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Kigar: Binge drinking at ND above national norm

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
Assistant News Editor

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.

"We have to alter our perception on abusive drinking," she said. "But anything that we do has to come from the students. They have to enforce the rules themselves, much as 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 23 is over 48 percent," she said.

Kigar explained that one of the main problems that 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



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Gina Kigar (far left), coordinator of the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education, spoke to the CLC yesterday about binge drinking on the Notre Dame campus.

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Support services offer counseling and hope

Editor's note: This is the second in a three part series examining the issue of rape on the college campus.

Myths & Facts The hidden truth about rape Part 2 of 3

severity of the crime. Rape is everyone's issue because anyone can be a victim.

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Sex Offense Services gives this and other information about rape and sexual assaults.

When it comes to sexual assault, women come to mind, said Kendra Hensch, Sex Offense Services (SOS) advocate and co-coordinator of "No Means No." While women tend to make up a large percentile of the victims, sexual assault is a crime that can happen to anyone, she added.

By LORI ALLEN
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Rape occurs when someone is forced to have sexual intercourse without his or her consent. Rape is not about sex. Sex becomes the weapon used in the violent crime that is motivated not by the victim's anger, but by the rapist's anger or need for power. Most victims know their attacker, but this in no way lessens the

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The Oak Room will be closed permanently this winter for South Dining Hall's renovation.

SDH expansion still in planning Food service will increase to meet influx of students

By MICHELLE KRUPA
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In an effort to serve more students and deliver a larger variety of fresher foods, construction will begin on South Dining Hall next April. By combining food service areas, offering more meal choices, and adding a lounge area to the south side of the building, the dining hall will accommodate up to 1,000 more students.

According to Doug Marsh, project manager at facilities engineering, the present loading dock on the south end of the building will be replaced

with a new one on the west side near Fisher Hall. An addition will be built on the south side of the building; and, finally, the inside of the hall will be gutted to make way for new cooking equipment and renovated space organization.

"The whole project should take about a year and a half and increase the capacity of the hall," Marsh said.

The new addition on the building's south side will include a retail sales area similar to the Oak Room as well as other facilities for students. The Oak Room will be permanently closed this win-



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A retail area with a wood-burning oven and ice cream shop will replace the Oak Room.

ter.

"In the past months, we have decided that the new retail area will include a wood-burning pizza oven, similar to the California Pizza Kitchen restaurant, an ice cream shop, and a smaller a la carte section," Marsh said.

It will resemble a lounge, with up to 80 sofas and soft chairs, and will have the potential for a large screen TV as well as a small stage. Computer terminals with Internet access may also be added for casual "net-surfing."

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Have you been good?



The Observer/Joel Stark

Homeless children and single parents celebrated Christmas with employees of Support Services Saturday at Stepan Center.

INSIDE COLUMN

The unique gifts of Christmas

As most anyone can tell from looking at the glorious winter wonderland which we have been blessed with, the Christmas season is upon us. For the next few weeks, the media will be pumping you full of holiday spirit. It will be filled with articles about gross consumerism, glutony, service to the poor, bowl games, drinking and driving, what to give as gifts, what not to give as gifts, Christmas specials, the true meaning of Christmas, what to wear, what to say, Santa Claus, reindeer, Jesus, Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angels, kings, stars, pine trees, red ribbons, wreaths, holly, snow, snowmen, mangers, and seasonal depression disorder. I feel sick just thinking about it.



Margee Husemann
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Editor

Here on campus we all advertise our Christianity. In the true spirit of Christmas, we slaughter pine trees from the golf course, wrap them up with fire under glass, deck them with shiny baubles and flame-retardant tinsel, and then post them over the doors to our dorms. We flock to the bookstore to buy out the collector's edition ceramic Nativity sets which features Jesus swaddled in "The Shirt '96" and Knute, Ara, and Lou as the three kings. We find table tents on our dining hall tables advertising "Jesus is the reason for the season", as if we needed that reminder at "Christ"-mas.

Finals are never a good way to begin the holiday season. It's really hard to enjoy those glorious Christmas specials on our favorite sitcoms when group projects, take home tests, and proofs stand in the way of break. In addition to this, it's difficult to get in that generous holiday mood if your future rests on your ability to remember what William was wearing on that fateful day in 1066.

Heading home for the holidays, we will all pass through towns with all of their street lamps decorated with shiny candy canes, snowmen, and Santa Clauses. We'll see houses with Ho Ho Ho scrawled in golden lights like an advertisement or decked with more wreaths than there are trees in all of Gary. Stores everywhere will have holiday sales and sell all the great holiday gear — from boxer shorts that sing "Silent Night" and bras with flashing lights to socks with silver reindeer and ties with moving ice skaters.

Once we arrive home, we'll embrace our parents and thank God for the safe ride home. At night, we'll give thanks for the sixty channels of cable television and all of those useful tips we picked up on the Home and Garden Network. After baking twelve dozen cookies, we'll all complain about the amount of weight we gain over the holidays.

On Christmas Eve the whole family will gather for a feast and then go to midnight mass. The next day we'll get up late and spend two hours unwrapping gifts that took us all five hours to find and another three hours to wrap. The rest of the day will be spent together laughing and snacking on last night's left-overs and all of the cookies we baked.

Christmas is a time for joy. It is a time to look at ourselves and laugh. We have all be uniquely blessed with the gift of Christ. Each gift we give, whether it is a card or a book or a diamond solitaire necklace from Kay Jewelers, is recognition of how someone shown us the miracle of Christ in our lives. Let's face it, even if it is only somewhat tacitly, we all know the reason for the season, but it is more important to understand what the universal meaning of Christmas is.

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WORLD AT A GLANCE

Oregon mudslides claim homes, destroy highways

MYRTLE CREEK, Ore. Mudslides shoved mobile homes from their foundations, and flooding and slides cut off many highways to the southern Oregon coast today.

"One really good gully-washer is what it amounts to," said Josephine County emergency services coordinator Bob Grist.

"If you've got anything in there, it will be clear down to the river by now."

Rainfall eased today in parts of Oregon, and most rivers were holding or dropping slightly. More than 2 inches of rain had fallen in a 24-hour period ending Sunday in western Oregon, and 3 inches fell along much of the coast.

"We've got water going just about everywhere," Grist said. "It's just wet out there and the ground is like one of those wet sponges that just can't take any more water."

As of midnight, Portland had 54.27 inches of rain so far this year, the National Weather Service said today. Normal for the full 12 months is only 36.3 inches. Getting to the southern Oregon coast was difficult with so many roads closed.



AP/Carl Fox

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

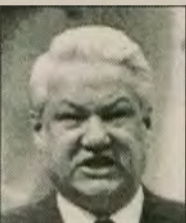
More heavy rain with a potential for causing mudslides and flooding was expected farther south along the coast in Southern California, and a winter storm warning was posted for California's Sierra Nevada.

The weather service said satellite photos indicate the storm had the potential to pour up to 10 inches of rain overnight on the mountains of Santa Barbara and Ventura counties northwest of Los Angeles.

South of Myrtle Creek, five mobile homes were shoved from their foundations by a mudslide Sunday, said Douglas County sheriff's Lt. Robert Urban. One resident was trapped for an hour before being rescued. Damage to the five homes was severe, and there was a threat of more mudslides in the area, said State Police Sgt. Tom Welch.

Yeltsin retreats to recuperate

MOSCOW



President Boris Yeltsin moved to his hunting lodge northwest of Moscow on Monday and will stay at least a week to finish recuperating from quintuple heart bypass surgery, his spokesman said. Yeltsin also won't resume his regular meetings with Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin until he returns to the Kremlin, press secretary Sergei Yastrzhembsky was quoted by the ITAR-Tass news agency as saying. Yeltsin left his country home outside Moscow, flying by helicopter to Rus, a presidential hunting lodge near Zavidovo, 60 miles northwest of Moscow. Ever restless, Yeltsin has been in two hospitals, a government health resort and his country house since his Nov. 5 operation. The 65-year-old president is fond of Rus, also a favorite spot of many of his predecessors. German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who visited Yeltsin there in September, is expected to return Jan. 4.

'Valiant' wrestler dons Santa suit

FRANKLIN, Ind.

He's taken on Hulk Hogan, Dick the Bruiser and Andre the Giant. But it's the little kids at Christmas who have knocked out former professional wrestler John Hill. "I can't describe it; you just see the magic in kids' eyes," said Hill, formerly known as "Gentleman Jerry Valiant" and now a shopping-mall Santa Claus. "I've seen the difference between the violent part of life and the softest part of life." Hill, 54, doesn't have any problem impressing kids at Greenwood Park Mall south of Indianapolis. He's 6-foot-3 and 280 pounds, with a deep yet calming voice and baby-blue eyes that resemble St. Nicholas himself. He spent about 25 years throwing opponents around the ring, including 10 seasons up until 1989 in the World Wrestling Federation. He retired from the ring in 1995 and started Hill Landscaping. He and his wife, Caroline, have a son, Jonathan, 18. Former manager Scott Romer said Hill played the part of a wild man but stayed away from wild lifestyle other wrestlers savored. "He was always a family man. He just enjoyed wrestling," Romer said. On one recent morning, he climbed down from his Santa chair to squat down to eye level with three disabled children in wheelchairs.

Debate examines theory on hand guns

WASHINGTON

A researcher who contends that concealed-handgun laws deter violent crime defended his study Monday against charges that it was flawed. The recent study by professor John Lott and a graduate student at the University of Chicago Law School asserted that legally concealed weapons could have prevented 1,570 murders and 4,177 rapes in 1992 alone. But Georgetown University professor Jens Ludwig said at a debate, "There is no credible evidence to support the idea that permissive concealed-carry laws reduce violent crime." The debate was sponsored by the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence, which advocates gun control. Ludwig noted that the study showed no appreciable difference between the rate of adults and juveniles slain. He said adults should have enjoyed greater protection under Lott's theory because juveniles don't qualify for concealed weapons permits. Lott's study, which examined statistics from all U.S. counties between 1977 and 1992, also found that the laws did not increase accidental deaths.

Electronic license deters drunk driving

WASHINGTON

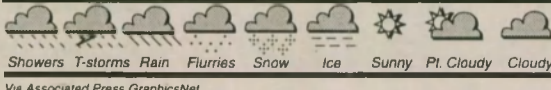
Instead of putting a key into the car's ignition, how about just using your drivers' license instead? Traffic safety officials are looking at electronic drivers' licenses as they try to find new ways to put the brakes on chronic drunken drivers — those who can't or won't change their potentially deadly behavior. Other prevention methods discussed at a conference Monday include house arrest for those convicted of driving while intoxicated and devices in the car that require drivers to pass a breath test. "While millions of people in this country react positively to society's anti-drunk driving message, our roads are still jeopardized by chronic drunk drivers who refuse to get the message," Terrance Schiavone, president of the National Commission Against Drunk Driving, said at the conference. Drunken driving fatalities increased last year for the first time since 1986, according to the group Mothers Against Drunk Driving. About 41 percent of all fatal car accidents are alcohol-related. The fourth annual meeting was jointly sponsored by The Century Council, a Los Angeles-based nonprofit group. It is funded by the liquor industry and dedicated to reducing drunken driving and underage drinking.

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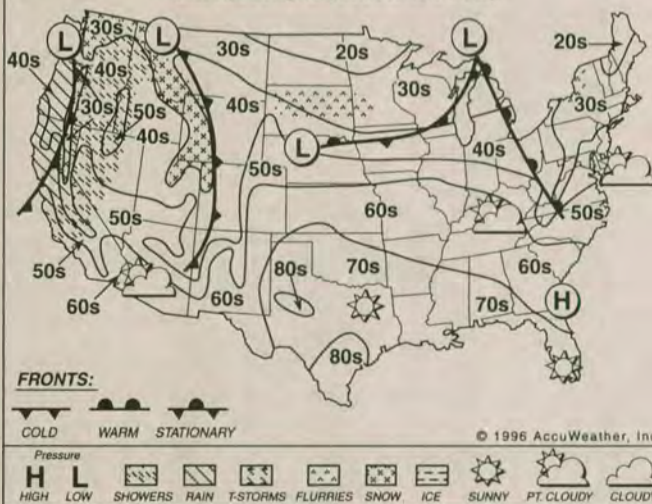
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NATIONAL WEATHER

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Denver	54	30	New Orleans	77	57	Seattle	45	40

■ STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD

Lentych steps down from events co-chair

By ALLISON KOENIG
News Writer

Before the Saint Mary's Student Activities Board Christmas celebration, traditional events co-chair Jessi Lentych announced her resignation, effective at the beginning of second semester.

The emotional Lentych cited conflict with academics as the reason for her step down. "I still really wish to be involved; I just can't do it on the level that I have been," Lentych said.

"I'll need you as a committee member, at the very least," said Lentych's co-chair Jen Ligda to her former partner.

Ligda, in cooperation with coordinator Lori McKeough, will begin the search for a new traditional events co-chair as soon as possible.

The committee's responsibilities include the planning and execution of annual events, such as holiday festivities and SMC Tostal.

Lentych's resignation, although unexpected, shouldn't effect the board's overall efforts. SAB 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 Georgeanna Rosenbush.

"It just keeps getting better, year after year. Past students have done a great job of mentoring for the younger ones. As the board, SGA (Student Government Association) is running really smoothly," Rosenbush added.

Stability withstanding, the board already has a tall 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.

TLT COLT plans technology

Task force to update networks

By SARAH CORKREAN
News Writer

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 desktop systems around campus.

Cooper also voiced concern over providing access to the growing population of off-campus students, currently 10 per-

cent. "With more students moving off-campus each year, it is our duty to deliver to their needs as a learning institution," Cooper said.

The goal of the committee is to connect all building on campus, classrooms and offices, beginning with academic areas first.

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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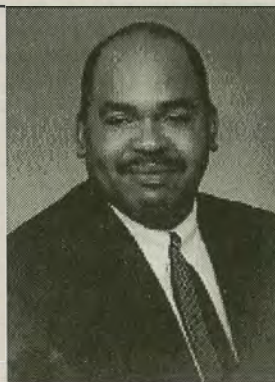
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binge drinking," Kigar said. "Clinically, however, among the list of symptoms of drunkenness are slurred speech, euphoria and slowed down body functions. Binge drinking is characterized by Wexler as five or more drinks in a row, regardless of time 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.

Rape

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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," Hensch 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, Hensch 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 Prentkowski, director of food services, said.

The area will also have a cash-sale only coffee bar, juice bar, and wrapped 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 Prentkowski, most food will be prepared on the spot and new food choices will include freshly carved rotisserie 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," Prentkowski said.

Additional seating will be added to the dining space 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.

Prentkowski 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 a company should be chosen in March.

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By BARRY SCHWEID
Associated Press Writer

BRUSSELS, Belgium
Threatening a new economic squeeze, Secretary of State Warren Christopher today urged Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic to accept opposition election victories and open talks with his opponents. Christopher told reporters Milosevic should show the same kind of flexibility that led him last year to negotiate



Milosevic

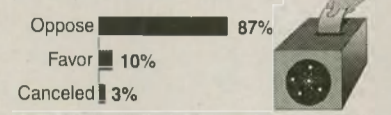
peace terms for Bosnia. "Milosevic's position at the present time is self-defeating and he should recognize the importance of accepting the election results," Christopher said. "Having a dialogue with the opposition is in his own interest."
"We retain the option" to reimpose economic sanctions against Yugoslavia that were dropped in exchange for Milosevic's cooperation in forging last year's Dayton peace accords, Christopher said.
Other sanctions remain in force, including U.S. opposition to international bank loans for Serbia, freezing some assets and not sending an American

ambassador to Belgrade. 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.


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

Russia's nuclear vote
Voters rejected a plan to build a nuclear power plant in Kostroma.



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 80 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."



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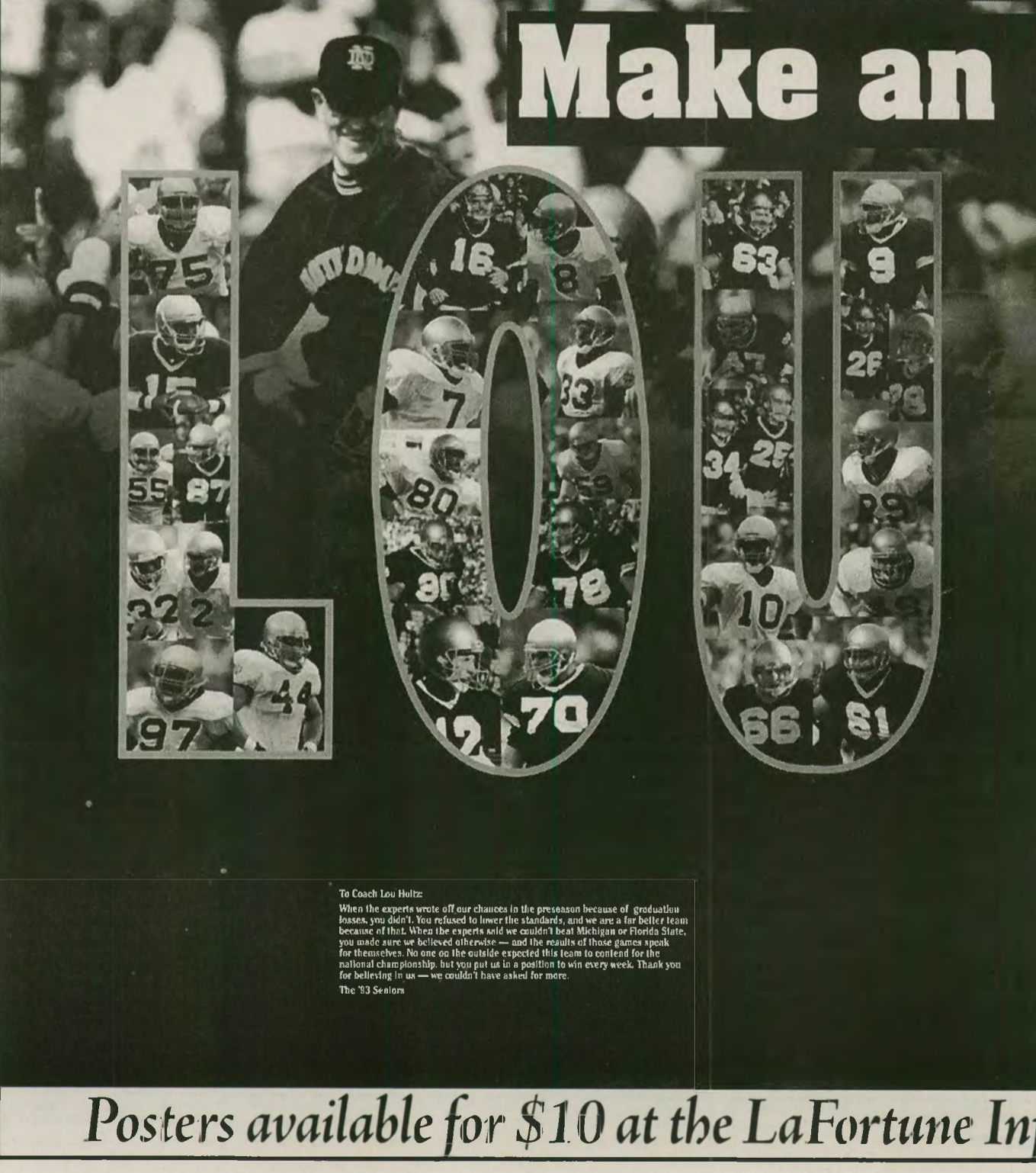
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Snowstorm sabotages Northeast powerlines

By RICHARD LORANT
Associated Press Writer

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

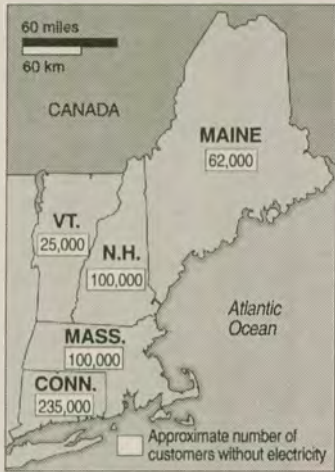
Then the lights went out all weekend and stayed out Monday.

"My neighbors are down to 37 degrees in their houses. 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 buried much of the Northeast under as much as 22 inches of heavy, wet snow on Saturday night and Sunday morning, knocking out electrical service to some

New England storm causes power outages



600,000 homes and businesses.

At least four deaths were blamed on the storm.

U.S. teachers earn low salaries

By DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press Writer

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 Organization 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 said Andreas Schleicher, principal author of the study conducted by OECD, a Paris-based orga-

nization 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 \$22,265 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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The Observer regrets the error.



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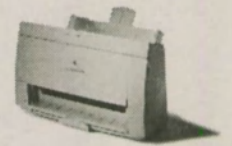
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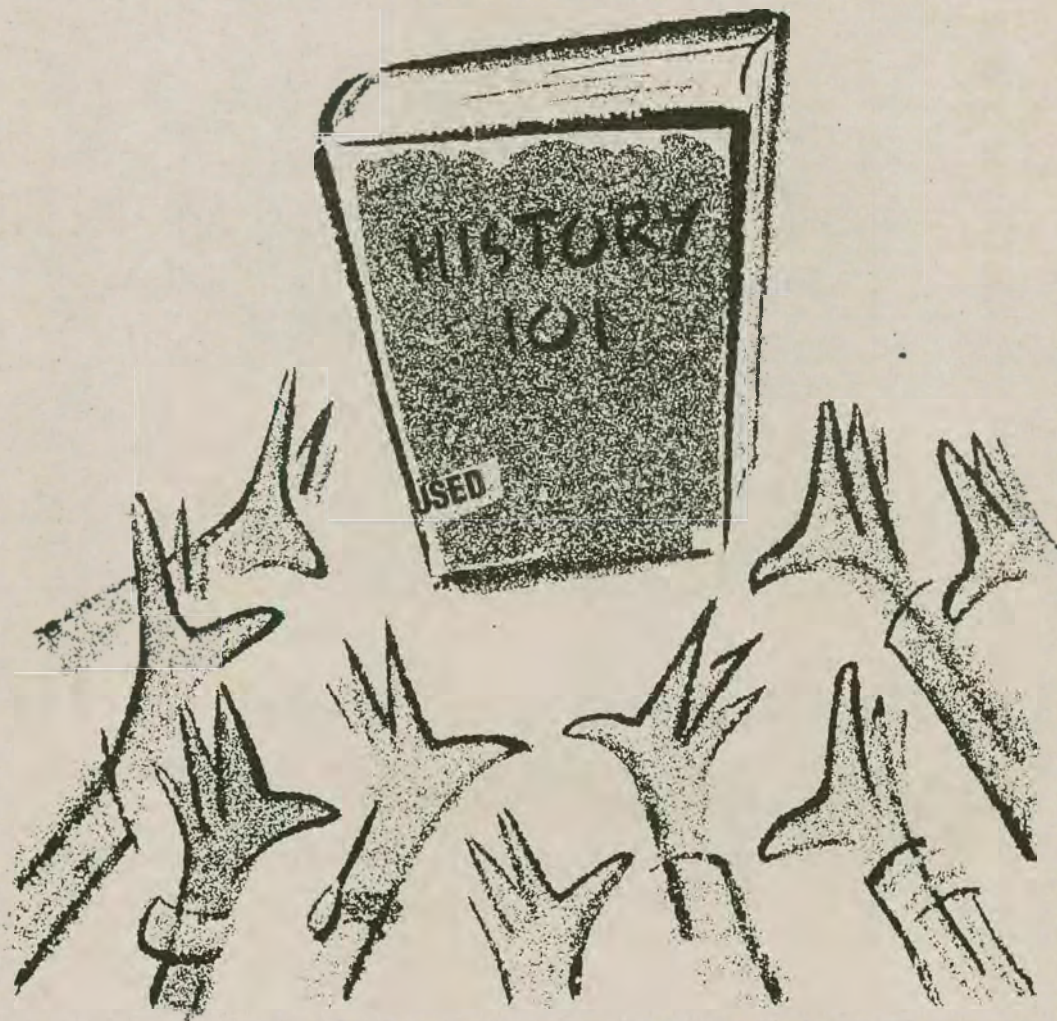
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THE MIGHTY OAK

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 our 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 coun-

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Sean O'Connor

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The Ozarks are a weathered domain long subject to the vagaries of time, the worn roots of once-lofty mountains. They are deeply riven by the clear streams that course swiftly through to meet the Missouri or Mississippi, veining the wooded hills. Dolomite and limestone bluffs soar above these Ozark streams, their craggy heights stubbled with twisted cedars and gnarled short-leaf pines. Circling vultures like sentinels watch over these natural castles of rock, pensively riding the thermals.

When a canoeist floats alone on an Ozark stream, these birds draw the eye. They are eerie, silent companions to the angler and floater; almost always in flight, the vultures' base on the crown 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 nemesis 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, *aux arcs*, referring to the domed shape of the hills. Many an Ozark mountain bears the name, "knob." Indeed, if one climbs a high point in the hills and looks out, the country appears deceptively gentle, but under the disguising canopy of leaves is a surprisingly rough terrain of rock-strewn, 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 pine, exposing the chert-laden soil to rapid erosion. Chert gravel collected in the stream channels and the pines did not grow back. In their stead, oaks and hickories sprang up because natural fires were suppressed. The pines cannot grow in the shade of the oaks, and now scattered pines are the only reminder of the past character of the forest. The Ozark landscape of today consists of shallow rivers braided with gravel bars and thick deciduous forest broken by isolated stands of pines and rocky glades.

It is a good country, solid; there is often rock underfoot and the sturdy trunk of an oak to lean against. When I walk among the Ozark woods, I feel comfortable, familiar, with my surroundings. I believe I understand that country, if this can be said at my young age. I know the plants and animals. The feel of the rock and the texture of the soil is etched in my head. The smells of the woods, the consistency of the air, the quality of the light, the calls of the birds; all of these have become part of my life's experience.

The aspect of the air changes with the season. The freshness of an Ozark spring, invigorating with its rain-washed air ripe with the smell of new growth,

gives way to the fullness of June. In mid-summer, 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 nostril. Autumn comes and the humidity falls; the air is once again

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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 those days that are the most fleeting, the times of change, spring and fall.

I notice these changes when they occur, but I do not actively think about them. Because I have lived there all of my life, they have lost any intellectual prominence among the events of my life. But if it is an unusual season, in terms of weather, for instance, that is when I actually appreciate the subtleties of the season and the local character of the place.

Differences become apparent when one travels to a different area of the country. The Rocky Mountains of the American West are real mountains as opposed to the little Ozark "bumps," a westerner might say. When I go out west, the character and the feel of the mountains is entirely different. I feel

like a stranger there, a small, insignificant being among forces the power of which I cannot comprehend.

The great tines 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 unroofed of my usual cover of trees and exposed to whatever might be flung down 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 indefatigable 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.

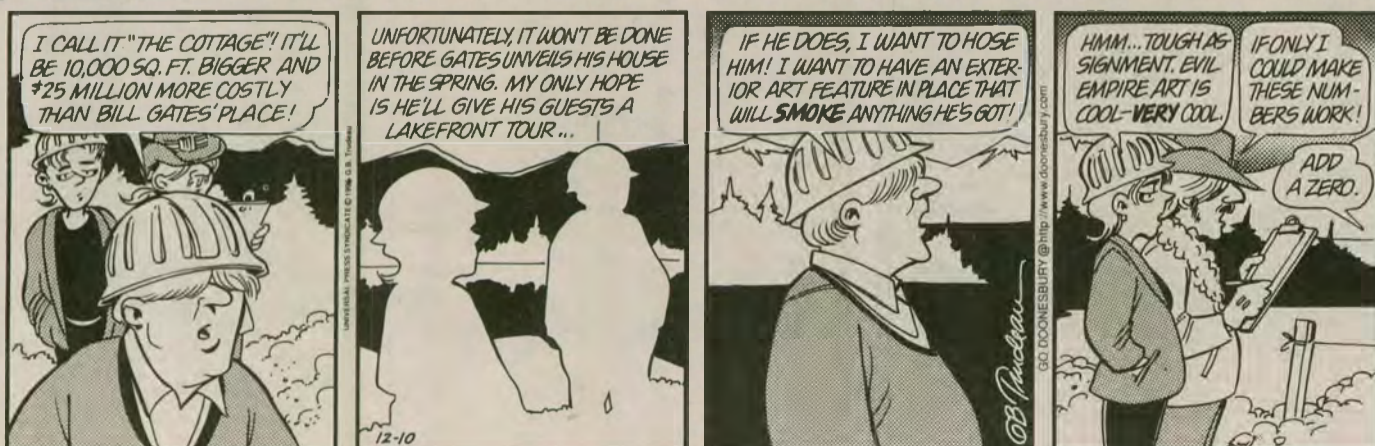
Naturalist Scott Weidensaul speaks of the Appalachians, which he has lived in and studied for some time, as "the mountains of the heart." Weidensaul has an intimate knowledge of the eastern mountain; he understands them to a degree I one day hope to equal with my own understanding of the Ozarks. Maybe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

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Nature is always hinting at us. It hints over and over again. And suddenly we take the hint."

—Robert Frost

Dave's World...

Dave Matthews Band rocks Notre Dame

By DAN CICHALSKI
Assistant Accent Editor

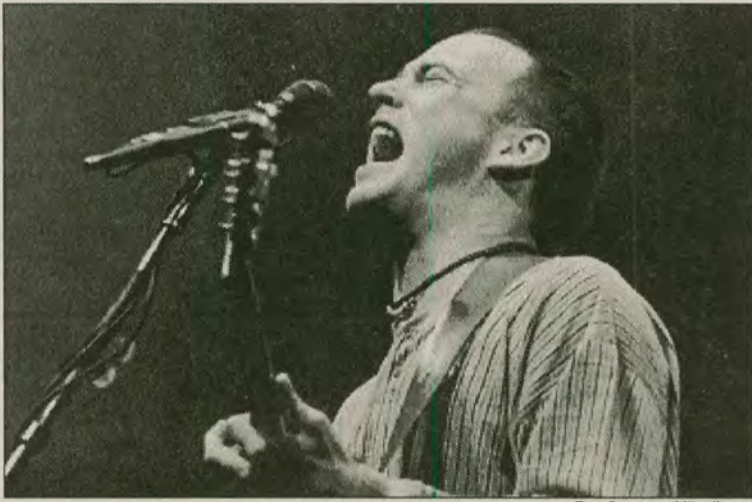
It took two-and-a-half months, but the Dave Matthews Band finally made it to the Joyce Center Thursday night. And it was worth the wait for the crowd that shook the arena with increasing intensity while the band went through its selection of songs.

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 has yet to be officially released but has probably already made its way onto several bootlegs. "Crash," the most recent album from DMB, was featured, as music fans might expect in a concert. But this band rarely presents the expected.

Using their unique style and combination of jazz, rhythm and blues and innovative new sounds, the group presented even the biggest fans with a few surprises.

Dave Matthews gets creative with even his own work. Rarely will concertgoers 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 as Matthews alone on his acoustic guitar, Boyd Tinsley on



The Observer/Mike Ruma

Lead singer Dave Matthews didn't let a touch of laryngitis stop him last Thursday night as the Dave Matthews Band performed before a near-capacity crowd at the Joyce Center.

the violin, Stefan Lessard on bass guitar, LeRoi Moore on R & B sax and a slew of other woodwinds, or Carter Beauford on the drums, many of the songs were eased into with special 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 title track of "Crash."

But this did not seem to bother the fans during the show. With the first-recognized note of each song came a cheer of approval, whether it was a funky guitar lick on "Too Much" or the smooth transition from "#41" to "Say Goodbye," the seductive drama about two people who become more than friends for one night.

The song selection may have been influenced by Matthews' laryngitis, for which he apologized before the third song. Had he not brought his vocal problems to the audience's attention, however, it is unlikely that they would have noticed; or, if they had, that they would have cared. (Perhaps it was brought on a little bit by his tour of South Bend's finest

bars — BW3's, Bridget's — until 5 a.m. the night before.)

The Dave Matthews Band pleased the varied crowd



The Observer/Mike Ruma

Band member LeRoi Moore put on his own one-man show during the performance, including solos on several varieties of saxophones and a flute.

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." Matthew explained "Christmas Song," commenting, "It's not about Santa Claus, it's about that other guy we think about at Christmastime. 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. I get lost."

The rest of the band rejoined Matthews on stage for the second song of the encore and the final tune of the night, "Dancing Nancies," in which everyone came together brilliantly, allowing the music to take over the stage and the arena. Tinsley convulsed and jerked around his end of 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 the crowd filed out following the show, they were clearly left with "So Much To Say."



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Matthews jams with violinist Boyd Tinsley during a solo break in one of the band's many extended-version songs.

WEB SITE OF THE WEEK

Downloading Downhill Adventures

By JASON HUGGINS
World Wide Web Correspondent

In only two weeks, everyone will be fleeing the snow and frozen tundra of South Bend for three weeks of homework-free bliss. For some of you, some of that bliss will include a few days on the ski slopes. But how do you successfully avoid bad gear, bad snow, and bad trails? Well, this week's list of Web sites help you plan ahead, so that once you're on the mountain, only a double-diamond is cause for concern.

When you want to get the lowdown on resorts and gear from people just like yourself, go directly to GoSki! (www.goski.com). You will find reviews and recommendations—submitted by fellow skiers—for roughly 1,500 resorts in 25 countries, as well as an impressive array of skiing equipment. The insights and often blunt honesty of your peers will come in handy when you are deciding where to ski and what to buy. If you have something to add, you are urged to do so. GoSki! sports a smart attitude and a crisp, uncluttered design

that makes for fast and easy maneuvering.

While the opinions of your peers are all well and good, it also helps to know what the pros have to say. The people behind Skiing Magazine (www.skinet.com/skiing/index.html) have tested much of the latest and hottest equipment, and they report their findings right here. Skiing Magazine excels in other areas as well: the "Private Lessons" section offers excellent (and illustrated) advice for skiers of all levels; "Our Favorite Resorts" enlightens us about "The Top 10 for Families" and "The Top 10 for Partying (singles)," and "The Skiing 100" lists the best instructors in the country, by state.

Ski and Skiing magazines have joined forces to bring you SkiNet (www.skinet.com), and the result is a highly practical site that casts a wide net. Both the "Gear Guide" and "Resort Guide" warrant exploration, and the classified listings of ski town lodging properties are particularly valuable. You also will find an events calendar, active forums on travel and gear, and a

serial novel. Although there is clearly some overlap here from Skiing Magazine's own site, much of what you will find at SkiNet is unique.

The Maps Archive (www.skimaps.com/Archive/) offers a mountain of maps covering resorts from Jackson Hole to Japan. The quality varies greatly, but even in the instances where the writing is hard to read, you still get a decent impression of how the slopes are situated.

Whether you're a beginner or a hot dog, drop by the snoZone's "Ski Clinic" (www.wzone.com/snozone/skiclinc/) for some solid, expert advice. Topics covered include: "It's not me. It's my equipment!"; "Positioning your weight"; and "Skiing really, really, really steep terrain."

Visit Snow Reports: North America (www.aminews.com/ski/areas/usa/index.html) to check the conditions for skiing and snowboarding across North America: total snow depth, new snow in the last 24 hours, how many trails and lifts are open.

Have a fun and safe ski trip!

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Jason Huggins is a junior MIS major from Thousand Oaks, Calif. Every winter, he enjoys skiing "The Wall" face-first at Snow Summit in Big Bear, Calif.

Grambling asks Robinson to resign

Associated Press

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, Air Force Capt. 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."

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish dominate ND Invitational

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

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 1:45.25. 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.

"I think that all our swimmers really did well against the Huskies," Brooks remarked, "and some of the freshmen really stepped up."

Hollis, Newell and South scored again in the relays, this time with Barger, as they won the 800 freestyle relay.

Help came from a variety of sources as sophomore Anne Lacobucci won the 400 individual medley. Barger won the 100 butterfly, with Newell placing second. By the end of the second day, Notre Dame had increased their lead to almost 300 points over Connecticut.

On Saturday, the final day of competition, Brooks set another meet record in the 200 backstroke, with a time of 2:02.61. Gallo took first place in the 1650 freestyle, by far the longest race of the meet. Suddarth placed first in the 200 breaststroke and Ketelhorn took first place in the one meter diving event.

By the end of the day, the Irish won with 1053.5 points. The Huskies came in second with 886.5 while Milwaukee trailed far behind with 24 points.

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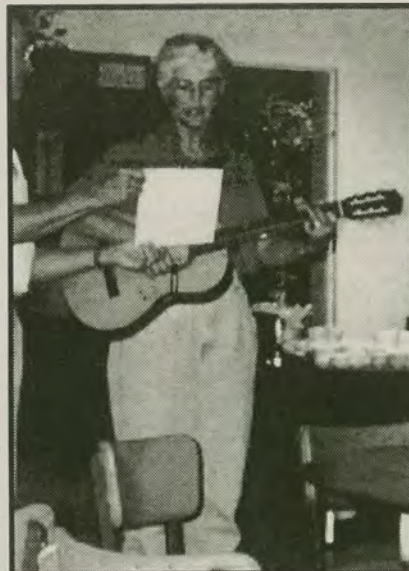
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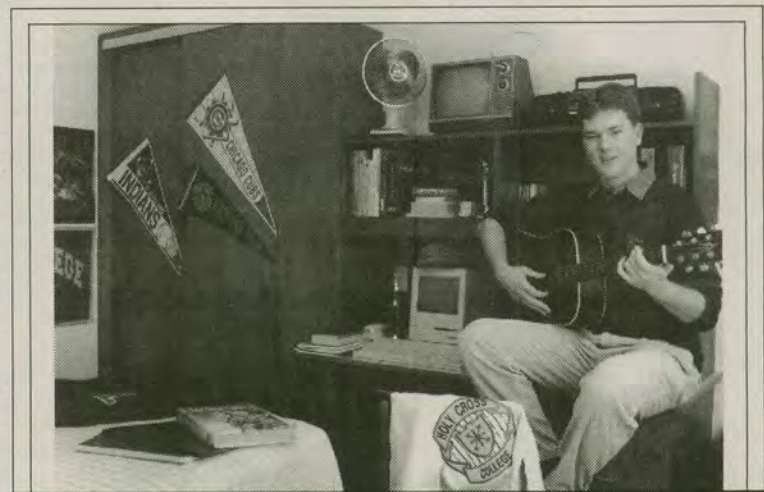
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The Loss

"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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tion," said Renola. She remained solid in front of a hometown crowd. Originally Renola hailed from nearby Los Gatos. On almost all of Carolina's 18 corner kicks, she packed to pull in the loose ball or punch out another offensive opportunity. One small point of confusion cost Renola and Notre Dame the game.

UNC directed 18 shots in Renola's direction. She registered a tournament high of seven saves, while she had registered only eight in the past four contests. Others recognized her for her leadership and talent, by electing her to the All-Tournament Team.

"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 (Daws) 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 Daws, watched the women's soccer program at Notre Dame rise from the unknown to one of the top programs in the nation. Renola graduates 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.



The Observer/Mike Ruma
North Carolina midfielder Tiffany Roberts gets in front of Holly Manthei (above) for a header in the NCAA final. Irish forward Monica Gerardo battles Tar Heel defender Nel Fettig for a header (right). Fettig was named the tournament's defensive MVP. All-Tournament team member Jenny Streiffer is held by Roberts (below). Streiffer was also named a third team All-American over the weekend.



■ TOURNAMENT NOTES

ASSISTING THE IRISH

In Friday's match against Portland, junior Holly Manthei broke the record of assists in an NCAA tournament with her 10th. Previously she shared the record with Mia Hamm.

PILOT DROUGHT

Portland scored its first goal against Notre Dame in three years. The last goal Portland had scored occurred in October of 1994.

WORKING OVERTIME

Women's Soccer Championship to go into overtime in the tournament's history. The first was last year's final.

SHARP SHOOTING

Sunday's game marked the first time all season that Notre Dame was outshot. The last time was in a 1-0 semifinal win over North Carolina. UNC outshot ND 17-5 in that game.

ALL-TOURNAMENT

Three Notre Dame players were named to the All-Tournament Team. They include freshman Jen Grubb, senior Jen Renola, and freshman Jenny Streiffer.

ALL-STARS

Seniors Jen Renola, Cindy Daws, and Amy VanLaecke were named to the west squad roster of the 1997 Umbro College All-Star Classic.

ALL-AMERICANS

Seniors Cindy Daws and Jen Renola were named to the first team All-Americans. Freshman Jen Grubb and junior Kate Sobrero made second team All-Americans. The Irish represented on the third team included freshman Jenny Streiffer and junior Holly Manthei.

FLYING WITH THE ENEMY

On Thursday, the Irish shared their flight from Chicago to San Jose with their rivals, North Carolina.

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about it. This space would have been filled with similar sentiments regardless of what happened against the Tar Heels.

This is not to say the loss was not a huge disappointment. When you blow out almost every team during the year and can't locate the net in the final, people will ask what happened.

That, as Petrucelli does, demonstrates how much these seniors have accomplished. Two years ago, it was an achievement just to make the NCAA final. Instead of fielding questions like, "How does it feel to be here?" the Irish are now asked, "What was not feeling

right?" when they lose.

Raised expectations go hand-in-hand with building a program. Petrucelli was grateful to Renola, Daws, and Co. for choosing Notre Dame and establishing the foundation for the women's soccer under the Golden Dome. Future success may be more talented, but their decision to play soccer for the Irish has now become easy thanks to decisions made four years ago by those who now exit.

By making those decisions, Petrucelli realizes they changed the course of collegiate women's soccer history. Sure, it would have happened sometime. Not everybody can play for North Carolina. But the evolutionary steps did not have to be taken at Notre Dame.

For that, Petrucelli will count his blessings. Life's funny like that. You're

never exactly sure who will bring 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. And 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. Growth 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 flight 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

"They came back like champions and that's what champions do."

-Portland head coach Clive Charles

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 her own shoulders. She soared above a large pack of Pilot defenders to head in the first comeback goal.

Boxx chalked up her twelfth goal of the season. Getting the assist on Boxx's goal was junior Holly Manthei, and that makes a total of 44. Her tenth assist broke Mia Hamm's record of nine assists in an NCAA tournament.

"There was a 15 minute spell in the second half when we just couldn't handle anything," said Pilot head coach Clive Charles. "They put us under a lot of pressure in the box. That first 15 minutes was the whole game—that's why they scored their goals. They came back like champions."

At 54:44, senior Amy VanLaecke got the tying goal for the Irish. She knocked in her 19th goal of the season amidst confusion in the goal box. She was unsuccessful on her first attempt but nailed in her rebound over the Pilot defenders.

Freshman Jen Grubb made a sliding pass

to sophomore Monica Gerardo, who then turned and angled a shot past Pilot goalkeeper Cheryl Loveless for the winning goal. It was Gerardo's fifth game-winning goal of the season, including two in NCAA tournament play.

"I challenged our younger kids to win the game for those guys (the seniors)," said Petrucelli. "They stepped up. Look at Shannon Boxx in the second half and Monica Gerardo in the second half, those guys stepped up they made a difference."

The contest on Friday was billed as the top offense against the nation's top defense. Pilot freshman Loveless came into the game as the nation's top goalie with a .29 goals against average. The Irish scored three in one night, which was a shock because Portland had only given up seven all season.

Portland received both goals through the effort of their freshman Regina Holan. This was her first double effort ever in her collegiate career. Holan gave the Pilots an almost instantaneous lead off a set free kick play. Baumgardt chipped a pass over the Irish defensive wall to find Holan, who drilled it into the net.

"I thought at one point we were ready to quit," said Petrucelli. "We've been behind before and 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. It was a great effort. We didn't quit and they believed in themselves."

Petrucelli inspires Irish with halftime speech

By JOE VILLINSKI
Associate Sports Editor

SANTA CLARA

After Portland's Regina Holan launched her second goal high into the net Friday night, Notre Dame goalie Jen Renola dropped to her knees.



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

For the first time all year, the Irish were in a situation where the possibility of losing had finally become a reality. Notre Dame had not trailed at halftime the entire season.

And as Renola fell, her team's mortality

was finally put into perspective. "It was kind of a feeling of both frustration and disbelief," she said.

"She was put in a situation where she didn't really have a chance and I think that's where the frustration was, that she couldn't make an impact," head coach Chris Petrucelli said.

Thanks to an inspired halftime session and even more inspired play in the second half, the Irish beat the

Pilots 3-2.

"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."

That's when Petrucelli decided to intervene. Keeping his team on the field at halftime, Petrucelli got the point across that he did not want this to be the final collegiate game for the seniors.

"Those guys mean so much to me," 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 past couple of weeks, knowing that their time is running out."

In an interesting twist, Petrucelli directed his remarks at the underclassmen, imploring them to not to allow the seniors' careers not to end on this note.

"I don't know if I've ever been so emotional with the team," he said. "I don't know if my team believed they could win at halftime."

"I challenged the underclassmen to give the seniors a chance to play another game."

Junior midfielder Holly Manthei may not qualify as an underclassmen, but understood the challenge just the same. It was Manthei who served two dangerous corner kicks into the box on which the Irish converted their first two goals.

"I guess being an underclassmen, I really felt it was directed more towards me," Manthei said. "It really got me thinking. The seniors have done so much for this program, I couldn't stand to see them lose a game like this."

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

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■ MEN'S SWIMMING

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.



Welsh

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 Lubker's 15:55.43 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, espe-

cially 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.

■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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 (7-3) 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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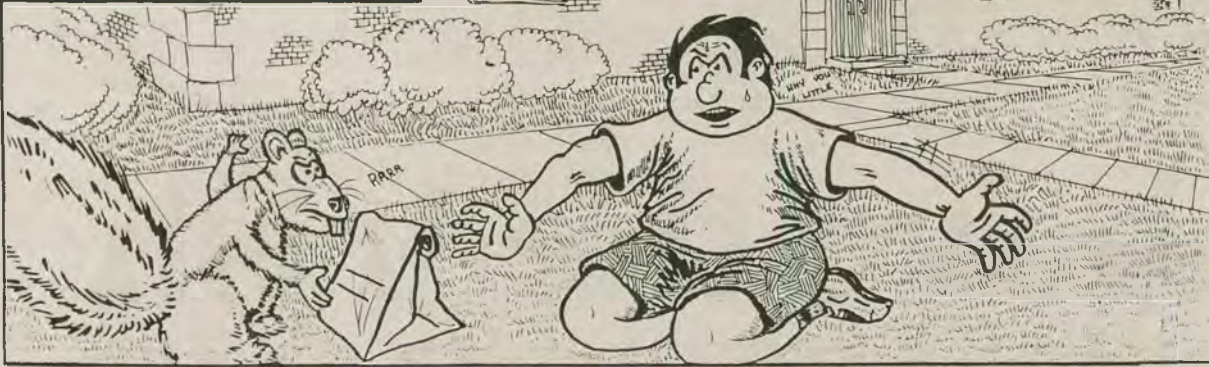
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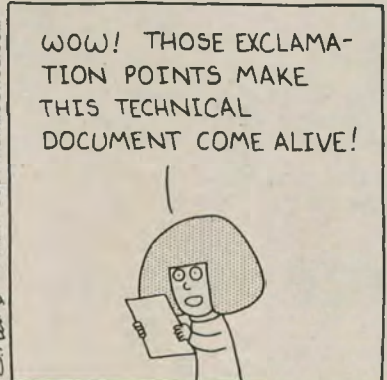
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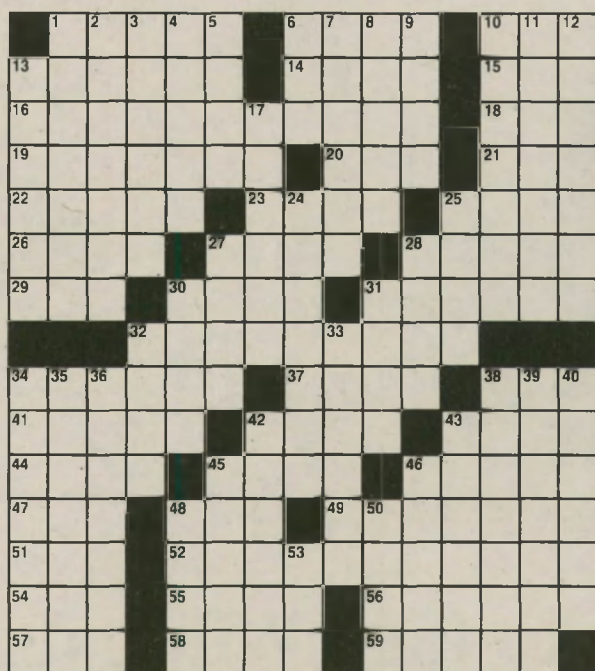


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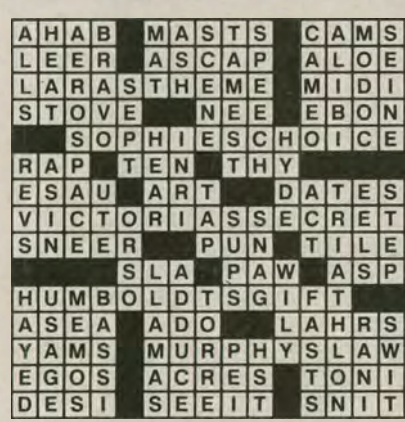
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- 19 Visitor to Venus
- 20 Nothing
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- 22 Cat Nation
- 23 Kind of arch
- 25 Tie up
- 26 Moon vehicles, for short
- 27 Ren and Stimpy et al.
- 28 Minotaur's home
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- 30 Type set
- 31 Prayer
- 32 Lively dances
- 34 Sales lure
- 37 Snack of nuts, raisins, etc.
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Analyzing your current position will help you find ways to improve it. Pick up on the hints dropped by family or friends. It is time to make changes around the house. Instead of pouting, compromise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Decide what you want, then go after it. Although someone repays an old debt, there could be some strings attached. Take a romantic disappointment in stride. Your romantic partner may be having a bad day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A romantic attraction deserves further thought. Someone may be toying with your affections. Avoid investing in pie-in-the-sky financial ventures even if close friends promote them. Keep your money in the bank.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): View a recent event as a learning experience. Aim high and your dreams will come true! Trust your head, not your heart, when making financial decisions. Someone may try pulling the wool over your eyes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): An excellent week to pursue new inter-

ests. Self-improvement activities are favored. Meeting a deadline will test your stamina. Roll up your sleeves and get busy!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A conflict between work and pleasure could drive you crazy. To be on the safe side, opt for business as usual. Jump in quickly to take advantage of a golden financial opportunity. Invest wisely.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): New acquaintances add glamor to your social life. You may experience a certain amount of restlessness now. Working out at the gym or taking long walks will help.

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- *Focus on family and friends, not the food - talk as much as you can at parties since it's difficult to talk and eat at the same time.
- *Get plenty of rest.
- *Enjoy the beauty of the season.

The RecSports staff would like to wish the Notre Dame community a happy and healthy holiday season.

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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
Sports Writer

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. The three time All-American exploded off the backline to make a low blocking save, and snuff out another Carolina opportunity. 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 a dismal contest. From the backfield, she cap-

tained 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 doused UNC forward Nicole Robert's chance. Renola dashed 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 ac-

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Jen Renola (17) and Shannon Boxx could not prevent Debbie Keller's header from rolling into the net in the second overtime (above), as the scoreboard behind the Irish (below) indicates the one goal difference.

The Observer/Mike Ruma



A time to say goodbye

SANTA CLARA

As Jen Renola addressed the media following the 1-0 loss to North Carolina, head coach Chris Petrucelli was at her side.

While Renola spoke, Petrucelli 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 have left on the game of college soccer. We didn't win today, but we won last year. I think that I have left something along with Cindy (Daws) 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."

Petrucelli 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, Petrucelli reserves a special place in his heart for the members of his squad that played their final game on Sunday. His prized recruiting class of 1993 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 Petrucelli to get a grip, but just think

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Joe Villinski
Associate Sports Editor

■ 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 Gotsch, who has exhibited flu symptoms, the continued loss of Gary Bell with a badly sprained ankle, and Antoni Wyche's struggle to retain top form won't cause further collapse against the Wildcats.

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

"If (Gotsch) 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. "Acres is a very good player inside. He's a tremendous passer, a tremendous touch passer, and he's very good going 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 Acres, although he will line up opposite Pat Garrity. The match-up will be one to watch as Garrity held Providence's main scorer, Austin Croshere, to five points in their show-down.

The team will benefit if Wyche 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 line up, 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 Wyche of a wild streak



The Observer/Rob Finch

Matt Gotsch is expected to start tonight against New Hampshire despite suffering from the flu.

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