

RIM team fees may rise

By Allan Lazo
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After the Incidental Fee Committee granted the Recreation and Intramurals Program only \$59,600 of its \$63,283 budget request Feb. 26, RIM head Karla Rice found herself in a Catch-22 of sorts.

For the last four years, the amount of student incidental fees allocated to the RIM budget has remained fairly steady, rising a total of just over \$1,000 since the 1982-83 academic year.

This year, Rice says she went to the IFC with a larger budget request mainly because a graduate teaching fellowship position, used to

help run the weightroom in Esslinger Hall, was removed from the physical education department budget. Rice said she wanted students to help foot the bill of running the weightroom.

"This particular GTF position had been supported by the physical education department for three years...and they didn't feel they could continue to support that recreational phase of the program," Rice says. "It just seemed reasonable to ask the students to pick-up that additional phase of the recreation program."

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It's just about time, tourney time, that is

Well, it's about time.

The NCAA basketball tournament is just weeks away, and we can't wait. Sportwriters are calling this the "Year of the Guard" in college basketball, and this spring's Final Four will undoubtedly reinforce that notion. Some great basketball is bound to be happening.

We've accepted the fact there is the Pacific-10 Conference and then there are those teams that make it to the Final Four. It's sad but true. The caliber of teams that shine in post-season play far outmatch anything the West Coast has to offer.

You can only hope that teams like Washington or Arizona might play the spoiler role. It wasn't that long ago that Oregon State almost did it, but they ran into Georgetown, who walloped the Beavers en route to their Final Four appearance.

From the Sidelines

by Joe Arndt & Dennis Fernandes

There are few sporting events that match the excitement of the NCAA tourney. It has become the most popular college tournament in the land for many reasons. This national championship is determined by head-to-head play; no newspaper polls here (as in college football). It's become the final frontier for superb amateur athletic competition.

You can always look forward to new personalities to surface around this time of year, too. Players celebrate, and players cry. Fans adorn school colors and cheer at a feverish pitch. They wave seas of pom-poms and paint their faces to match school colors.

Coaches become larger-than-life figures; witness past mentors in the tournament: Jon Thompson of Georgetown, Ray Meyer of DePaul, Rollie Massimino of Villanova and Lou Carnesecca of St. John's. It kind of gives you goosebumps, doesn't it?

Although there is no clear-cut favorite this year (like Georgetown who had a stranglehold on the polls last year), college basketball's Final Four should be as exciting as ever.

The top four teams that stick in our minds have a lot in common: there is some gritty defense, run-and-gun offense and at least one outstanding guard to bolster a powerful and quick front-line.

Regardless of pairings and seedings (which will be announced on Sunday) and what Al McGuire, Billy Packer and Dick Vitale might say, these are the teams we see emerging from the 64-team tournament. Joe and Dennis' Final Four picks are as follows:

Duke (29-2) has this year's finest in the guard corps in 6-1 senior Johnny Dawkins. The former Olympian and the Blue Devils' all-time leading scorer is the catalyst on a team that consistently runs the score into the 80's and 90's.

Kansas (28-3) is big, fast and tough. The 6-11 Danny Manning can do everything and brings back memories of a kid at Michigan State who smiled a lot while taking that team to the 1977 national championship (using a little Magic).

Syracuse (23-4) can get the number one seed and the home-court advantage if they can win this week's Big East Conference tournament. Coach Jimmy Boeheim has built a superb program here. This has to be the year for the Orangemen as Dwayne "Pearl" Washington is sure to offer his services to the NBA a year early.

Notre Dame (21-5) is playing the finest basketball in the country right now. Coach Digger Phelps has found himself a gem in 6-1 point guard David Rivers. Phelps' coaching and Rivers' play-making will make up for their mediocre front-line.

Some other teams that could make waves and have legitimate shots at the coveted Final Four:

St. John's (27-4) has rebounded well from the loss of Chris Mullin and Bill Wennington to graduation. Walter Berry, an undersized 6-8 center, should be the favorite for the John Wooden Award, given annually to the nation's best player.

Michigan (25-4) really needs to turn it on. Center Roy Tarpley has yet to live up to pre-season expectations. Solid defense is the anchor for this club.

Georgia Tech (22-5) is playing a little flat also. Guard Mark Price needs to find that shooting touch that got him on the cover of Sports Illustrated's basketball preview issue last fall. John Salley has lost some value on the NBA market.

Kentucky (26-3) got an excellent coaching performance from Eddie Sutton this season. Can anyone stop Kenny Walker?

Here are a few teams that will be discarded early: Villanova (20-13); yes, we like their coach but these guys should not have even made it last year.

North Carolina (26-4) is hurting. Last year, Steve Hale's dislocated shoulder cost the Tarheels a trip to Lexington. Since Hale suffered a collapsed lung two weeks ago, Carolina has gone 2-3. He will be back by tournament time but will not be 100 percent. Even Dean Smith's coaching and Brad Daugherty's gentle shooting touch can't compensate for the scrappy senior's defense and perceptive court sense.

Oh yeah, we almost forgot: also count out any team in the Pac-10. Enough said.

See you in Dallas.

Volleyball team wins tournament

Oregon Club Sports volleyball team took first place Sunday at a tournament held at Western Oregon State College in Monmouth.

The men advanced to the finals of the seven-team tournament and downed the Hall Street Pub team, 15-8, 15-10. The Hall Street team, according to Sean Madden, coach of the volleyball team, was composed mostly of players and coaches from the WOSC volleyball team. Madden, also an assistant

coach for the Oregon women's volleyball team, said it would be hard to pick any one player who was a standout in the tournament for the Club Sports team.

He said senior middle-hitter Jerry Sullivan and freshman outside-hitter Matt Spring both turned in "nice days" at the tournament. The team finished with a 12-3 game record over eight matches during the tournament.

Teams from Oregon State University, Portland and Salem

competed in the tournament. The first-place finish Sunday was the first win of the season for the team after capturing fifth in their first regular season tournament at Oregon State and then finishing seventh in their next tournament in Portland.

The Club Sports volleyball team has 11 men registered for United States Volleyball Association play, and the team competes in the A division; the second highest USVBA division. AA is the highest division.



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