Kigar: Binge drinking at ND above national norm

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
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Binge drinking on college campuses is reaching epidemic proportions on a national level and Notre Dame is above the national average, according to Gina Kigar, coordinator of the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education, who spoke to the Campus Life Council yesterday.

"You would be shocked at some of the stories I have heard in working with students sent to my office because of different disciplinary and drinking problems," Kigar said.

She went on to explain to the CLC that all drinking was not bad and that converting to a dry campus would not be the answer.

"But anything that we do has to come from the students. They have to enforce the rules themselves, much as it is happening with Sorin Hall's 'no tolerance' policy. We have to get socialization of responsible drinking through other ways than medicating with continued regulation."

When asked whether the University should promote responsible drinking or simply prohibit drinking, Kigar indicated that the best policy would consist of a combination of both.

"There is a fine line between what to condone and what not to condone," she said. "We have to promote an acceptable attitude towards alcohol for those who choose to drink. However, we have to also empower students who choose not to drink at all."

"We have an awful lot of gray area in our policies," said Bill Kirk, assistant vice president of residence life. "We expect a lot of model behavior in regard to alcohol and it is clear that we are not getting that modeling of behavior. Anecdotally, however, behaviors towards drinking are far different than 12 years ago, when I was a student at Notre Dame."

Kigar cited two recent surveys on binge drinking, including the one conducted by Henry Wexler from Harvard University, as evidence that binge drinking is a problem on college campuses. "According to the Wexler survey, about 45 percent of students under the age of 21 have a problem with binge drinking. However, the percentage for those aged 21 to 22 is over 48 percent," she said.

Kigar explained that one of the main problems she encounters with her office is that students do not want to get their friends in trouble by informing on them when they drink excessively. "Confronting students is necessary. You don't want to lose your friends by telling on them, but you might lose them anyway if you let them drink," Kigar said.

Another problem Kigar finds on the Notre Dame campus concerns different perceptions of what it means to be drunk. "There is a variability in definitions of drunkenness and variability in definitions of what constitutes a problem," she explained.

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Yeltsin retreats to recuperate

Yeltsin is recuperating in a hotel in the city of Izhevsk, Russia, following his collapse on December 10th. The Russian president was rushed to hospital after suffering a heart attack while on an official visit to the city. He was placed on a ventilator and underwent surgery to repair a weakened aorta. Yeltsin had been in poor health for some time, and his collapse was a major setback for his administration. The crisis in Russia continues, with political turmoil and economic instability.

Debate examines theory on hand guns

A research study indicates that concealed-handgun laws lower violent crime. The study examined the effect of concealed-carry laws on violent crime rates in the U.S. counties between 1977 and 1992. The findings suggest that concealed-carry laws reduce violent crime.

Mr. Rogers inspires children's classics

A biographical film about Mr. Rogers, the beloved children's television host, has been released. The film captures the life of Fred Rogers, who created the popular children's show "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood." The movie explores his impact on children's literature and education.

World at a Glance

Oregon mudslides claim homes, destroy highways

U.S. 199, the main route between Grants Pass and Brookings, was closed by mudslides, and other roads were closed by mudslides and high water. A highway between Brookings and Interstate 5 was down to one lane today, it was closed yesterday by mudslides that killed four people.

Oregon's new governor faces economic challenges

The new governor of Oregon, Kate Brown, faces significant challenges in addressing the state's economy. The state is facing a budget deficit, and the governor will need to prioritize spending and cuts.

The unique gifts of Christmas

As most anyone can tell from watching the glorious winter wonderland which we have been blessed with this Christmas season, it is truly a joy to watch the snow fall and enjoy the beauty of the season. However, it can also be a time of stress and worry for many people, especially those who are struggling with mental health issues.

More heavy rain threatens mudslide-prone areas

The rain continues to fall in the areas that are prone to mudslides, and there are concerns that the situation could worsen. The National Weather Service has issued a flood warning for the area, and residents are urged to stay alert for danger.

Abortion rights activists protest in Washington D.C.

Abortion rights activists have gathered in Washington D.C. to protest against the proposed ban on abortion in the state. The rally is part of a nationwide movement to support reproductive rights.

The national weather forecast

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Lentych steps down from events co-chair

By ALLISON KOENIG

Lentych's resignation, although unexpected, shouldn't affect the board's overall operations, he said. EAB operated under two different advisors for much of the first semester and has been functioning without an advisor for the past few weeks.

"This year's student government is very, very stable," said director of student activities Lori McKeeough, member, at the very least, "that I have been," Lentych said. "I'll need you as a committee member, at the very least," Lentych cited emotion Lentych cited emotion Lentych cited emotion Lentych cited emotion. "I just can't do it on the level I want to," Lentych said. "It keeps getting better, year after year," Lentych said. "Past students have done a great job of mentoring the younger ones. Across the board, SGA (Student Government Association) is running really smoothly," Rosenbush added. Stability withstanding, the board already has a full lineup of events scheduled for the second semester. With the addition of a new board member and advisor, the Student Activities Board should be revitalized.

The evening was designed to be a reward for the board's hard work this year.

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TLT COLT plans technology

Task force to update networks

By SARAH CORKREAN

As the closing of the century fast approaches, Saint Mary's is in the planning stages of implementing a campus-wide information technology network to lead the College into the 21st Century.

Faculty, administration, and staff gathered at a luncheon yesterday to learn more about new developments in Saint Mary's information technology and connections to other information sites.

Based on the theme of building a "collaboratory" at Saint Mary's, the Teaching, Learning and Technology Community Leadership Team (TLT COLT) wants to build a support system of volunteer task forces comprising teachers and students to develop the information technology campaign.

Project co-directors George Rosenbush and Patrick White lead the task force teams categorized as: Off-Campus Access, Faculty Development, Networking on Campus, Communications with the Larger College Community, and Training in New Technologies within the College Community.

Through the COLT program, students and faculty work together to improve the learning communities of the college. The COLT will focus on new opportunities for learning provided by the campus network.

Concerned with issues of establishing intercollegiate electronic connections, Saint Mary's director of information technology Joel Cooper wants to make electronic access available to students of both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. "I can't believe it is so difficult for the two schools which have co-enrolled students who can't go into the computer system at the other campus across the street," Cooper said.

Cooper, former director of technology at Notre Dame, feels that Saint Mary's information technology has to make a commitment as a college community to work on the program together.

Last summer, the Board of Trustees approved the Information Campaign with the first step of distributing more computer systems around campus.

Cooper also voiced concern over the growing population of off-campus students, currently 10 percent. "With more students moving off-campus each year, our duty is to deliver to their needs as a learning institution," Cooper said.

The Information Technology COLT is working to develop a collaborative leadership framework to support the creative potential offered by information technology at Saint Mary's.

Instrumental in implementing the plan, assistant director for computer services Dan Mandell explained the team is "exploring the suitability of collaborative learning environments for 21st century students."

"There is a need to develop innovative methods of supporting a new environment where faculty and students will be teaching and learning together about information technology," Mandell said.

Although the idea for the TLT COLT originally grew out of a support "crisis," it is an attempt to develop a more collaborative model for students, respecting the unique contributions of every group on campus.
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binge drinking,” Kigar said. “Clinically, however, the list of symptoms of drunkenness are slurred speech, euphoria and slowed down body functions. Binge drinking is characterized by Werder as five or more drinks in a row, regardless of time frame, for a man and four or more drinks in a row for a woman.”

Following Kigar’s presentation, the CLC moved on to address resolutions passed by the Student Senate earlier this week concerning the content and revision process of the student rules and regulations handbook, du Lac.

A good portion of the debate around the resolutions centered on how and when the CLC would handle the resolutions. Bill Kirk suggested that the CLC invite members of the Office of Student Affairs to address the assembly. “I have been reviled and condemned by just about every campus body this semester without actually being asked to come in and converse with them about the situation,” Kirk said. “This issue falls under my office, and I would like a chance to get the people who know about it in here to address this body.”

Many members expressed concern over the amount of time that would be spent considering each of the three resolutions in different meetings. Concern that all voting members of the CLC be informed about the issue prompted the council to hold the debate until the first meeting of next semester.

In the meantime, Kirk volunteered to supply any documented information to all members of the CLC.

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The definition of sexual assault is when a person is forced or intimidated into sexual contact without giving his or her consent, according to SOS. Statistics say one in every four women will be assaulted in her lifetime, while for men, the statistics are one in every six.

“After working with victims at the hospital, I’ve found that rape is not just about a guy being turned on by a mini-skirt. It is about power and control over the victim,” Hench said.

The stereotypes that revolve around sexual assault are many, she added, the number one myth being that the assault is the victim’s fault.

For women it is not uncommon to hear that “she was asking for it because of the way that she was dressed.” In reality, the way that she was dressed, how she was behaving, or whether or not she consumed any alcoholic beverages does not give anyone the right to take advantage of the situation, Hench explained.

The popular belief that sexual assault does not happen to men is just one of the many myths regarding this sensitive subject.

SOS is the rape and sexual abuse crisis center for St. Joseph County. Extensively trained advocates and staff provide emotional support and medical and legal information for victims of sexual assault and their families through phone calls and personal contact at local hospitals.

These confidential services are provided to everyone 24 hours a day. Clinical social workers are also on staff to provide short- and long-term therapy for women, men, teenagers, and children.

“I feel that by volunteering at SOS I am making a difference and creating awareness and prevention, while providing help to those who have experienced sexual assault,” said Angie Kelver, SOS advocate and coordinator of "Subject/Sexual Abuse."

Advocates at SOS volunteer six hours of their time per week and SOS survives solely on their help. SOS is funded by grants and donations and has a 24-hour hotline number to serve the victims better.

SOS recognizes sexual abuse as an issue for all people in St. Joseph County. Advocates and staff attempt to heighten awareness of the problem of rape and sexual abuse in the community.

Volunteers educate children, teachers, and parents about sexual abuse prevention through programs presented in area schools, pre-school through high school. Support for victims and informational programs are provided on college campuses and throughout the community and are offered free of charge. The hotline number is 289-HELP.

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“The area will be more aesthetically pleasing and will be targeted to mostly undergraduates because of its location in the midst of dorms, although the public will also be invited in," Dave Prenkowsi, director of food services, said.

The area will also have a cash-sale only coffee bar, juice bar, and wrap sandwich stand.

The addition will be constructed in a brick and window architectural style compatible with the rest of the building.

The final phase of construction will include interior renovation. The two serving areas on the east and west sides of the building will be combined with the space presently allotted for the Oak Room to allow for a "market style food court.”

According to Prenkowski, most food will be prepared on the spot and new food choices will include freshly carved rocitiave meats, vegetable bars, a stir-fry area, a broiler, pizza and pasta bars, a deli, a Southwestern grill, and new dessert areas.

“It will resemble North Dining Hall, but it will be a lot better than North because the food will be all together in a central area instead of spread out,” Prenkowski said.

Additional seating will be added to the dining room where cooking facilities currently exist, allowing for the influx of students coming from West Quad.

“Grab and Go” services will be moved to the lower level of the building for quicker service to students and less back-up.

Due to the construction, the cooking facilities will be closed down for most of the spring 1998 semester. Though the dining rooms themselves will not be affected, temporary portable food lines will be used during that time.

Prenkowski hopes that “students will understand that the changes are being made for their benefit and help us out as much as they can, possibly by eating at North some of the time.”

Now that preliminary plans have been set, bidding for contractors will begin soon and the company should be chosen in March.

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Milosevic must ‘clear up’ act

By BARRY SCHWED
Associated Press Writer

BRUSSELS, Belgium

Threatening a new economic squeeze, Secretary of State Warren Christopher today urged Tuesday, December 10, 1996 The Observer •

victories and Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic to open talks with his opponents.

Christopher said “Having a dialogue with the government and he in his own interest.”

“We retain the option” to reimpose economic sanctions against Yugoslavia that were dropped in exchange for Milosevic’s cooperation in forging last year’s Dayton peace accords, Christopher said. Other sanctions remain in place, including U.S. opposition to international bank loans for Serbia, freezing some assets and not sending an American ambassador to Belgrade.

“Milosevic’s position at the present time is self-defeating and he should recognize the importance of accepting the election results,” Christopher said. “Having a dialogue with the opposition is in his own interest.”

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Christopher gave no sign at a news conference the Clinton administration would give its direct backing to any political rivals in an effort to bring down Milosevic, the target of sustained demonstrations in Belgrade.

“What we are saying is that if he does not clear up his act he will be in a deeper hole,” said a senior U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

While the United States intends to be on friendly terms with Serbia, under Milosevic it is an authoritarian, backward-looking country,” the official said. In Washington, State Department spokesman Glyn Davies said the U.S. would continue “turning up the flame” on Milosevic.

“Clearly pressure works in Serbia, and we’ll just have to keep the pressure on and see what we can accomplish,” he said.

Russian poll evidences end of a nuclear age

By GREG MYRE
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW

In the first referendum of its kind in Russia, voters handily turned down the government’s bid to finish a partially constructed nuclear power plant in their impoverished rural region.

Results of the referendum, announced Monday, mean Russia’s Atomic Energy Ministry will not be allowed to complete the project, which was halted after the 1986 nuclear catastrophe at Chernobyl in Ukraine.

Residents in Kostroma, 250 miles northeast of Moscow, had feared a nuclear plant would drive away the tourists who steadily stream in to enjoy the region’s clean lakes and woodlands, said Karen Richardson of Greenpeace International.

The environmental organization had helped residents put the issue to a referendum, the first time Russians had the opportunity to vote on a nuclear issue.

“Obviously, we’re very pleased about this,” Richardson said. “It shows that when people have a choice, they don’t want nuclear power.”

More than 90 percent of voters opposed the plant in Sunday’s referendum, according to Russian news agencies. Final results were not available.

A statement from the atomic ministry on Monday said the Russian government had “no plans to resume the construction of the Kostroma nuclear power plant — either at present or in the foreseeable future.”
Snowstorm sabotages Northeast powerlines

By RICHARD LORANT

CHELMSFORD, Mass. The first time a snowstorm made his lights flicker, Kevin O’Connell went out and bought his own gasoline-powered generator.

Then the lights went out all weekend and stayed out Monday. "My neighbors are down to 33 degrees in their homes. I’m up to 72," he said Monday. "I invited them to spend the night."

Hundreds of thousands of New Englanders could use a neighbor like O’Connell. A snowstorm last weekend in the Northeast under as much as 22 inches of heavy, wet snow on Saturday night and Sunday morning, knocking out electrical service to some 600,000 homes and businesses.

At least four deaths were blamed on the storm.

New England storm causes power outages

WASHINGTON

U.S. school teachers teach longer hours than most of their colleagues abroad. Their pay also ranks high worldwide but looks worse when teachers’ incomes are compared with the pay of other jobs.

Making the profession attractive to newcomers is becoming increasingly important as the United States and other countries anticipate a teacher shortage, said the study released Monday by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development. U.S. teachers recruited in the baby-boom years are beginning to retire at the same time that enrollments are rising.

"U.S. teachers teach long hours for low relative pay," says Andreas Schleicher, principal author of the study conducted by OECD, a Paris-based organization representing the wealthiest nations.

The organization collected data on education in 30 countries during 1993, 1994 and 1995. One section of the report focused on teachers in 18 countries. The study said the starting salary was $22,753 for U.S. public elementary school teachers and $22,562 for middle school. Only Switzerland, Germany and Spain paid their teachers more than the United States in both categories. The average for all the countries was $18,702 for primary school and $19,685 for middle school.

Yet, America’s ranking falls when its starting teacher salaries are viewed in relation to the average income per person, which the study says reflects the economic status of the teaching profession. When viewed this way, starting salaries are the lowest in Norway, Sweden and the United States, the study said.

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Reflections on coming of age in the Ozarks

I am from St. Louis, Missouri, near the confluence of the Missouri River and the Mississippi, in the center of my young country. My home lies on the northern edge of the Ozark Plateau, one of the oldest mountain ranges on earth and probably one of the least famous of American mountain ranges. It is a familiar country to me. I have walked its oak-bickory forests often since I was a young child and I miss them during long months spent away from home at Notre Dame.

The Ozarks are a weathered domain long subject to the vagaries of time, the worst roots of once-lively mountains. They are deeply riven by the clear streams that course swiftly through to meet the Missouri or Mississippi, vening the wooded hills. Delomine and limestone bluffs stretch back from the Ozark streams, their craggy heights studded with ancient ledges and quartered short-leaf pines. Circling vultures like sentinels watch over these natural castles of rock, piously riding the thermals.

When a canoeist floats alone on an Ozark stream, those birds draw the eye. They are eerie, silent companions to the angler and floater; almost always in flight, the vultures' base on the crowns of the cliff is an unseen world from the river below.

The Ozarks are a rough country in many places, with steep hollows and rocky slopes that are the monesties of the weak-ankled man, but the highest mountain here would be a foothill in the west. Though the Ozarks have their own localized precipitous heights, they are rounded as a whole.

Even the name, Ozarks, is a corruption of the French, oua country, referring to the domed shape of the hills. Many a Ozark mountain bears the name,"knob." Indeed, if one climbs a high point in the hills and looks out, the country appears deceivingly gentle, but under the disguising canopy of leaves is a surprisingly rough terrain of rock, steep slopes.

The swift, spring-fed Ozark rivers are choked with chert gravel washed down out of the hills during the early twentieth century. Massive logging there at the turn of the century decimated the hills' garb of pines, exposing the chert-laden soil to rapid erosion. Chert gravel collected in the stream channels and the pipes do not grow back. There, stream, oak and hickories sprang up because natural fires were suppressed.

The woods cannot grow in the shade of the oaks, and now scattered plains are the only reminder of the past character of the forest. The Ozark landscape of today consists of shallow streams braided with gravel bars and thick deciduous forest broken by isolated stands of pines and rocky glades.

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fresh as in spring, but the light is filtered, clear yet softer than it is bright. As the mountains gradually slide back into winter, it is as if the land feels a lingering nostalgia for the warmth of summer. We treasure these days as the most fleeting, the times of change, spring and fall.

The aspect of the air changes with the season. The freshness of an Ozark spring is pregnant with its rain-washed air ripe with the smell of new growth, giving way to the fullness of June. In midsummer, especially on the south and west slopes, a dry dust takes to the air, leaving a thin powder on leaves and a tang in the insular Autumn comes and the humidity falls; the air is once again like a stranger there, a small, insignifi- cant being among forces of the power which I cannot comprehend.

The great trees of the Rockies, sharp and naked beneath a wide sky, inspire awe, maybe even fear. They are young and elemental, and when I walk there, I feel challenged rather than comfortable. I am unroded of my usual cover of trees and exposed to whatever might be flying from the sky. And though I am inspired by their beauty, it is a "terrible beauty," as Yeats might say, and creeping unease takes the place of familiarity within me.

I would not deign to say that I understood the Rockies as I do the Ozarks. The mountains of my state have their own character entirely unlike those of the west. The Ozarks have lost the inedible sharpness of mountains in their youth and attained the roundness and forgiving of age. They are cured, in a sense, as opposed to the raw western mountains whose brazen youthfulness can be threatening.

Naturalist West Weidemann speaks of the Appalachians, which he has lived in and studied for some time, as "the mountains of the heart." Weidemann has an intimate knowledge of the eastern mountains; he understands them to a degree I one day hope to equal with my own understanding of the Ozarks.

May be someday, I will stalk the Ozark woods and see a mouse chewing a shred antler. And I will know the species of the mouse, but also the age of the mouse, and the age of the deer who dropped the antler, and perhaps some other even deeper thing which I could not hope to guess at now.

And when and if this does happen, I will truly be able to call the Ozarks my "mountains of the heart."
Dave's World...

Dave Matthews Band rocks Notre Dame

By DAN CICHALSKI

When the lights dimmed and Matthews' shadow could be seen walking onto the stage, the near-capacity crowd sounded like a sellout and stood intently, for the most part, throughout the two-hour, twenty minute show.

The concert included many of the band's recent works, including "Help Myself," which had to be officially banned because it has probably already made its way on certain college bootlegs. "Crash," the most recent album from DMB, was featured, as expected, and many of the band's recent songs, which many of the band's fans would have loved to hear, were not heard. Matthews gets creative with his own work. Rarely will concert goers hear anything close to the album version of a particular song. The only one that came close on Thursday was "So Much To Say," the opening track on "Crash." Whether it was Matthews alone or with an acoustic guitarist, Boyd Tinsley on the violin, Stefan Lessard on bass guitar, LeRoy Moore on B & B sax and a slew of other woodwinds, or Carter Beauford on the drums, many of the songs were eased into with spiritual musical introductions. What also may have been surprising to those who caught the band during their summer tour was the rather mellow selection of songs chosen for the Joyce Center. While there was a mix of hard, guitar-driven dancing tunes with quieter ballads, the set list leaned towards the more mellow compositions, ironically, one of the more surprising omissions was the low-key little track of "Crash." But this did not seem to bother the fans during the show. With the first-recog-nizable note of each song came a cheer of approval, whether it was the funky guitar lick on "Too Much" or the smooth transition from "#41" to "Say Goodbye," the seductive drum about two people who become more than friends. The concert in included songs that they would have loved to hear, see returning to the stage for the encore. Introducing the band took a break, after which only Matthews was seen returning to the stage for the encore. Introducing a song which he said he does not get a chance to play too often because it is a "holiday song." Matthews explained "Christmas Song," commenting, "It's not about Santa Claus, it's about that other guy we think about at Christmas time. It's not about Santa, it's about the other guy." Then, as the lights above him changed to red and green, he added, "Don't clap." The rest of the band rejoined Matthews on stage for the second song of the encore and the final tune of the night. "Dancing Nazis," in which everyone came together brilliantly, allowing the music to take over the stage and the arena. Tinsley convulsed and jerked around his head and the stage with broken bow strings flying around his head. Those in the front rows may have even noticed some smoke coming from the strings of the violin.

When it was all over, the Dave Matthews Band had presented their audience with fifteen songs in the 140-minute span (after eighty minutes they had barely made it through eight songs). Overall, it was a fine performance from the song selection, lighting effects, instrumental interludes and solos. The band clearly enjoyed the visit, and the crowd, being good hosts, received them well. As everyone filed out following the show, they were clearly left with "So Much To Say."
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that has led to bad decisions on the court. "Wyche" has tremendous explosive
ness and speed, and we want him to do just that; we have control over his
it," MacLeod said.

"He's not necessarily going to or bun to be under enough control to finish the play the way he desires," he said.

Freshman Jimmy Dillon will find his way into the game to spell Arimo
Dillon provided the clear head against the Presidencies press that MacLeod was looking for. "(Dillon) had some good outings,"

the coach offered. "He's pitched the ball already, but made some great points, he'd driven the ball and kicked it to open people; he really gets rid of it and makes good things happen.

White's season-opening funk at the free-throw line did not concern him. "White's shooting percentage has lagged be-cause, he believes that he gets to do so well so bad. White probably pressed early because he wanted to do so well so bad. White probably pressed early because he wanted to do so well so bad. White probably pressed early because he wanted to do so well so bad.

He put too much pressure on himself and he's had some great shots that he normally does make but got over-anxious, and he's just broke out of it and going to be fine," MacLeod said.

"He needs to settle down and start making a couple of jumps, and when he does, it's like a golfer who starts hit-
ing the ball well after hitting it badly for two or three weeks. He can score, and we're going to wait for that.

The inside game may also see some movement against the Wildcats. Notre Dame has not scored consistently in the past, and they will look to change that trend by getting the ball inside to get New Hampshire in foul trouble and earn some free throw attempts.

The front court has been bolstered thus far by the combination of Derick Manner and David Laazarin in the backcourt.

The two have combined to collect a good portion of Notre Dame's offensive rebounds and each can put points on the board.

"Not every one was in favor. Indiana and Michigan voted against the tournament. Earlier, Minnesota's Glen Hawkins said he was also opposed, even though his school was for it Monday.

Indiana coach Bob Knight has questioned the importance of the tournament, saying it detracts from the regular season. He declined comment Monday.

"Those guys are certainly entitled to their opinion. They've earned that right at longtime, well-respected collegiate league and I respect their position," Penn State coach Jerry Duncan said of Indiana and Michigan.

Purdue coach Gene Keady said it's worth a try. "That time of the year, anybody's good if you win and you're still in," he said.

Ohio State coach Randy Ayers was happy with the news, despite concerns about players missing classes, especially around the end of winter quarter.

"I like the fact that it's a chance once again to put your product before the public," Ayers said. "It is a chance to showcase your players and it's a good opportunity for teams on the bubble, to maybe get a victory or two and put them in the tournament.

The conference tournament will be played a neutral site to be determined. Ohio State presi-
dent E. Gordon Gee earlier said he'd like to see it played at campus venues.

Nonetheless, he voted in favor.

"I think it's in the best interest of Big Ten bas-ketball for us to have a tournament," he said, mentioning increased revenues and TV exposure as two of the biggest factors.

"Not necessarily go full out but to be quick. I thought it was used in the Atlantic Coast Conference and the Big East was that, if you played the tournament early on you won it, it was a springboard for the NCAA's. That's how it started, you built momentum,"

Davies said.

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New Orleans

Eddie Robinson, college football’s winningest coach, has been told by Grambling he must quit as coach, ESPN reported Monday.

The cable network cited unidentified sources as saying Robinson, 77, must either resign or take a vice president’s position at the school where he has been the head for 55 years.

ESPN quoted Robinson’s grandson, Mike Watkins, as saying his grandfather was refusing to resign. Watkins said Robinson wants to coach one more year for a “farewell tour.”

Grambling ended its season at 3-8 with a loss to Southern University in the annual Bayou Classic.

Robinson has 405 victories, more than any other college coach.

“I’m going to quit and go where, to the doctor?” Robinson said before the Southern loss. “I go to the doctor more than anybody I know if I don’t have anything else to do. You’ve got to make up your own mind, and I’d like to leave a good team behind.”

The Notre Dame women’s swimming team kept in stride last week, winning the Notre Dame Invitational over Connecticut and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Notre Dame met the Huskies earlier this year at Connecticut, where the Irish won most of the events and dominated most of the meet. However, it didn’t mean that this invitational was a definite win.

“We were pretty confident going into the meet because we won by a fair margin in the meet earlier,” Courtney South commented. “but we knew that the Huskies had rested up over the past week or so, and they were ready to swim.”

However, even the Huskies’ rest failed to stall the Irish attack. From the first day of competition, the Irish immediately took charge. South and Linda Gallo, a senior from New Jersey were high scorers on Thursday. Gallo, a senior, won first place in the 500 yard freestyle. South took second place in the 50 freestyle.

The Irish won two relays as the team of Gallo, South, Laura Shepard and Karen Daylor took first in the 200 freestyle relay. South also took first place in the 400 medley relay, along with the freshman team of Allison Hollis, Liz Barger and Shannon Suddarth. In diving, freshman Gina Ketelhorn took first place in the three meter event.

On the second day, the Irish started strong with the team of Hollis, Newell, South and Brittany Kline setting a meet record in the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:46.25. It was one of two meet records set by the women in the second day as Erin Brooks set a record with a time of 57.82 seconds in the 100 backstroke.

The Irish dominate ND Invitational
I feel they outplayed us. Am I surprised, yeah. But how can you be surprised when UNC wins the title."

-Notre Dame head coach Chris Petrucelli

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"The Loss"

Renola

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"I have had a great career," said Renola. "I have helped build a program from not a whole lot and a program that is going to be around for years to come. That is what I have left on the game of college soccer. We didn't win today, but we did last year. I think that I have left something along with Cindy (Daw) and the other seniors on our team, that not many people in my class around the country can say they have. That is what I am proud of."

She, along with Cindy Daw, watched the women's soccer program at Notre Dame rise from the unknown to one of the top programs in the nation. Renola graduated with the most successful class ever in the history of the women's soccer program at Notre Dame, with a record of 87-8-3.

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about it. This space would have been filled with similar sentiments regardless of what happened against the Tar Heels. It wasn't as if this team had not been good before. Life's funny like that. You're never exactly sure who will be bringing joy into your life, but when you recognize those people, it becomes hard to part with them. It would explain why Petrucelli was so emotional at halftime of the national semifinal, knowing it could be the last time to be with a piece of his happiness. "The speech at halftime was about being able to be together again one more time," he said.

The final get-together may not have gone according to plan, but Petrucelli was just glad Renola did not have to deliver her mini-retrospective until the last possible moment. As she did, his eyes watered, understanding how much one of his favorite pupils had grown over four years and how much the program had grown with her.

Petrucelli also understood how much he had grown with her. Grown to admire her and grown to treasure her. Now, he must grow to miss her and her classmates.

It will take time, but Petrucelli knows their legacy will be present every time he steps onto Alumni Field and sees "1995 National Champions" adorning the scoreboard.

Hours later that day, Petrucelli's eyes were still red as he tried to rub the sleep out of them before boarding the plane home. "That's when he again looked at Renola from a distance and discussed how "she maximized her potential."

And for that matter, the potential of Notre Dame women's soccer.

This time, it was enough to make him smile.
The Comeback
Irish rally to reach final with three-goal second-half outburst
By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Writer
SANTA CLARA
The largest crowd ever to assemble for a collegiate women's soccer game stared in amazement as Notre Dame spotted Portland two first-half goals and trailed at halftime of Friday night's national semifinal. The crowd was then also amazed as the Irish came back from a 2-0 deficit to stake a spot in the NCAA finals, 3-2.

"I have never been so emotional with my team than I was at half," said Irish head coach Chris Petrucelli. He issued a challenge to the underclassmen to not let the seniors go out this way.

The offensive streak began just over a minute into the second half. Sophomore Shannon Boxx took Petrucelli's challenge on to the underclassmen to not let the seniors go out this way.

Shannon Boxx chalked up her twelfth goal of the season, including two in NCAA tournament play, on Friday night's national semifinal. The crowd was finally put into perspective.

"I thought at one point we were ready to quit," said Petrucelli. "We've been behind in situations where we had to come back. But with a team like Portland when you're down by two it is hard to come back. We didn't quit and they believed in themselves."

Brian Baumgardt chipped a pass over the Irish defensive wall to find Holan, who drilled it into the net Friday night, Notre Dame goalie Jen Renola dropped to her knees.

"I didn't know if my team believed they could win at halftime," he added. "I couldn't look those guys in the face and feel good about what was happening to them. Those guys have actually been on my mind for the last couple of weeks, knowing that their time is running out."

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"They came back like champions and that's what champions do," Portland head coach Clive Charles.

By JOE VILLINSKI
Associate Sports Editor

Petrucelli tries to rally his team from a two-goal deficit to beat Portland in the national semifinals.

"I still knew we could come back," Renola added. "That's why I was so upset at halftime because everyone looked like we had given up. I knew we could do it, but at that point, it was just bad."

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Extraordinary effort
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"I think we lacked emotion in the first half and the halftime speech brought it back," Renola concluded.

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Irish improve in narrow defeat to Huskies

By JOHN COPPOLELLA
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team suffered a one-point loss last weekend to the University of Connecticut, as they placed second in the Notre Dame Invitational.

The Irish led throughout most of the meet, but relinquished their lead on the final race, as the Huskies finished four seconds ahead of the Irish in the 400 meter freestyle relay. Losing a meet, especially a meet as important to the Irish as the Notre Dame Invitational, can be devastating, but Notre Dame head coach Tim Welsh sees many positives in this loss.

"We didn't spend the meet counting points, at least not until the last race," Coach Welsh explained. "When we swam there last month, we lost by 25 points. Obviously, we are closing the gap and, hopefully, the next time we see them, we will be able to beat them. I felt our guys swam a really good meet. Many of our swimmers turned in their best times of the year."

One of the bright spots for the Irish was the marked improvement of nearly every Irish competitor. While there were many personal bests for Irish swimmers, two Irish swimmers set school records.

On Thursday, Herb Huesman set a record by earning a score of 519 in one meter diving while, on Friday, Chris Fugate broke the old Notre Dame mark in the 100 meter backstroke.

Other Irish times of note were John Lukker's 15:35.43 to win the 1650 meter freestyle and the 1:52.95 time turned in by Scott Zumbach to set the pace in the 200 meter butterfly.

Coach Welsh emphasized learning and growth that can come out of this narrow defeat are very important, especially with the Big East Championships only three months away.

"If we improve more than UConn does from now until the Big East championship, then we will be able to defeat them in that competition," Coach Welsh stated.

"Passing UConn by in the Big East was one of our main goals at the beginning of the season and I feel we are on track to accomplish this goal."

Notre Dame came unbelievably close to defeating UConn, losing by the score of 922.5-921.5.

The Irish finished second overall in the Notre Dame Invitational, placing ahead of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the University of Buffalo.

Anderson, Badgers stun Irish

Special to the Observer

Senior guard Keisha Anderson scored a career-high 26 points as the 19th-ranked Badgers (7-0) shocked 10th-ranked Notre Dame (7-1) 81-69. It was the first-ever road victory for the Badgers over a ranked opponent.

Ann Klapperich added 19 points in the contest, while Amy Wiersma had 10 points and a game-high 12 rebounds to lead Wisconsin. Katryna Gaither had a game-high 27 points for Notre Dame, while Sheila McMillen added a career best 20 points.

Notre Dame led 36-34 at the half, but was outscored 14-7 to start the second half as Wisconsin took a 48-43 lead with 16:07 left in the contest when Klapperich nailed a 12-foot jumper with 16:07 left in the contest.

The Irish tied the score at 51-51 on Kari Hutchinson's 17-foot jumper. Notre Dame built its lead to four points (60-56) with 10:40 left in the contest before Wisconsin went on an 19-4 run to take a 77-64 lead, its largest of the game with 2:42 remaining.

Wisconsin outrebounded Notre Dame in the game 39-33 and forced 25 Irish turnovers. The Badgers shot 47.7 percent from the field, while Notre Dame hit just 43.3 percent from the floor.

The Irish converted 19 of 21 free throws in the game (90.5 percent).

The loss was Notre Dame’s second in the last three games after beginning the season with a 6-1 record as the Irish now are 7-3. The loss also snapped a seven-game win streak at home in the Joyce Center.

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**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

**A head above the Irish**

Keller's header slips past Renola, ruins goalie's best game of the year

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ

SYNN WINE

SANTA CLARA

At the 58 minute mark in the second half, UNC forward, sophomore Cindy Parlow, broke away from the Irish defense to face a looming showdown with Irish goalkeeper, senior Jen Renola. Parlow's three time All-American exploit off the backline to make a low blocking save, and snuff out another Notre Dame attack. This save was just one of many in this game.

They definitely tested me a lot," said Renola. "I have not had to do this much all year."

Irish captain Renola was the bright spot in the dismal contest. From the backfield, she captained the team with phenomenal saves to keep the game close until Debbie Keller sneaked by the only goal in the second half of overtime.

Twenty five minutes into the first half, Tar Heel midfielder Laurie Schwoy launched a rocket from just outside the box. Renola made a punching save over the crossbar. Just fifteen minutes after her first save, she denouced UNC forward Nicole Robert's chance. Renola laid off the backline to stop the offensive strike. North Carolina launched four shots, all of which Renola saved. "This was one of the best games all year because I had not seen that much action," Renola said. "I was just trying to do more of my job for the team."

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Wounded Irish ready to face Wildcats**

By DAVE TREACY

ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The New Hampshire Wildcats may smell blood as they trek into the Joyce Arena tomorrow night.

A rough defeat at the hands of the Providence Friars and several injuries leave the Notre Dame squad as the "Walking Wounded" more than the "Fighting Irish." What John MacLeod's team must hope is that the loss of sharpshooter Keith Friel to an infection, the questionable status of Matt Goetzl, who has exhibited flu symptoms, the continued loss of Gary Bell with a badly sprained ankle, and Anti Goethe's struggle to retain top form won't cause further collapse against the Wildcats.

Gotech is still expected to start at center against New Hampshire, unless his symptoms worsen.

"If (Goetzl) is feeling o.k., then yeah, he will start. And if he's not feeling o.k., then Marcus (Young) will start," MacLeod said.

New Hampshire's game differs from the pressing mentality of the Friars, which gives the Irish a sigh of relief. MacLeod predicted, however, that the Wildcats may press after seeing the grief it caused in the Irish offense last Saturday at Providence.

"We're gonna get pressed again, perhaps against New Hampshire," MacLeod offered.

The Wildcats do have a potent scorer in Matt Acres. The 6-7 junior forward is the focus of the Wildcat offense, and has MacLeod's squad similarly focused on him.

"He's a key, he's really a very, very good basketball player," MacLeod evaluated. "Aces is a very good player inside. He's a tremendous passer, a tremendous touch passer, and he's very good to go to the left and he's also good coming back with his right hand. So he is a big-time player."

Notre Dame will likely use a combination of several players on Aces, although he will line up opposite Pat Garrity. The match-up will be one to watch as Garrity held Providence's main scorer, Austin Croshedore, to five points in their showdown.

The team will benefit if Wych can find his way back onto the floor at either the shooting or point guard position for some quality minutes. His explosiveness and quickness make him more of a threat to drive the lane than his counterpart in the starting lineup, Pete Miller. Miller's prowess comes in smart decision-making and tenacious defense, but the Irish need another scoring threat to take some pressure off of Garrity. MacLeod wants to cure Wych of a wild streak.

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**A time to say goodbye**

SANTA CLARA

A's Jen Renola addressed the media following the 1-0 loss to North Carolina, head coach Chris Petrucci was at her side.

When Renola spoke, Petrucci fought back the tears. Tears shed not for a loss suffered minutes earlier, but because of Renola's words.

"I have had a great career," she said. "I have helped build a program from not a whole lot, and a program that is going to be around for years to come. That is what I am proud of." Petrucci knew she couldn't have said it any better. The sad part was that the time had finally come for her to say it.

You see, Petrucci reserved a special place in his heart for the seniors of his squad that played their final game on Sunday. His prized recruiting class of 1992 elevated the program into the national spotlight it is now accustomed to.

Four NCAA Tournaments. Three Final Fours. A National Championship. Results that help put Sunday's loss into perspective.

You can call me a homer or tell Petrucci to get a grip, but just think.

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