catholic social justice

In her March 21 column, Christine Niles related the purported "highlight" of the latest unholy conclave of the Federalist Society. Contrary to her claims, Gary Lawson's inane doggerel seems quite credible evidence that discussions were neither serious nor disingenuous. Questions of taste aside, this brand of humor is indicative of the (perhaps not quite so widespread) point that America should allow its judges to practice Catholicism, perhaps. Incredibly, Scalia (a nominal Catholic) has proffered a trans-Atlantic revisiting of the Ten Acts (by which Britain once excluded Catholics from holding political office, etc.). He recently suggested publicly that Catholic judges who follow Church teaching on the death penalty aren't fit to practice "any Catholic jurist (with such concerns) . . . would have to resign." Not surprisingly, he hasn't spent much time denouncing pro-life judges despite their comparable conundrum; in agreeing with Scalia they seem to meet the true test of the "law." How long before the 39 Articles of the Federalist Society become a prerequisite for sitting on any American bench?

In the same moment, this confident justice moved far to the right, revealing his Federalist ideology—a convenience of the meal-ticket dimension. Just so long as selling your soul and selling out your country isn't exactly hurting her career prospects. After "serious thought," claims Scalia, the authori­ty that I know of denies the 2,000-year-old tradition of the Church approving capital punishment. . . . I don't see why there's been a change." Of course, there might be a small number of students who abuse drinking but, not only are there the same number of students who abuse smoking, but the vast majority of us do not. Notre Dame has always taken pride in the fact that it is a unique place. Now, you, the administration, are single handedly trying to ruin that. Notre Dame strives to be unique, and I don't think we, the students, were the immature ones who can't handle hard alcohol or dances in our dorms. Well, you are the ones who need to grow up and admit that you don't like to take your own students? Trying to reduce drinking by scaring us?

For those of you who don't know or didn't attend, the party on March 23 at Lafayette was overrun with police handing out tickets for underage consumption. I was one of the unlucky ones who happened to get stopped and caught. I did not have a drink in my hand, and I was not acting drunk or out of it in any way, shape or form. I had just had a couple of drinks with my friends like we do on weekends. The ticket itself isn't a big deal to me. The part that really bothers me is the conversa­tion that I had with the police officer that was writing my ticket. He first told me that he had heard on the news about the novel policy that the administration is trying to implement. Then, the shocker: he pro­ceeded to tell me that the reason the cops were writing drinking tickets was because someone from the administration had called the police, tipped them off about the party and requested that "names of people drinking be taken." Now, I will speak my mind to the administration. Your strong-arm tactics will not work. Many of my fellow students and I are sick to our stomachs because of the events of this last week. First, you try to take away our SYRs, which include some of the best and most well-known student traditions. Then, with the intention of scaring students and getting them into trouble, you tip the police about a party.

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Letters to the Editor
Changes in alcohol policy focus on improving campus life

Would it surprise you to learn that for the last 10 years your peers at Duke University have been fighting a losing, rear guard action against comprehensive plans to improve the quality of their campus life by limiting on-campus abuse of alcohol and invigorating other dimen­sions of campus life?

The last two Duke University administrations have made massive and positive alterations in campus housing policy, changed the status of fraternities and started a variety of new programs to enhance the integra­tion of academic and campus life. With faculty cooperation, they have made efforts to bring faculty back to campus in the evening and on the weekends and increase the number of faculty and faculty fam­ilies resident on campus.

The tired refrain, "We work hard, therefore we play hard," uttered in a context where everyone knows that "hard play" actually interferes with good work, is just a fast start on a lifetime pattern of self­defeating behavior. If your next jobs, or the next level of your education, actually involve easier work, Notre Dame has failed you. I'm not sure it's the handwriting on the wall, but for a glimpse of a possible better campus life for a "new Notre Dame," check the following:

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Administrators' actions more immature than students'

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Now we're getting to the practical way that this system works. While I don't wish to impugn her personally, Niles is no doubt aware that her organi­zation isn't exactly hurting her career prospects. After all, who should care? At least those of us who think that America should allow its judges to practice Catholicism, perhaps. Incredibly, Scalia (a nominal Catholic) has proffered a trans-Atlantic revisiting of the Ten Acts (by which Britain once excluded Catholics from holding political office, etc.). He recently suggested publicly that Catholic judges who follow Church teaching on the death penalty aren't fit to practice "any Catholic jurist (with such concerns) . . . would have to resign." Not surprisingly, he hasn't spent much time denouncing pro-life judges despite their comparable conundrum; in agreeing with Scalia they seem to meet the true test of the "law." How long before the
Bon appetit in the Bend ~

The Vine offers fine foods at a fine price

By AMANDA GRECO
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Opened in November of 1998, The Vine is an attempt at mimicking swank wineries such as Webster's in Chicago. The attempt is rather successful. Boasting a wine list larger than its dinner menu, a bar, a cigar lounge and an outside patio, The Vine appeals to anyone looking for a high class dining experience within a reasonable budget.

The average cost for an appetizer is approximately $6, entrees range from $6.50 for the gourmet salad ads to $12.50 for the creamy Cajun shrimp pasta and wine averages $5.50 a glass or $20 for a bottle. The sheer length of the wine menu can be rather daunting for those accustomed to drinking their wine from boxes. Servers are very knowledgeable for guess seeking recommendations regarding the wines available.

The Vine encourages customers to have a free taste of wines before selecting a glass or bottle to accompany a meal. Flights of wine are available for purchase, providing an aesthetic display of several wines within a given type: white, red, dry or sweet, etc. The wine menu at The Vine is frequently added to and updated.

Next to the extensive wine menu, the appetizers offer perhaps the most varied selection, and none are disappointing. The simplest appetizer, the cheese flight, is ideally accompanied by a glass of wine. The cheese flight offers an assortment of fresh cheeses and crackers with grapes. The baked Brie appetizer brings cheese one step closer to gourmet. In the center of a baked pastry lies the brie, molten for spreading on the small, delicate loaf of white bread served alongside.

Also on the appetizer menu are a variety of equal dishes: dips. Crab served with garlic bread, spinach with focaccia bread triangles and artichoke, also served with focaccia bread. The dips are all fresh and creamy, with no large chunks of meat or vegetable to wrestle onto the bread. The crab dip reigns high as the restaurant's most popular appetizer. Any of the appetizers would be well suited by a light, sweet white wine, such as the Menage a trois. If red wine is preferred, try the Bogel zinfandel, which has a deep, earthy aftertaste.

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The dissatisfied looks on the their faces said it all.

The wet eyes of both senior sabre captains knew they blew a golden opportunity to win the national title in their final meet.
At the NCAA Fencing Championships this weekend, Notre Dame finished third with 186 points. Penn State won their sixth title in seven years, finishing with 195 points. Defending champion St. John's took second with 192.

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After the women's competition was completed Friday, the Irish stood in second with 97 points. The Red Storm was in first with 100 and the Nittany Lions were three behind the Irish with 94.

"The girls did really well. Before this, everyone was like 'If the girls do well we're set,' said freshman Derek Snyder. "So I think (Saturday) we went in kind of cocky. We dropped a lot of bouts we shouldn't have. If we had been a little bit stronger, we definitely would have won. We have a better team than most of the people here. We definitely had a shot."

The confidence quickly left the Notre Dame after the second round of Saturday's competition. In men's foil and sabre, the Irish went a combined 1-7, giving the Nittany Lions 12 points, a lead they would not relinquish the rest of the weekend.

"I kind of hoped that we were going to fence them later," said Snyder. "It was tough. It was intense. We had the whole Penn State team there cheering. Notre Dame was there as well. I don't think we (Debic) and I fenced nearly as well as we could have."

Combining its poor performance against Penn State with other subpar records in the other rounds, Notre Dame fell to third place with 148 points. Penn State was in first with 155.

However, the team felt it could make up that difference with a better showing on Sunday. At a team meeting Saturday night, Debic thought Aurelii killed any hopes of a comeback.

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Foiled again
Notre Dame's best point-total in history not enough to win championship

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Walton one-ups her family with epee win

By MATT LOZAR

Irish sophomore Kerry Walton, right, lunges toward Penn State's Stephanie Eim during the 2002 women's epee championship Friday. Walton won the bout 15-12.

Walton's family has always been a driving force behind her fencing career, and she was able to one-up her father and brother, Stephane, by winning a national title.

"He's always been the motivator," said Kerry, who was able to win the title in her final year. "He always told me that I could do it and that it was within my reach.""I'm so happy for her," said Stephane, who was a two-time Olympian. "She's always been very determined and never gave up. She always believed in herself and her abilities."
Kryczalo adjusts to life in America, dominates on the fencing strip

By MIKE CONNOLLY
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MADISON, N.J.
In the dining hall after fencing practice this fall, freshman Alicja Kryczalo felt out of place. The Polish fencer who had never spent a significant amount of time in the United States before August was lost amid the quick tongues and slang that characterize a college dinner conversation.

"After practice when we went to dinner, I didn't understand anything. I was sitting and felt so bad," Kryczalo said. "Sometimes even now, I don't understand what people are talking about."

But as lost as she felt in American culture, she was right at home on the fencing strip as she finished her freshman year with an undefeated NCAA champion-ship and the individual foil title.

"I was sure I could do it, but I knew that it was very hard to do it," Kryczalo said. "I can't say I'm surprised, but I'm really glad because it wasn't easy."

Kryczalo's performance included two wins that avenged her only losses of the season — both natives of Poland.

"Michal and I speak in Polish," she said. "We joke about the language barrier."

Meanwhile, Bednarski acts like a surrogate parent. When Kryczalo got sick, Bednarski called everyday to check on her.

"I brought her into a challenging academic situation like Notre Dame and she is doing very well," he said. "Her parents obligated me to take care of her."

Every day, however, Kryczalo gets a little more comfortable in American culture. Pretty soon she will be just as smooth off the strip as she is on it.

Already she is finding it better to go into conversations. As she learns more conversational English, she also taught her teammates a couple of key Polish phrases — including the Polish words for "Go Baby," which her teammates have started to sign to cheer her on.

"Kryczalo is soon leading those conversations," he said.

So just I had to regain my confidence," Kryczalo is gaining confidence off the strip as well. Joining in real-time conversations wasn't the biggest hurdle Kryczalo had to conquer linguistically. She also had to pass First Year Composition... in a second language.

"I knew English but it was very hard to take the classes. FVC was very difficult at first," she said.

Her first paper took her hours to write but at the end of the semester, her English had improved and so did her grades. She got an A- for her final grade.

On top of learning a new language, she was also away from home for the first time. With her parents thousands of miles away and struggling to express herself with her American friends, she turned to assistant coach Janusz Bednarski and freshman epeeist Michal Sobieraj — both natives of Poland.

"We're Polish and I speak in Polish," she said. "We joke about the language barrier."

Above, she is congratulated by Wayne State fencer Anna Vinnikov after Kryczalo defeated Irish teammate Andrea Ament 15-13 for the title. Right, Kryczalo scores a touch against Ohio State's Hannah Thompson in Kryczalo's 15-5 semifinal win. Kryczalo did not lose a single bout in her NCAA debut.

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Although four Notre Dame fencers earned first-team All-American honors, the most in Irish history, it wasn’t enough to bring home a team title. Eleven Irish fencers earned All-American honors — either first, second or third team — also an Irish record but it still was not good enough to top either champion Penn State or runner-up St. John’s. All three teams surpassed the previous high-point totals for six weapons at this year’s championship. Several Notre Dame fencers said the 2002 Irish team was the best in years — they were right. But the bar was set a little higher this year and the Irish couldn’t measure up.

**INDIVIDUAL TRIUMPHS NOT ENOUGH**

Carl McCullough celebrates one of her 12 victories Friday. In her third NCAA, the senior earned her first All-American honors by finishing 12th and making the third team.

Irish freshman Andrea Ament celebrates her 5-2 win against St. John’s freshman Irina Khouda. The victory avenged a regular season defeat to Khoe. Ament lost only one bout in the round-robin tournament to teammate Alicja Kryczalo. In the Final Four fence-off, Ament again defeated Khoe in the semifinals 15-13 before losing to Kryczalo in the finals.

Senior sabre captain Andre Crompton lunges for an attack against Richard Frank of Drew University on Saturday. Crompton lost the bout 5-4 but won 18 bouts overall to finish fifth and earn second team All-American honors.
LaSalle Grill falls short of high expectations

By AMANDA GRECO
Assistant Scene Editor

To review a restaurant that has won as many awards as LaSalle Grill has is nearly superfluous; but someone needs to keep the restaurant on its culinary toes.

For the past 11 years, LaSalle Grill has been pleasing South Bend's fine dining connoisseurs and consistently winning recognition in various publications as the best restaurant in all of Indiana.

From the moment a guest enters the restaurant, the dining room's atmosphere is apparent and pleasant. Lining the walls are works by various artists, both locally and nationally acclaimed. The kitchen is open to the restaurant, allowing guests the opportunity to watch each process in the preparation of their meal. The table is set with fresh silverware at each course of the meal. The restaurant's staff is courteous without snobbery, an attitude almost expected in so heralded an establishment.

Expect to pay a little more for your meal at LaSalle Grill. The average price of appetizers is $8.50, salads average $4.50, entrees generally run around $22 and desserts are $5.50. Expect also to spend a long time enjoying your meal. Servers take a bit of time asking for orders and delivering food; a dinner for two on a Friday night, complete with dessert and coffee, can last at least three hours.

First-time diners will be served a special slice of LaSalle's elegant menu, such as lobster bisque with mascarpone and chives, compliments of the chef. A basket of warm breads and dipping oil is also brought to the table. The featured menu at LaSalle Grill changes frequently, so the menu at a given meal will be dated for that visit. Menu items include first courses (appetizers), salads, soup, main courses and hardwood grilled steaks.

First courses served represent an eclectic mix of ethnic flavors. Choose from gorgonzola and Portobello mushroom gratin, spanakopita, crab and prosciutto free form lasagne, woodland mushroom and chicken liver pate, or escargot and ahi sushi rolls.

The sushi rolls, served with a strong soy sauce and freshly made wasabi, contain firm, fresh tuna. Compared to rice served at restaurants specializing in sushi, LaSalle's rice is a little low on taste. It lacks the rice vinegar flavor generally noted in sticky rice.

The escargot is served in a garlic butter compound with herbed bread crumbs. The menu indicates they are served with fresh lemon juice; however, the salty zing of lemon that brings out the flavor in escargot is nearly undetectable.

LaSalle Grill features five different salads as a prelude to the main course. The Caesar salad is topped with shaved grana padano cheese, but the dressing served on the romaine is scant. The individual pieces of lettuce within the salad are too large to consider as bite-sized, which makes eating the salad an effort-requiring endeavor.

LaSalle house salad is a fresh bed of mixed spring greens, drizzled with a ginger-mustard vinaigrette. The vinegar taste expected in a vinaigrette is minimal, however. Other salads served include the classic wedge, served with creamy bacon and bleu cheese dressing, a baby spinach and radicchio salad with a mignonette vinaigrette and the picked beets and frisee salad served with cognac cheese.

Several interesting soups are available on the menu, including a caramelized onion and sweet pepper stew with chopped scallion and a Peruvian lima bean and pancetta potato chowder served with cheddar cheese croutons. The soups are a strong complement to the main course entrees.

Main courses offered feature a variety of meats, including pork tenderloin, rack of lamb, chicken, duckling and several varieties of fish, such as salmon, walleysed pike, tilapia and sea bass.

The salmon is served lightly broiled, accompanied by a small serving of calico rice pilaf and a sweet side of dried papaya and currant chutney. The meat is tender, juicy and flakes nicely, and the papaya and chutney complement the fish very well. Green beans are also served, tender and fresh with a light buttering and a salty seasoning.

The hardwood grilled filet mignon is a tender cut of beef, having never been frozen, the meat's texture and flavor is well-preserved. Served on a bed of new potatoes LaSalle with tobacco onions and a Jim Beam bourbon-pecan butter, this entree brings together a myriad of flavors, topped with the smoky overtones from the fire.

The much-hailed kitchen at LaSalle Grill with its certified chefs is not infallible; steaks are not always served as ordered. For the high price paid (each steak on the menu is over $25) guests are advised to send improper orders back. While waiting for an order to be prepared again, guests will be provided a complimentary bowl of soup to occupy them while others at the table continue to eat. It is with much regret and profuse apologies that the chef personally brings the now-free order back to the table. No one can accuse LaSalle Grill of having a poor sense of customer service.

Finally, LaSalle Grill features a large dessert and after dinner drink menu, complete with homemade ice dream, a cheese course, various cakes and an assortment of coffee and cappuccinos, served with or without alcohol.

When in doubt while ordering at LaSalle, it is recommended that servers be asked for suggestions. The wait staff knows the menu better than most and can direct a guest towards a meal complete through all courses accompanied by the proper beverages and topped off with the most appropriate desserts.

LaSalle Grill continues to provide an enjoyable dining experience with a menu challenging to undertake and adventurous in its scope. It is advised, however, that the restaurant not rest on the laurels of its past success and persist in attempting to deliver the finest dining experience in South Bend.

LaSalle Grill is located at 115 W. Collfax in downtown South Bend. The restaurant also has a banquet hall on the second floor and a club on the third floor that features live performers throughout the week. The restaurant is open for dinner Monday through Thursday, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Call 288-1155 for more information, or visit the restaurant's Web site at www.LaSalleGrill.com.

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NAZZ battles it out

The 14th annual NAZZ contest took place this weekend on campus

By MIKE SCHMUHL
Assistant Scene Editor

Evolving from the late '70s on-campus music scene, Notre Dame's battle of the bands, or "NAZZ," gives student groups the chance to showcase their talent amongst peers and fellow music lovers.

Every year, the Student Union Board-sponsored event promises a good show for the students, and this year was no exception.

On Friday, the 14th annual NAZZ competition took the Alumni-Senior Club by storm.

Thirteen bands and six solo acts were included in this year's battle, while celebrity host Jason Mewes or "Jay" ("Mallrats," "Clerks," "Dogma" and "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back") directed traffic and introduced each band. Poking fun at people in the packed crowd, band members and Notre Dame's party scene, Jay's humor gave the night a relaxed feeling.

At 8 p.m., the first band, Updog, took the stage. Performing unique renditions of Alice DJ's "Better Off Alone" and the Cure's "Boys Don't Cry," the apologetic band closed with an insane medley of pop covers.

With hits like "Rootslicious," "I Am #1," "World's Greatest" and finally 'NSync's "Pop," Updog was a definite crowd pleaser.

Different Folk was next on the line up. The quartet of skilled musicians, with obvious influences from the Grateful Dead and Phish, filled their extended jams with hard and soft interludes. A funky beat and a smooth, jazzy sound best describe this band, which was quick to get the crowd moving.

The Sing Again, an emo band with heavy guitar riffs and powerful vocals, led the way for Station One with their explosive mix of reggae, ska and funk.

Consisting of Peter Miller on drums, David Miller on guitars, Mike Maimone on keys, Zee Eisey on bass and Lawrence Santiago with lead vocals, the group opened the set with Sublime's "54-46." With amazing range and freestyling skills, Santiago sang over the funk-laced beats created by the band. Singing their three originals, "Everybody Get Down," "Breaker-Breaker" and "Gershwin," and closing with a great version of Sublime's "Santeria," it was clear it would take a lot to defeat this band.

Clark gave the most energetic performance of the evening. Bassist Pat Bayliss and guitarist Mike Beaton jumped and leaped around the stage while merging heavy basslines and wailing guitar riffs. Drummer Ryan Partridge provided a hammering beat as Bayliss and Beaton shared screaming vocals.

The powerful performance from Clark gave way to the Joneses with a laid back vibe of more classical pop rock. Mostly performing covers like John Mayer's "Waiting on the World to Change," the band concluded their set and the lone crowd surfer was elevated.

Another act included Lester's pop rock and punk, No Redeeming Qualities (NRO) spirited showing of more classical, hard rock and The Alpha Bet's vocal harmonies and hand clapping.

NIHM won second place at this year's NAZZ battle of the bands. With an upbeat performance, NIHM received a good crowd reaction.

Actor Jason Mewes, from "Dogma" and "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back," hosted this year's NAZZ and infused the evening with comedy.
NCAA BASKETBALL

Blake sends Maryland to Final Four with late score

Associated Press
SYRACUSE, N.Y. — On a night when Maryland's senior stars led the way, struggling junior Steve Blake hit the shot that sealed a second straight trip to the NCAA Tournament Final Four.

The No. 1-seeded Terrapins beat second-seeded Connecticut 85-72 Sunday in an East Regional final where the lead swung back and forth for most of the first 13 minutes.

Lonny Baxter had a season-high 29 points, and fellow senior Juan Dixon scored 27 for Maryland, which reached the 30-victory mark for the first time in school history.

“We have tough guys. We didn’t think we would lose this game,” said Coach Gary Williams. “We’re going back. We want to do something this year.”

The frantic finish included seven lead changes and eight ties in the last 12 minutes. But as the shot clock wound down in the final minute of the tight game, Blake sank a 3-pointer — his first points of the evening — to make it 86-80.

The Terrapins weren’t challenged after the shot.

“That shot was the biggest one I could hit for this team,” said Blake, who had been hushed to the bench by coach Gary Williams for 12 minutes before his key bucket.

Maryland (30-4) will play against No. 2 seed Kansas, on Saturday in Atlanta. The Terrapins beat Oregon 82-75 in the Midwest Regional final.

Just as there was no wild celebration after their regional semifinal win over Kentucky, the Terrapins were again matter-of-fact in reaching Connecticut (27-7) in one of the best games of the NCAA Tournament.

Maryland scored the final eight points of the first half to take a 44-37 lead — UConn’s biggest deficit of the tourney to that point. Dixon connected on a 3-pointer from the half-court line with 2.9 seconds left on the clock. Blake wound up with the ball and his 3-pointer went through the net with 25 seconds remaining in the game.

After a Connecticut miss, Blake added two free throws for an 83-59 lead.

The Terrapins went on a 19-8 charge to start the second half, the last of which came on the free throw. Blake had 26 of his 32 points in the second half, most in a basketball game in school history.

“Drew and Nick had a little bit of a good feeling about the Terrapins winning,” said Coach Bill Self, who led Kansas in an 85-63 triumph over Connecticut in the East Regional final. “So we were going to win this basketball game inside. We’re going to win this game on the backboards. I don’t need you guys to be perimeter players. I told them, ‘We’re going to win this basketball game inside. We’re going to win this game on the backboards. I don’t need you guys to be perimeter players.’

“Drew took that as constructive criticism. Twenty rebounds, what more can I say? Nick Collins battled his rear end off.”

It appeared as though the Terrapins were going to run away with it early when Hinrich’s layup gave Kansas a 40-28 lead.

Kansas’ Nick Collison goes up for a shot in the Terrapins’ 104-86 victory against Oregon that put them in the Final Four.

KANSAS CITY — Kansas controlled the fast, end-action in the Midwest Regional final and dominated the boards, outrebounded 33-31 and forced 24 offensive rebounds, leading to 31 second-chance points.

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Two other Jayhawks nearly joined forwards Gooden and Collins with double-doubles. Freshman reserve Keith Langford had 20 points and seven rebounds, and Kirk Hinrich scored 14 points and 10 assists.

“They crash the boards all the time, every single play,” said Frederik Jonnes, who scored 12 points, four by free throws.

“Their guards came in and got our lead back. It was an all-around effort.”

The Jayhawks, the nation’s highest-scoring team with a 91-point average, outrebounded the Terrapins 49-37 for 25 offensive boards and get extra opportunities.

“I said ‘I like it because it was up and down, even though we were beating each other for layups,’” Gooden said. “You probably can’t see my feet going up off the rim. I had my shoes off. My dog is hurt.”

Kansas led 48-42 at halftime and stretched its lead to 73-69 on a runner by Hinrich with 9:50 left.

Anthony Lever hit back-to-back 3-pointers to spark a 10-2 Oregon run that made it 75-69 with 8:30 remaining.

Lever’s third 3-pointer in 8 seconds later.

“I thought we were going to blow it out several times. But they’re a hard-fighting team, a great team, and they didn’t give in,” Gooden pointed out.

Kansas point guard Aaron Miles said.

But Kansas scored the next 10 points, four by Collison, to end the Ducks’ dreams of reaching the Final Four for the first time since they won the first NCAA championship in 1939.

“I told Nick and Drew to get on the backboard,” Williams said. “I got on them a little bit in the first half and at halftime because I felt they were trying to be perimeter players. I told them, ‘We’re going to win this basketball game inside. We’re going to win this game on the backboards. I don’t need you guys to be perimeter players.’

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Despite losses by its top singles player and doubles team, the seventh-ranked Notre Dame men’s tennis team decisively held off Indiana 6-1 at Bloomington on Saturday afternoon.

The match started off with seniors Javier Taborga and Casey Smith, ranked fifth nationally in doubles, losing to Indiana’s Zach Held and Ryan Recht by a score of 8-3. Fortunately for the Irish, they were able to quell the momentum the Hoosiers gained by that upset victory and Notre Dame secured the doubles point before going on to win five of six singles matches.

After Taborga and Smith lost, senior Aaron Talarico and freshman Brent D’Amico gave the Irish their first victory of the day, as they defeated the Hoosier duo of Milan Rakkiva and Ari Widiansky, 7-6, 7-5. Then, seniors James Malhame and Ashok Rau clinched the doubles point as they won 8-7.

“Doubles was going to dictate what was going to happen in the match,” Taborga said. “And it did.”

“Iria was winning and we thought we were going to lose the doubles point. Then we came from behind and won it, so we kind of broke their spirit,” he added, referring to the victories of Talarico-D’Amica and Malhame-Rau.

“Doubles gives you a lot of momentum,” Taborga said. “If you win the doubles point, you know that you only have to win three singles now, instead of four, and that’s a big advantage.”

The other duo had to deal with a big mental burden after Smith and Taborga’s loss.

“It’s always a little disheartening when your best duo loses [to a non-ranked team],” said Talarico, who said having Taborga and Smith lose was a little nerve-wracking. He credited the team’s mental tenacity with its ability to not let that initial loss prevent them from winning more matches.

“I was pleased more with the mental performance. Pretty much we had to win, and we did,” said Talarico, who also defeated Zach Held in singles, 6-4, 6-2. “The doubles point is only one out of seven, but it’s probably the most important. It is usually the deciding point in a lot of matches.”

Taborga and Smith have not been pleased with their doubles play lately.

“I thought that they came out a little bit stronger than we thought they would [but] we really played bad doubles,” Taborga said. “[Casey and I] are not doing things right. It’s been the third match we’ve played like that.”

“We have to work hard on our [our] play this coming week so we are strong for Kentucky and SMU who are the top doubles teams.

One of the duo’s weaknesses, Smith believes, is the trouble they’re coming from behind.

“I think that’s a problem Javier and I have had over the last five or so matches. Whenever we get a lead, we play really well, but it’s really tough to play catch up,” Smith said. “That’s something [Irish coach Bob Bayliss] talked to us about. We need to come out and assert ourselves right off of the first point.”

“[Held and Recht] are a good team, but we’ve played teams that are ten times better. We are really not converting our opportunities. We are not finding ways of winning the close games and that’s what’s costing us right now,” said Taborga, who also gave up Notre Dame’s only singles loss when he was upset by Rakkiva, ranked 109th nationally, in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4. Taborga is currently ranked 11th, and this loss ended his 11-match singles winning streak.

“I think we dominated in every court [of singles] except for my match. It wasn’t a good day for me. I wasn’t playing that well,” he said. “In the past I found ways of winning, but this time I just didn’t have the chances. I just couldn’t turn the match around, but I’m confident that this is going to help me realize that I still have a lot of weaknesses.”

Taborga’s doubles partner fared well in singles, though.

Smith upset No. 63 Jakub Prajin, 6-4, 6-2, breaking Prajin’s nine-match winning streak as well as achieving his fifth win over a ranked opponent.

“That was probably the best two sets I’ve played this year,” Smith said. “I’ve struggled a little bit being aggressive. I don’t know if it’s expectations I place on myself or what. That was the first time that for two straight sets I was really aggressive.”

In other singles play, Matt Scott, ranked 64th nationally and playing at No. 5, defeated Ryan Fecht by scores of 6-3, 6-4, improving to 26-3 for the season. Luis Haddock-Morales improved to 14-4 as he defeated Tommy Bagnato 6-2, 7-6, 6-4. Andrew Laflin, who has now won 29 of his last 32 matches handed a loss to Ari Widiansky, 7-6, 6-1.

Taborga believes that although Indiana was not ranked, this match was a tougher situation than playing a ranked opponent.

“These are the kind of matches that you have to get up for. It’s really easy to play Illinois or Duke or those matches where they are ranked high and you can gain a lot from winning,” he said.

“Indiana is not ranked, really doesn’t have that much to offer us as far as the ranking goes. It’s hard because you are in a situation where you can only lose. For the team to get [pumped up], it’s harder than normal.”

Notre Dame will next play No. 40 Michigan at Ann Arbor on Wednesday.

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the second half, waiting patiently for the prime scoring chance. Notre Dame made some key defensive adjustments at halftime and came back on the field much more aggressive. Irish freshmen defender Guadalupe Corpuz and Caic having Chapman kept the speed 5 away from the ball in the second half. **I was really happy with the way our defense played in the second half,** said Irish coach Randy Walsum. "Our defenders did a great job of keeping two-world class forwards away from the goal. You won’t find two forwards as fast as Dominguex and Mora in the college game. The Irish defenders held off an offensive onslaught from the Mexicans in the final 20 minutes of the game. Mexico’s best scoring chance in the second half came in the final minute of the game when Mexico’s Iris Mora missed a one-on-one opportunity against Irish sophomore goalie Lauren Kent. Kent forced Mora to alter her shot just wide right of the goal to preserve the victory for Notre Dame.

**I’m really pleased with the way we played tonight. Our young defenders played great tonight and our offense really passed the ball well tonight.**

Randy Walsum

Irish head coach

**Tennis**

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singles wins with a victory against Madison, 6-3, 6-0, following the win, the Belles are looking ahead to another successful MIAA season.

"It was our first conference match of the season, and obviously there’s a little bit of pressure being conference champions, so we want to continue to do well," Annie Knish said. "Aillian is one of the stronger teams in our conference and we had to go in and play well."

Spriggle said, "It was a great way, especially the score being as it is. It helps our confidence as we move forward in the season."

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MEN’S LACROSSE

Irish drop to 1-5 after 15-5 loss to Hofstra

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

Saturday was not a day to remember for the Notre Dame men’s lacrosse team. The Irish suffered their worst defeat of the season — a 15-5 romp at the hands of visiting No. 12 Hofstra.

After losing their previous two games to No. 3 Loyola and No. 4 Virginia by only one goal in each contest, the Irish never had a chance against the Pride. Hofstra held the ball for nearly the entire game, while Notre Dame’s offense failed to create prime scoring opportunities. Behind a balanced scoring attack in which six players scored at least two goals, the aggressive Hofstra offense confused the Irish defense throughout the contest.

"We showed a lot of hustle out there today," said Hofstra coach John Danowski. "Our goal is to be selfless on offense. Everyone on our team needs to be a threat on offense for us to be successful.

Hofstra jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead only 35 seconds into the game on a goal by Scott Dooley, who led the Pride with three goals and one assist.

Notre Dame tied the game early at 1-1 on a goal by freshman Chris Richez, but then the Pride took over the game for good. Hofstra scored five unanswered goals to take a commanding 6-1 lead midway through the second quarter. Notre Dame sophomore attackman Dan Berger finally responded with his team-leading eleventh goal of the season.

Both the Pride and the Irish would each tack on two more goals by the end of the first half, making the score 8-4 in favor of Hofstra heading into halftime.

The third quarter was a defensive battle. Scott Dooley scored the lone goal of the quarter for the Pride just past the nine-minute mark.

The fourth quarter was a nightmare for the Irish. The Pride offense completely dominated the final stanza, scoring six straight goals to take a 15-4 lead.

"We’ve underachieved up until this point," said Danowski. "We showed a lot of hustle out there today. We seemed to scoop up all the loose balls and that made the difference.

Notre Dame’s senior captain Devin Ryan added a late goal with 31 seconds remaining for his ninth goal of the season. Fellow senior John Flandina had two assists in the contest for his team-leading eight assists on the season.

With the win, Hofstra improved its season record to 4-3. The loss dropped Notre Dame’s record to 1-5. This marks Notre Dame’s first three-game losing streak since 1999.

The Irish can take solace in the fact that their losing record will not prevent them from qualifying for the NCAA Tournament. Their record within the Great Western Lacrosse League will determine their postseason chances.

Notre Dame begins league play on Saturday when they visit the University of Denver. That game will mark the first of four straight road games for the Irish. They do not return home again until April 21, when they take on Fairfield.

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Irish freshman attacker Brian Giordano maneuvers around a Hofstra defender Saturday. Notre Dame lost 15-5 and fell to 1-5 on the season.
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The Notre Dame track and field team wasted no time this weekend in setting the bar high for itself to begin its outdoor season.

With most of the team resting in South Bend, 18 short-distance and field event members of the Irish team traveled to the Baldy Castillo Invitational in Tempe, Ariz., and set 20 Big East qualifying times and several NCAA provisional times.

Senior Derek Dyer set the tone for the weekend, throwing a personal best 53 feet, 11 inches in the shot-put on route to a fifth-place finish. Dyer, who holds the Notre Dame school record in the shot put, also took sixth place in the discus with a throw of 156 feet, 10 inches.

Joining Dyer with impressive showings in the field events were Tom Gilbert and Mike Madigan. Both Gilbert and Madigan qualified for the Big East Outdoor Championships, with Gilbert jumping 7.09 meters in the long jump sixth place), and Madigan throwing the javelin 56.25 meters (12th place).

In the field events for the women, the Irish were represented by pole vaulters Jamie Volkmer and Jill Van Weelden. Both women tied for fifth with vaults of 10-11. Volkmer also took third in the triple jump with a jump of 39-2.

Of Notre Dame's 14 top-five finishes, four were attained by the Irish hurdle contingent, led this weekend by freshmen Selim Nurudeen and Tiffany Gunn. Nurudeen took fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.15. Boyd and Kristen Dodd took four top-five finishes in five races.

Leading the way was Boyd, who took third in the 100-meter dash in 11.76 seconds and second in the 200-meter in 24.45. Boyd, who ran the 200 at nationals two weeks ago, set a 100-meter personal best on an outdoor track with her effort this weekend.

Dodd took fourth place in the 200 meters with a time of 24.45, and All-American Liz Grow took second in the 400 with a time of 53.61.

The four women are coming off a ninth-place finish at the NCAA Indoor Championships, and Boyd thinks a strong showing at this weekend's invite provides a good boost for them to start the outdoor season.

"The whole purpose of this past weekend was to see where we were as far as training and what we need to work on," Boyd said. "And from this past meet, I think everyone did pretty well, and now we know our strengths and weaknesses, and so we know what we need to work on."

Love did not compete this weekend because of a last-minute illness, but she expects to race next weekend at the Florida Relays.

Completing the Irish squad this weekend were Pat Conway, Kevin Somok and Eric Morrison, who were the only distance runners to travel to Arizona. All three runners only competed in the 1500-meter run, where senior Conway led the way with a fifth-place time of 3:51.11. Somok was seventh in 3:51.90 and Morrison finished 16th in 3:56.39.

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Women's Swimming and Diving

Mattingly, Nixon earn All-America honors

- Irish finish 19th at fastest women's championship meet ever

By Noreen Gillespie
Sports Writer

In a meet in which 11 American records fell, the Irish women's swimming and diving team managed a 19th-place finish at the NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championships this weekend.

The National Championship meet, which posted more record-breaking performances than the 2000 Olympic Trials, was the fastest NCAA women's swimming meet in history.

"I don't think anybody could have predicted that," said Irish head coach Bailey Weathers.

"Olympic Trials only come around once every four years, and I don't think we've had so many records fall in the last two Olympic Trials. It's pretty unusual just how fast that meet was."

The Irish qualified eight swimmers and one diver for the meet, held at the University of Texas.

Senior Carrie Nixon finished her career with a tenth-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle on Friday to earn an All-America honorable mention. Nixon is shown above swimming in the Big East Championships last month.

Women's Tennis

Belles start title defense with victory

By Katie Mayo
Associate Sports Editor

The Belles let everyone know that they were not going to easily give up last season's MIAA title as they kicked off the conference season this weekend with a strong victory against the Albion Britons.

Saint Mary's, who took a 7-2 victory, fought for every point in the match but made sure those fights left them on top.

"The Britons are just competitive players, and they're pretty consistent," said senior Annie Knish. "They get a lot of balls back. All the points we get, we have to work for."

The Britons took quite a few points and forced the Belles into tiebreakers twice. But except for No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles, the Belles proved to be the more patient team just waiting for the right time to send home the winning stroke.

"They all have pretty strong inside strokes," said sophomore Kris Spriggle. "We had to be the more consistent player and the more patient player."

Spriggle took home wins in both of her matches, posting a 6-4, 7-5 win against Emily Dumas in No. 4 singles and a 6-4, 6-3 victory against Emily Radner and Corey Madura with partner Angie Sandner at No. 3 doubles.

"My singles match was pretty difficult," Spriggle said. "They had a lot of hard strokes. I had to step up my game and try to make a break."

Knish dropped both of her matches in close sets against Albion's Alene Greene. Greene forced a close first match in No. 1 singles, defeating Knish in the tiebreaker before taking the second set 6-2 to post the win. Knish paired with younger sister Jeannie to face Greene and Karen Dumas in No. 1 doubles and suffered the same fate. After taking the second set 6-4 to tie the match at one win apiece, the Knishes fell 6-2 in the third set, for a two-sets-to-one loss.

"Greene's a senior and she was a good player," Annie Knish said. "She moved me all around the court ... I lost the first set in a tie-breaker."

The rest of the Saint Mary's team cleaned up the court to bring in the final five points. Jeannie Knish won at No. 2 singles, defeating Karen Dumas 6-2, 6-3. Kaitlin Cutler took home wins in both of her matches winning No. 3 singles and No. 2 doubles.

The Irish offense held possession of the ball for most of the game and the scored tied 2-2, Irish forward Amanda Guerin crossed the ball over to teammate Melissa Tancredi, who sped past the Mexican defense and shot the ball in the lower right corner of the net for the game-winning goal.

"Amanda made a great pass," she said. "She crossed the ball all the way from the other side of the field," said Tancredi. "I was running down the left sideline, and I brought the ball down with my right foot. I took a few dribbles and just shot it to the right corner of the net."

The game was a fast-paced affair with both teams pushing the ball up and down the field for numerous scoring opportunities. Mexico's world-class forward Maribel Dominguez struck first with a goal in the 14th minute. Notre Dame then answered with a goal by sophomore midfielder Kim Carpenter in the 22nd minute.

Guerlin, last season's leading goal scorer, followed Carpenter's effort with a goal of her own in the 28th minute. Dominguez would then strike again for Mexico with her second goal of the game in the 31st minute. The Irish offense held possession of the ball for most of the