**CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL**

**Council passes final du Lac resolution**

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAH
Associate Newst Editor

The Campus Life Council passed a resolution yesterday that asks the Office of Student Affairs to limit student rights in the next revision of du Lac, the University policies and procedures handbook.

"It is really a question of semantics rather than procedure," said director of Residence Life Jeff Shoup, who was asked by the CLC to attend the meeting. "In the spring of 1993, we changed the language of the area in question to words that mirrored the University's language but was readable by the average person.

Shoup elaborated on the extent of change in du Lac. "There has been no real change in disciplinary hearings since I got here in 1989," he explained. "If anything, we have given students more leeway in the hearings."

He then documented how students had more alert time before a hearing and greater due process by which any senator couldargue a stronger resolution to the Board of Trustees," said Hoffmann. "And [assistant vice president of Student Affairs Patricia] O'Hara told us herself that if this clause was not in here, she would scrap the whole thing."

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"The social issues of Student Affairs are very complex, more complex than issues that go to the provost or any other official," Kelly said.

"It is disturbing that we have to build a consensus and educate the Board of Trustees," said Hoffmann. "And [assistant vice president of Student Affairs Patricia] O'Hara told us herself that if this clause was not in here, she would scrap the whole thing."

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Silence of the bands

Shhh. Listen. Do you hear that? No? Probably because it is not there anymore. The music that used to fill the hallways was barely audible at least diminished. In this same space just a year ago, this same writer recalled the virtues of a much maligned campus music scene. This year, any critics are correct in advancing a less than stellar assessment of campus bands at all. Two years ago, the scene was rocking. Bands upon bands vied for the position of most popular with many concerts at various locations. The Roadapples, Emily True, North of the River, Latin, George and the Frees, Elsie’s Promise, Emily, and Stumper all put in great performances all over campus. Concerts in the "Loft" of LaFortune seemed to occur every other week. There were concerts doubled with ones on Fieldhouse Mall in the spring and fall months.

This year, one would have to be hard pressed to name more than three bands on campus. The reasons for this are all gone (except Joe, who plays bass for the Skalkahoeka’s). True North has split, and the two parts have falled away. The seemingly omnipresent Frees are gone and the other campus bands have been notably quiet.

Acoustic Cafe in the Huddle used to feature members of the aforementioned bands gearing up for their weekend concerts and just working out songs in a different type of sound. Now it has been whittled down to only a few hours each week which features the same people every time, none of whom play any other gigs.

Who is to blame here?

Winter has been subdued in the planning of "Loft" concerts! Now that the winter chill has settled South Bend, outdoor concerts are out of the question, but what about the indoor concerts? Some campus bands do still remain on campus. Perhaps the bands are to blame. Maybe the talent which used to be on campus is not there anymore. That does not seem very likely. Although between two concert legs, there must be some that have musical talent and the drive to play. They simply are not playing anywhere.

Artists can claim that they are playing — in bars, on campus, or even on concert clubs. Not everyone can get into bars. Not everyone can get into concert clubs. The government has set up a floor limit of 10 bars. Not everyone can get into concert clubs. Artistic and musical freedom is a right. No government should force one to choose to be "on campus" or "off campus." "On campus" or "off campus" should be a choice. The government does not have the power to make us do anything we do not want to do.

After decades of silence, Lidia Vitolo, a former Soviet Union singer, is speaking publicly for the first time about her experiences for a video archive project launched by Hollywood director Steven Spielberg. The Visual History Foundation has gathered 24,000 videotaped interviews with Holocaust survivors since 1994, part of an ambitious $95 million project that has spanned more than 25 countries. While the bulk of the filming has been in the United States and Canada, the project began shooting recently in the former Soviet republics despite difficulties in tracking down survivors, some of whom are still reluctant to speak. The foundation hopes to record at least 2,000 interviews over the next year in Ukraine, which has an estimated 4,000 Holocaust survivors. The country’s Jewish population — about 500,000 out of a total of 52 million — is one of the largest in Europe. It was home to 2.7 million Jews before the war.

Biologists cite ‘alien’ threat

There are aliens among us, and biologists want a government commission to investigate the menace. So many crabs, crabs, smalls and mussels are turning up on America’s coasts that in some areas, the native inhabitants can hardly be found. The invaders, from Asia, Europe and other distant shores, travel in cargo holds, ship ballast tanks and even ice. Yet, the public is largely unaware and the government is having a hard time stopping the onslaught. Biologists say the situation is so severe that biologists have asked the White House to do something about it. In a letter that they plan to send to Vice President Al Gore, the biologists argue that the government should create a presidential commission to study the threat. When an exotic invader settles in a new environment, it competes for resources with native species, often with undesirable consequences. The overall impact of the invasion is unknown. "We really only have a handful of studies," said Edwin Groholz of the University of New Hampshire.

Catholic activists rally in New York

NEW YORK

 dagen, who signed the group’s petition on her way into St. Patrick’s Cathedral, dissident Roman Catholics were on what the Pope says," said Margaret Dubbins, of Los Angeles, who signed the group’s petition on her way into Mass. "There’s a silent majority within the church that is doing this anyway." Leaders of the Fairfax, Va.-based We Are Church hope to get a million American Catholics to sign their referendum for change, said Sister Maureen Fiedler, the group’s national coordinator. "Jesus was open to dialogue with anyone, including people with whom he had vehemently disagreed," said Fiedler. "Our faith community is going to be true to that kind of church that Jesus left. We have to be open to dialogue as well." Organizers in Austria and Germany have gathered about 2.3 million signatures.

Men allegedly used underwear to spy

CAIRO, Egypt

Guilty Egypt accused two men of spying for Israel on Monday, saying one gave underwear soaked in invisible ink to the other as a way to send secret messages to Israel. An Israeli woman, Alexander Ginat, who was arrested last month in Israel, an Egyptian, were formally charged with espionage. Both are under arrest in Egypt, though no trial date has been set. General Prosecutor Basha of April said two female Israeli agents also will be tried in absentia for recruitment of spies. Egypt regularly accuses Israel of setting up a network to spirit in spies between March and October the two women gave him $650 for information on Egypt, and promised him $1,000 a month for future information. The indictment said Ginat confessed to taking underwear soaked in invisible ink from the Israeli women and giving it to Ismail, who in turn was to pass it to Israel. It was not clear how this was to be accomplished. The indictment said it was introduced to use the ink to write invisible messages about Egypt. It was not clear how this was to be accomplished. The indictment said it was introduced to use the ink to write invisible messages about Egypt. It was not clear how this was to be accomplished. The indictment said it was introduced to use the ink to write invisible messages about Egypt. It was not clear how this was to be accomplished.
Kellogg Institute awards grants

A program of research grants for Notre Dame undergraduate students is in its third year of operation by the Kellogg Institute for International Studies. The deadline for this year’s grant applications is March 26.

There will be an informational meeting for those who want to pick up applications or ask questions tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. in 118 DeBartolo. Last year four Notre Dame students were given the opportunity to do summer field work in another country, supported by grants of up to $3,000.

Two of the projects involved research in Ecuador — both of which dealt with women’s issues in that country — and the other two involved work in Eastern Europe.

The first of the two Ecuadorian grants went to Catherine Vanderbeck, a senior government major from North Kingston, R.I. Vanderbeck’s topic was the experience of women street vendors in Ecuador.

She described her general objective as the identification of “the ways in which exposure to petty commerce reshapes women’s roles and identity, relations, and opportunities within the family and society.”

Vanderbeck’s project will also be her senior honors thesis at Notre Dame, and her findings will be sent to a number of organizations in Ecuador that requested a copy of her research.

The research of senior Jenelle Smith focused on the indigenous women’s movement in Ecuador within the context of the country’s changing ethnic and gender politics.

Smith, who spent last year in Ecuador, conducted interviews with numerous leaders of the indigenous women’s movement and carried out legislative and historical research.

History and government major David Buckley did his work on the historical evolution of the concept of Polish national identity with a special concern for the borderlands of the former Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, which includes Lithuania, Belarus, and the Ukraine.

In the Vilnius region of Lithuania, Buckley conducted numerous interviews with leaders of the Polish community, including parliamentary representatives and prominent newspaper editors. The fourth undergraduate grant recipient was Eva Rzepniewski, a physics major from Carmel, Ind. Rzepniewski investigated the links between research groups at educational institutions and Polish industrial firms and private businesses.

The summer grant program is administered for the Kellogg Institute by Professor Michael Francis of the government department. Contact him for further information.
Reform

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said Mark Harris, another writer. "We do not want Patty O'Hara to scrap it now over something we cannot change."

In reference to another clause which denies anyone holding office the right to hold another office at the same time, the responses were mostly positive. "It will get more people involved in the process," said A.J. Boyd, the club coordinator council academic commissioner. Other objections involved specific wording and mislabeling of titles in the document. The committee also addressed whether the new document was a new constitution or just an amended version of the old one. "We are simply amending the old one for now since that is the only structure that exists," said Kelly. "But we are effectively dissolving the old one and replacing it with the new one."

The committee will present the constitution to the Hall Presidents' Council at tomorrow's meeting. If passed, the constitution will go to the Student Senate to be approved.

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following' to 'students have the right to the follow- ing' in the area labeled as 'Expectations' in du Lac,' said Mark Leen, student senator. The council found the resolution to be congruent with a letter addressed to student body president Seth Miller from Patricia O'Hara, vice president for Student Affairs, documenting how the CLC may address proposals to revise du Lac. "According to O'Hara's letter, we are to make general recommendations as to what should be changed in du Lac," said Ryan McInerney, judicial coordinator. "This does not discuss specifics because that is not our place. We have a list of rights that we came up with in a senate if it comes down to specifics, but that is not our purpose."

The resolution passed because current parliamentary rules allow Seth Miller, the chairman of the CLC, to vote when his vote would make the difference between passing or failing. The vote was 11 to 5 with one abstention.

Accident

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for Notre Dame Security/Police. Austin confirmed that a female passenger was taken to the hospital with wounds sustained during the accident. "There were definitely puncture wounds on the body," he said, "but it was hard to tell exactly how bad the injuries were."

Broken glass littered Douglas Road, accompanied by patches of transmission fluid and large wooden splinters from the utility pole. Police cars blocked off the road while the debris was pushed to the shoulder; the glass shards and wood planks were still scattered there as of 11:15 p.m.

Ronald Burkhardt, a 22-year-old South Bend resident, was arrested by Notre Dame Security and charged with driving while intoxicated. He and a male passenger escaped unharmed. Burkhardt's bond was set at $100, as of 11:30 p.m.; he had not been released from the St. Joseph County Jail.

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Production features dance talent

This past weekend, Saint Mary’s was greeted with a different kind of communication. "Body Talk," the College’s spring dance production, took center stage Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

The production featured three works by guest artist Patrick Connolly of the Connolly Dance Company in Madison, Wis.

Connolly served a residency at Saint Mary’s this fall, during which he worked with eight Saint Mary’s dancers to create a new piece, “Fleeting Friends.” In addition to that piece, Connolly also performed a solo, “Momentum,” and a duet with his wife titled “Flight of the Loom.” The audience was also treated to "Shining" and “Momentum,” both of which were performed by Indi Niekograde, chair of the communication, dance, and theater department at Saint Mary’s. The other two premieres were "Survivors," performed by adjunct faculty member Donald Stikeleather, and a work by Saint Mary’s alumna Marguerite Blue.

"Compromises," a repertory favorite choreographed by former dancer and Saint Mary’s dance composition student Laura Greene, was also performed. “We Are,” a popular duet from the concert, “Two Women, Dancing Lives and Stories,” was performed by seniors Caroline Quinlan and Natalie Wallis. Quinlan also performed the solo, “Power,” while another student, Tina Pitchford, danced “Held Within.”

The contemporary ballet piece, “Synapses,” choreographed by adjunct faculty member Jill Tuohisky to the music of Leonard Bernstein, rounded out the program.

Poet Perryman begins
Black history celebration

By MELANIE GARMAN
News Writer

Relationships, dreams, education and violence were only a few of the topics discussed by Brenda Perryman in a poetry reading yesterday that kicked off a week-long celebration honoring Black History Month at Saint Mary’s.

Perryman, a poet, actress, and teacher, opened the series of lectures by reading selected poems and discussing some of the issues Americans face today.

"I want to discuss poetry and thoughts not only from black history, but our own lives: who we are, not whether we are black or white," she said.

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Perryman read approximately twenty poems from her book, "Moods For You." Each of her poems dealt with current issues Americans are confronted with in their daily lives.

At one point Perryman pulled out a tape measure from behind the podium and recited "Baby Boomer Bulge." This poem was directed to the baby boomers in the audience who have found themselves trying to lose the stubborn pounds that can creep onto the waistline with time.

Most of the topics Perryman addressed seemed lighthearted, but she also showed a darker side by discussing alcoholism, a serious disease that touches many lives.

The poem "Unenchancing Wine" makes the issue personal as Perryman quotes a line her mother always used: "A drunk man speaks a sober man’s mind."

As part of her tribute to Black History Month, Perryman recited "Dream Me A Dream," a poem dedicated to Martin Luther King, Jr. "I tried to capture what he wanted for people, especially my people," she said.

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Starr makes plans to step down from Whitewater probe

By PETE YOST
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

Clinton loyalists see the impending departure of Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr as a favorable sign, but other lawyers — both familiar with the investigation and say the big decision is still to come on whether to take legal action against the president and first lady.

In a surprising development, Pepperdine University President David Davenport said Monday that Starr will step down from the probe to take a full-time job Aug. 1 as dean of the law school and school of public policy.

Left unanswered was what would happen to the Whitewater probe, and precisely what Starr’s plans were with regard to it.

"I think it is inconsistent with the orderly conduct of this investigation for me to continue indefinitely as independent counsel once I have moved my family to Los Angeles, but the precise timing has yet to be determined," Starr said late Monday when he arrived at the airport in Little Rock, Ark.

"He said the investigation would be unaffected.

"What we’re trying to do is conclude this as promptly as possible, but consistent with a very comprehensive and thorough investigation," Starr said.

The Clintons’ Whitewater lawyer, David Kendall, did not comment.

But there was quick reaction from lawyers who have watched the three-year criminal investigation, some of them Clinton partisans and others associates of Starr — none of whom agreed to let their names be used.

"If Starr was going to do anything to the president or first lady, he’d have to be here to see it through, he wouldn’t be taking a full-time job elsewhere," said one lawyer. "I see this as great news (for the Clintons)."

Another lawyer cautioned against reading too much into it.

"Will the probe end soon or will a new Whitewater prosecutor take over? I don’t think we know enough to say based on the limited facts out there," said the lawyer.

"My assumption from talking with Ken in the interview process is that the investigation will go forward," the Pepperdine president said in an interview.

"I think he feels confident that there is a good team of people in place who are working on it and he has several more months to be part of the investigation before he reports for duty out here."

Davenport said he also assumed from his conversation with Starr that "there will be some combination of Ken completing a chapter of his work and turning that over to some associates in whom I know he has a lot of confidence."

The White House had no official comment on Starr’s decision, though aides privately speculated that the prosecutor must not intend to indict President Clinton and his wife, Hillary.

"If Starr is going to indict the first lady and then leave for the West Coast? I don’t think so."

Starr’s prosecutors have been compiling a memo several hundred pages in length — most of it pertaining to the first lady — that lays out the evidence gathered in the investigation. The memo will provide a basis for Starr to make a decision on whether to seek indictments against the first lady or the president.

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As I came over the sodden ridges, my step springy where rock lay beneath a stinging mist in my face, I went steadily on, never turning the mountain and the paint spot under the peat meant nothing.

I left that still place of death and started down at a brisk rate, perhaps hoping to walk the unreadiness out of my blood, reaching the pub in town at dusk. I told the lady behind the counter of my find, in case some farmer would like to know, but also to pass the responsibility for the meat to her, for maybe as close to death as possible. The ewe belonged now to the raven and the mountain and the paint spot under the peat meant nothing.

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By AMY SHEPHERD
Access Web

Frank Lloyd Wright once said, "The only art which endures is that which carries universal meaning." On June 1, 1941, ground for the Alumnae Centennial Library was broken at Saint Mary’s College, and the Sisters of the Holy Cross realized the synthesis of a 140 years worth of effort. They were about to solidify the pioneering spirit that had carried them from LeMans, France, to Indiana a century before, where they had nourished an academy of four into a college of well over 400. The new Library – now Haggar College Center – was a gift from the Holy Cross Alumnae Association in commemoration of the College’s centennial. It would also be a gift to ourselves, encompassing the past and present as the essence of what is most vibrant about Saint Mary’s.

Arguably the most beautiful structure on campus, Haggar is the epitome of femininity and style. Designed in the French Provincial manner and reminiscent of the 17th-century French chateau, it punctuates the north bank of Lake Marion. Sister M. Madelena, credited with the conception and planning of the new addition, enlisted architect Frederick Larson of Dartmouth to draft plans. Upon seeing the blueprints for the first time, Sister Madelena said, "The building is just what I have dreamed of.

Attesting to its birth in the midst of World War II, the structure itself went up in only a year. It officially opened in the summer of 1942, rivaling in sophistication its neighbor, LeMans Hall, and providing a resting place for the alumnae book collection. The books had previously been moved five times and were stored in 1.58 prior to the addition.

Alumnae Centennial Library was bursting at the seams and the school administration voted to build an entirely new library. The inclination of the founding Sisters were echoed in this statement offered in response to the argument to question its effective use as a student center.

Not everyone was pleased with this decision.

"We think [The Rules] began circular. Melanie’s grandmother,” they write, "was a female before whom not even an army of men that put prom queens to shame... hasn’t met a Melanie they didn’t want to hang out with or find something to play with and caress.”

"The building’s claustrophobic staircase once pounded daily with the rising and falling of the students’ feet. While some students complain about the unused space in Haggar, others are of the opinion it is a realizable qualities. "The tunnel is great," praises sophomore Kate Strasserburg. Dana Larvick, also a sophomore, says, "It’s always in use. I sat down to read or eat on the balcony once and I liked the fact that the travel agency and bank are in there.

In addition to these services, Haggar also houses facilities for The Snack Bar and The Blue Mast–Saint Mary’s yearbook on soft green floor. All in all, as a darkroom and the student activities office.

But perhaps the most pervasive and accessible feature of Haggar is its sense of history, its capacity to bring us into the climate of the past. The Snack Bar was once a periodical room; that ketchup and plastic fork stand could once be an elusive butterfly” around men that put prom queens to shame. I have not met a Melanie who seemed to be the type to bring us into the climate of the past.

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realAudio vs. VODLive

VODLive has consistently staked out the high-end ground in streaming video. For example, cheese Los Angeles Times is working with VODLive to create home theater systems based on U.S. Robotics' proprietary 56-kbps modem technology. VODLive chairman Mohr says his company's focus on high-bandwidth connections differentiates VODLive from Progressive Networks' RealVideo. "Progressive Networks is doing video streaming for low bit rates and specifically dial-up rates," says VODLive's Mohr. "With higher bandwidth pipes, you won't benefit in terms of picture quality from the Progressive Networks' offering while your streaming video solution is bandwidth independent. Thus, the video content is not low-quality and prone to eventual obsolescence. Producers of video content care about that."

Still, Progressive Networks' RealVideo offering has attracted attention among buffering technology at work smoothly with a core audience of lower-bandwidth 8-8 kbps connections. The company expects the low-bandwidth RealAudio system to be a "great candidate for low-end installations," says Mohr. "RealAudio users to give streaming video on the Web a boost. VODLive's Mohr disagrees with the low-bandwidth RealAudio; Explains Mohr, "It means producers have to produce content three times instead of once for a bandwidth-independent system."

Even though opportunities to avoid doing real work are bountiful on the Internet, companies like Microsoft are doing an admirable job of melding together the time-saving abilities of both the television and the Internet with the goal of creating even greater opportunities. Have fun, but make sure you do your homework first.

Jason Huggins is a junior Management Information Systems major from Thousand Oaks, CA.
Balancing academics with athletics is a hurdle all student athletes must clear. For junior basketball and tennis player Megan Schiller, this challenge is being met with good communication on both the court and in the classroom.

As president of the Saint Mary’s Athletic Council, Banko reports directly to Student Body President Jen Fink about what needs to be done to improve student and athletic attendance. This year Banko and her teammates have been successful in promoting the Belles by hanging team photos and schedules outside the Student Center.

"Perhaps the biggest challenge for the Belles’ squad has been adjusting to new head coach Diane Banko, who replaced longtime coach Marvin Woods," said senior Meggan Schiller. 

"As a senior, Banko has been especially encouraged by the increased attendance at Saint Mary’s home games. As president of the Saint Mary’s Athletic Council, Banko often finds herself as a role model.

"It’s a responsibility that I take very seriously. I want to be more consistent with my defense as the season progresses."

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**SPORTS**

**SMC BASKETBALL**

Banko shining star for Belles

By SARAH CORREKAN

Sports Writer

Banko often finds herself as a role model. She has pointers about basketball,但她在篮球和网球上取得了显著的成绩。她不仅在学术上表现出色，而且在篮球场上的领导作用使她成为了学生和运动员的榜样。Banko经常发现自己作为一个榜样。她有关于篮球和网球的小提示，但她也以出色的领导能力使自己成为了学生和运动员的榜样。
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far, there hasn’t been anything out of the ordinary this year.”

Shedding the “water” weight is one of the many benefits the boxers attain from their final workouts before stepping on the scales.

“Some people wear sweats and try to take the weight off that way,” said officer Mike Maney. “Guys will go to the bathroom, run on the treadmill or just about anything right up until they step on the scale.”

Following today’s final weigh-in, the boxer can spend the next five days altering his weight in any way or direction he feels best. Some will wish to maintain what they tipped the scale at, while others may opt to “bulk up” in the time leading up to their first fight.

“We recommend that people take it easy the last few days before their fight,” said Maney. “After Wednesday, they should avoid any serious bag work or sparring. It’s more of a time to think and take care of the mental part of boxing.”

Christoforetti and Maney along with fellow officers John Knitz, Mike Deblasi, Brian Bians, Lucas Mollina and Fred Kelly are instrumental in determining the weight classes. They give insight and make recommendations to coaches Tom Suddes, Terry Johnson, Pat Farrell and Charles Rice, who have the final say.

“The coaches and a couple of us (the officers) will sit down and rank the boxers according to experience and how they’ve sparred,” said Christoforetti. “We design it so that we can avoid mismatches. The top two or four boxers will not fight each other until the finals or semifinals.”

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Notre Dame pounds Clemson, 6-1

By BILL HART
Sport Writer

Notre Dame's 11th-ranked women's tennis team defeated No. 26 Clemson 6-1 on Monday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. The Irish opened the match by winning the doubles point 2-1. The teams split at No. 1 and No. 2 doubles before Courtney Smith and Kelley Olson won the third match to claim the point.

Notre Dame then won five of the six singles matches to clinch the win. Jennifer Hall defeated Clemson's Ettienia Kruger 6-4, 6-4 at No. 1 singles and Marisa Velasco defeated Kate-Maree Mail 6-2, 6-4 in the second singles match. The Tigers took the third singles as Notre Dame's Tiffany Gates was forced to retire during the second set.

With the win, the Irish improve to 5-1 while the Tigers fall to 2-2. The Irish will return to the court for the National Indoor Tournament in Madison, Wisconsin.

"The tournament is a great opportunity for our team," Louderback commented. "The top sixteen teams in the country are invited, and we'll be able to play three teams that we haven't had the chance to compete against this season."

INJURY UPDATE: Forward Gary Bell will not dress for tonight's game after injuring his left ACL last time out. Bell will be evaluated when the team returns to school. Once thought to be a season-ending injury, Bell's left knee may now not require surgery.

"Initially they said ACL, but I'm not so sure it's as serious as perceived when he went down," MacLeod said. "It doesn't have the swelling that usually is associated with that type of injury."

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Improvement apparent at Big East championships

By WILLY BAUER

Both of Notre Dame’s indoor track teams improved over last year’s performances at the Big East championships, with the women placing second and the men placing fourth.

The men’s team took the meet by storm, barely losing out to Connecticut by the score of 128-124. Both teams finished for the crown on Sunday, the final day of the competition, with the Huskies taking control after the high jump event.

The women placed sixth overall, a stark improvement over last year’s 13th place finish. “I thought that they performed real well,” said women’s coach Tim Connelly. “Last year we were 13th, and this year we were sixth. It was a great improvement. It was good that we scored in different areas — jumps, sprints, field events. The kids stepped it up real well.”

Jeff Leogitzi repeated as Big East champion in the 1,000 meters. His time of 2:26.6 was a half-second improvement over last year’s time and the ninth best in Notre Dame history.

On Sunday, the meet became very interesting after the pole vault. Dave Gerrity and Mike Brown each posted jumps of 16-2 3/4, and gave the Irish a five point edge in the overall standings.

The final two events of the meet proved to be Notre Dame’s Achilles heel. The Huskies took an insurmountable lead after posting first and third-place finishes in the high jump. Notre Dame’s third-place finish in the 4x400 meter relay was not enough to erase Connecticut’s nine-point advantage that it had going into the relay. The Huskies finished the event in eighth place.

Aiding the Irish cause, was a collection of old and new faces. Senior Alison Howard finished in seventh place in the 55-meters and took third in the 400-meters. Sophomore Nadia Schmiedt placed sixth in the 500-meters. Freshman Emily Blanks placed fourth in the shot put. Her throw of 43-2 1/2 was her season high.

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The final two events of the meet were the 4x100 and 4x400 meter relays. Notre Dame’s 4x100 relay included seniors DanIELLE Chadwick and Jennifer Swane. Notre Dame’s 4x400 relay included seniors ERIKA Anderson, Emily Blanks, and Ducks Blanks.

“Don’t want to speak for Coach (Scott) Wissinger (jumps coach), but Jenny’s a really talented kid,” said Connelly of the high jumper who has quietly had a good season. “The key for her is to become consistent.”

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**BENGAL BOUTS**

### Weigh-ins mark official opening of Bengal Bouts

*By MIKE DAY, Assistant Sports Editor*

After six weeks or more of rigorous workouts, endless conditioning and extensive training, the moment of truth has finally arrived.

No, the 67th annual Bengal Bouts do not kick off until this Sunday. However, the moment that many of Notre Dame's boxers had been looking forward to began Monday and extends through today.

It is weigh-in time for this year's boxers, and for most, it is time to see whether after all their painstaking work, they have reached the weight they have long been aiming at.

For some, meeting that desired weight means losing those last few pounds of flab and replacing it with muscle. For others, it is a matter of losing enough or gaining enough to avoid being in the same weight class as one of the favorites.

No matter what the reason, weigh-in is a critical moment in the life of every boxer who has ever tied on a pair of gloves or thrown a left jab.

"Everyone wants to be at a weight they'll be comfortable at and can perform their best at," said senior officer John Christoforetti. "The guys work so hard, that by the time of weigh-in, they're pretty much in their optimal shape."

Prior to stepping on the scales, boxers will try just about anything imaginable in an attempt to cut those last few pounds. Avoiding one last meal at the dining hall or working out in a couple of layers of clothing are some of the last-resort measures taken by the athletes.

"I've seen some pretty crazy things over the years," said Christoforetti. "We tell people not to do anything crazy. So..."

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**Pirates in search of upset**

*By JOE VILLINSKI, Assistant Sports Editor*

The last time the Notre Dame men's basketball team dropped a close game, the next game wasn't so close.

After losing in the final seconds at West Virginia three weeks ago, the Irish suffered their worst defeat of the season the next night in a 24 point blowout to Pittsburgh.

It wasn't so close.

The Irish dropped a close game, then next game intense workouts and training in preparation for the upcoming fights.

Taty, Duane Jordan, and Kelland Payton tested with Big East cellar dweller Seton Hall.

"It was a tough game. We played well, but they made a lot of three-pointers," said senior forward Mike Buss. "They shot well from the floor and we struggled on the boards."

Seton Hall dropped to 3-11 in the conference and 9-10 overall.

"We have to be a little more consistent," said senior guard Mike Peters. "We have to step up and make big shots when they come our way."

In their previous meeting, the Irish were able to keep Seton Hall off the boards and limit their offensive production.

"They're a big team and they like to get the ball inside," said Peters. "They have a lot of size and we have to contain them on the glass."

The Pirates shot a tepid 35 percent from the field and 24 percent from the free throw line.

"We have to be more aggressive on defense and get more stops," said Peters. "We have to be a little more physical and make them work for every shot."

As the Irish prepare for another tough conference game, they know that a win against Seton Hall is important mainly because of Seton Hall's two other starters.

"We have to keep an eye on them and make sure they don't get too many points," said Peters. "We have to be more consistent on offense and get more shots on the board."

The Irish can display that desire by continuing their winning streak. With only four games remaining, Notre Dame must win at least two of those to be considered for the NIT.

"This definitely is a must win," head coach John MacLeod said. "We've looked at the games left and this is one we want.

The Irish can display that desire by continuing to shoot the lights out. Last game, Notre Dame set season highs in three categories, shooting 54 percent from the field and making 12 of 18 three-pointers.

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**Tracksters impress at conference meet**

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**Women's tennis rolls to victory**

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