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New policies help applicants

Affirmative action is a high priority

By CLAIRE HEININGER
Assistant News Editor

As the final applications are weighed for the class of 2008 — the first class of applicants since the University of Michigan's racial preference admissions policy was reviewed by the U.S. Supreme Court — Notre Dame remains firmly committed to affirmative action, director of admissions operations Robert Mundy said Thursday.

The class of 2007 was the

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Notre Dame freshmen from a diverse set of backgrounds participate in a class in Coleman-Morse earlier this year.

ANDY KENNA/The Observer

University sees jump in number of early-action applications

By CLAIRE HEININGER
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While controversy swirled throughout 2003 over the early decision admissions option offered by many of the nation's most prestigious universities, Notre Dame's non-binding early-action alternative flourished.

The University received 2,983 early action applications for the class of 2008, a slight decrease from last year's total of almost 3,100,

but a much higher total than that of previous years, director of admissions operations Robert Mundy said Thursday.

"Last year, we had a huge jump," Mundy said. "As the applicant pool goes, so goes our decision-making. We've offered admission to about 1,300."

Notre Dame's sustained commitment to early action, which gives exceptional students the opportunity to apply in October and receive a decision by December, has paid

off in an era when colleges who use binding early decision have come under critical attack. Unlike early action, which allows students to apply to more than one school and to make their college choices up until May, early decision forces applicants to apply to only one school, and, if admitted, obligates them to immediate enrollment.

Colleges that practice binding early decision have been accused of using the process to increase their own rank-

ings, rather than for student benefit. Early decision has also been said to favor students from more elite high schools and to discriminate against financial aid applicants who can't afford to commit to one school before comparing all scholarship offers. These criticisms — coming from students, parents, guidance counselors, and publications alike — prompted Yale, Stanford, the

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Revue tickets hot item

Free tickets for next weekend's show run out in record time

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Tickets for the 28th annual Keenan Revue sold out in record time Thursday, as the popular but controversial show continued to draw students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

Keenan senior Blake Haan, who coordinated ticket distribution, said the free tickets went faster than organizers expected. Distribution was scheduled to last for an hour, but students snatched up all 1,300 tickets much more quickly, Haan said.

"We sold out within 30-40 minutes," he said, adding that the 300 tickets earmarked for Saint Mary's students went even quicker.

"It was over in about 25 or 30 minutes," he said. "They just went that quickly."

This year's revue, entitled "Keenan Mutant Ninja Revue," features irreverent sketches about life at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. The revue will be

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Saint Mary's students adjust to return home

By MICHELLE EGGERS
News Writer

As the semester's second week draws to a close, Saint Mary's students who recently returned from studying abroad struggle in their adjustment to campus life.

For junior Cynthia Rodriguez, who spent the fall and previous spring semesters in Seville, Spain, returning to Saint Mary's is "just weird."

"It is hard to go from being in a fun city like Seville to being back in South Bend," she said.

Sophomore Jenny Robbins, who spent last semester in Rome, is happy to be back in the Saint Mary's community, but misses Rome's cultural activities.

"When I was bored last semester, I could walk around Rome," she said. "Now when I am bored, all there is to do is sit in my room and work."

According to Saint Mary's counselor Gina Christiana, boredom is a major concern for

returning students. Most experience difficulty transitioning from the stimulating abroad experience back to the demanding academic pace of campus.

"It's hard to integrate yourself back into a normal routine," she said.

Establishing a normal routine often means increased amounts of homework and heavier course loads.

"The first day back, it was overwhelming to look at the list of all the things I was going to be doing this semester," Rodriguez said.

The Rome campus did not offer many courses Robbins needed for her double major. In order to compensate for last semester's lack of credits, she now has a heavier than average course load.

"It will be a big semester," she said. "But I am prepared for it."

In addition to establishing a normal routine, most students have trouble emotionally

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Boat Club: One year downstream

Lawsuits remain under appeal with no closure in sight

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

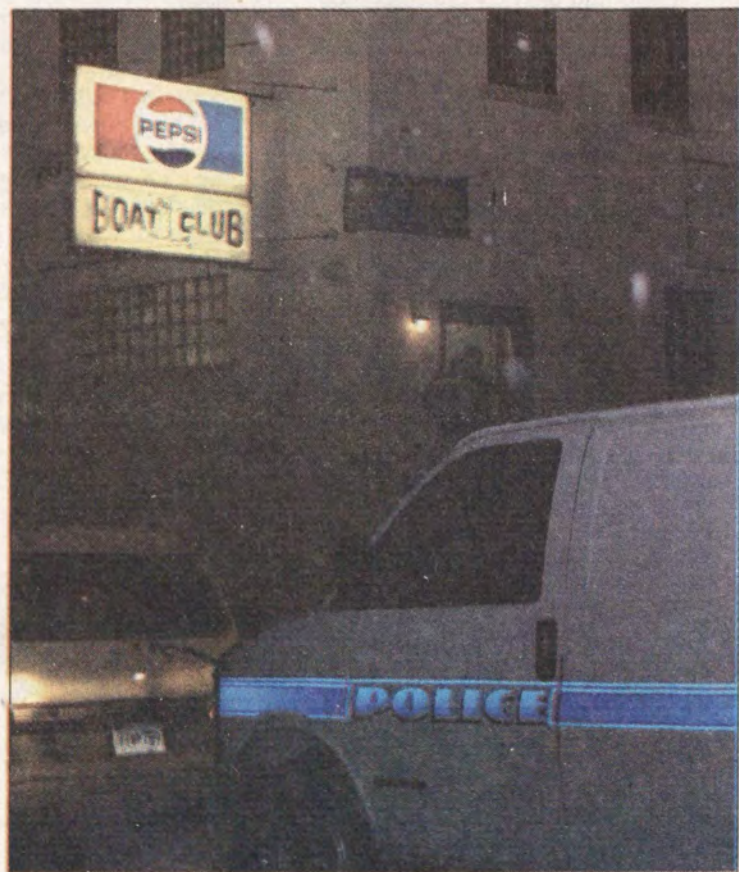
On Jan. 24, 2003, 231 underage drinkers, over 200 of whom were Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, were cited for minor in a tavern charges in a now infamous raid on the Boat Club and later sued by Boat Club owners, the Millennium Club, Inc., for \$3,000 each.

Three hundred and sixty-four days later, the issue is no closer to being resolved. The 40 suits dismissed in August are being appealed and the remaining suits were delayed until April.

Ed Sullivan, attorney for those students whose cases are now under appeal, said that it is impossible to know when the process will come to an end.

"It's our turn to write a

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TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Last January, the Boat Club bust resulted in over 200 lawsuits against students. Those suits still remain in court.

INSIDE COLUMN

Happy anniversary

Happy anniversary. That's right, it's been exactly one year since 230 of my underage drinking buddies and I heard the music cut out, saw the lights come on, and felt our invincible little worlds come crashing down.



Claire Heiningger

Assistant News Editor

For the first anniversary, it's tradition to give your significant other some form of paper. But after the smudged blue Minor in a Tavern tickets, the tauntingly rosy court summons, the emblem-stamped white ResLife letters and the add-insult-to-injury yellow lawsuits, newsprint is all I have left — so here goes.

Happy anniversary to the urban legends: the townies who tipped off the cops (false) and the girl who snuck out after hiding behind the fridge for five hours (true). Happy anniversary to the lucky ones, the regulars who were there with us every single Thursday — except of course this one — because of an early accounting test or a late out-of-town visitor arrival or just because the universe liked them better.

Happy anniversary to that bouncer with no front teeth who looked the other way when two of my fake ID-less friends and I decided to skip the shivering wait for passbacks and oh-so-slyly sidle in the back door. Happy anniversary to whoever invented watered-down dollar pitchers and made inducing the white boys to go upstairs and dance so affordable.

Happy anniversary to the crowd that packed the usual sweat-soaked second-floor double in Dillon before we called the cabs, descended the stairs, and skidded to Main Circle in a euphoria of Cam'ron, Madonna and Styx.

Happy anniversary to my mom, whose tone on the other end of the phone line the next morning I will never forget. Happy anniversary to my dad, whose insistence that I pay every penny of every fine was somehow less upsetting than the look on his face when we met the lawyer on the last day of finals week.

Happy anniversary to Ashley, my best friend and partner in crime who gleefully drank kamikazes with me that night, jokingly posed for "mug shots" with me the next morning, and grudgingly but realistically accompanied me on our 40 hours of community service that April.

And finally, happy anniversary to Boat Club itself. Yes, it's suing a lot of us for a lot more than it deserves to get and a lot more than we can afford. But to give credit where credit is due, people are going back for a reason. Patronage now surpasses even pre-bust levels. Students are once again having a great time. And Boat is getting the kind of paper it most craves for its first anniversary present.

Greenbacks.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD BE A SANDWICH, WHAT KIND OF SANDWICH WOULD YOU BE?



Juan Stamos
Sophomore Siegfried

"I'd be a sloppy joe ... extra sloppy."



Michael Torres
Freshman Dillon

"Roast beef sandwich with extra cheese."



Seth Erwin
Senior Off-Campus

"I'd be a ribwich."



Catherine O'Boyle
Senior Off-Campus

"I feel like a beer-soaked brat."



Patrick Ross
Junior Off-Campus

"A manwich."



Chris Ban
Junior Italy Program

"I'd like to be a six foot long sub and I wouldn't attack Jared for killing my Subway brethren."



Campus musicians perform at Thursday's Irish New Year party held at Legends. The event also featured music performed by the Notre Dame Bagpipe Band.

IN BRIEF

The Late Night Olympics, an all-night sports extravaganza and fund raiser for the St. Joseph County Special Olympics, will be held tonight from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m. in the Joyce Center. Come participate and support Special Olympics.

The wildly popular Notre Dame Student Film Festival screens tonight, Saturday and Monday and features creative, intelligent and entertaining student films produced during the past year in the Department of Film, Television, and Theatre. Screenings are at the Hesburgh Library Carey Auditorium at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the LaFortune Student Center Box Office.

Come enjoy one of the nation's top comics, Kevin McPeck, tonight at Legends. McPeck will perform from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m.

"Mother Theresa's Message: Explaining the Purpose of Life, Explaining How to Serve, Prescription for Healing Humanity, Prescription for Obtaining and Sustaining Peace and Happiness" will be lectured on by Paul Wright, M.D., '72 today from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Center for Social Concerns. Lunch will be provided.

Welsh Family Hall will hold its Dance Show this Saturday at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall. Admission is free, and seating is first come, first serve. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

Hiking magazine apologizes for mistake

LONDON — Britain's biggest-selling hiking magazine apologized Wednesday after its latest issue contained a route that would lead climbers off the edge of a cliff on Britain's tallest peak.

The February edition of Trail magazine gives advice on making a safe descent for hikers caught in bad weather on Ben Nevis in Scotland.

But the magazine's directions would instead lead readers off the north face of the 4,406-foot mountain, which is notorious for its changeable

weather and has claimed the lives of several climbers.

Guy Procter, the editor of Trail, acknowledged the magazine had inadvertently deleted the first of two crucial bearings needed to get off the summit. He said that happened during the editing process.

11-year-old girl gives birth in Ukraine

KIEV, Ukraine — An 11-year-old girl has given birth to a healthy baby boy, becoming Ukraine's youngest mother on record, a newspaper reported Thursday.

Surgeons at hospital No. 5 in the eastern city of Kharkiv delivered the infant by Caesarean section Tuesday, the Fakty daily said, citing the unidentified mother's doctor, Valentyn Gryshchenko.

The newborn's alleged father is a 26-year-old neighbor who fled fearing criminal charges when he learned of the girl's pregnancy, Fakty said. If convicted of having sexual relations with a minor, he faces a maximum prison sentence of three years.

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Controversial oven mitt giveaway revised

By JOE HETTLER
News Writer

A controversial marketing promotion for an upcoming men's basketball game has been changed, but not in response to a recent Sports Illustrated reference that mocked the promotion, a spokesperson for the athletic department said Thursday.

The original promotion included distributing potholders to the first 1,000 women fans at the Feb. 14 game between Seton Hall and Notre Dame, but has been changed to now include men, said Monica Cundiff, director of events and promotions. The giveaway was referenced in the Dec. 15 "Sign of the Apocalypse" section of Sports Illustrated, where unusual quotes or facts are brought to readers' attention.

Cundiff said the sports promotions department changed the promotion several months ago, and not in response to the Sports Illustrated mention. She has received only three e-mails concerning the original pro-

motion since its adjustment.

"We had received a couple of calls, but already internally we said, 'Maybe people are going to look at this and it's not the right idea or sexist.' However, that wasn't our idea to leave out men or even to say that the women are the only cooks," Cundiff said. "Our idea was simply that it's Valentine's Day and women like to receive gifts on Valentine's Day. That's what we're going at. The sponsor liked the idea of oven mitts and pot holders."

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Monica Cundiff
director of events and promotions

Cundiff also said that she has attended a past Green Bay Packers game and St. Louis Cardinals game at which oven mitts and potholders were given to fans.

The main reason for the promotion was to try something different that had yet to be done at a Notre Dame sporting event, she said. According to Cundiff, staff in the sports promotion department collaborate and choose promotions for all Irish sporting events.

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Late Night Olympics kick off

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

Tonight's Late Night Olympics is expected to draw approximately 1,200 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students into the Joyce Center and Rolfs Aquatic Center, according to RecSports officials, where students will have the opportunity to participate in more than 15 athletic events to raise money for Special Olympics.

Bill Reagan, RecSports assistant director, said that last year's event featured nearly 1,500 students and brought in \$6,700 through a variety of fundraising events including entrance fees, donations and penny wars. This year's event will also feature a raffle and will include one Master of Business Administration Team.

"This is the single largest participatory event that our department puts on," Reagan said. "Bengal Bouts is the largest event in terms of observers, but this is an opportunity to participate."

Students will participate in the events with at least one other opposite-sex dorm, forming teams that compete for half of the proceeds earned, which may be used by their respective dorms as seen fit. Dorms from Saint Mary's will also participate, as will a team of graduate students on a one-year trial basis.

"[This] had always been an undergraduate dorm-versus-dorm competition," Reagan said. "We were petitioned by an MBA group [and decided] it [their participation] was for all the right reasons."

Reagan said that a challenging component to the event is the teamwork required among dorms in the athletic competitions, which range from dodge ball to kayaking.

"It's a good chance for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students to work together — that's the most difficult part. They have to get together and communicate."

This is the 18th year the event has been held. Sally Derengoski, the current director of RecSports, conceived of the idea based her experience engaging in a similar event while enrolled as an undergraduate at Indiana University.

"I came from IU and they had an event called the Spirit of Sport All-Nighter," she said. "It was just fun to be playing sports — I loved sports — and to be out at all hours of the night running from event to event. I think I enjoyed the craziness of it."

Derengoski said that the event at Indiana raised money for Indiana's Special Olympics charity, and her experiences with Special Olympics as well as Notre Dame's history with the organization and its commitment to service made the group an appropriate charity.

"This campus and its students really love to be a part of something that is good in the way of charity and volunteerism, so the event fits nicely into the culture of the campus," she said. "I think the No-

1 attraction of Late Night Olympics is the sense of giving back."

Students said that they especially enjoy the charity aspect of the event, as well as the athletic activities in which they participate.

"I like all the sports we get to play," junior Brandon Wolf said. "It brings me back to my childhood. Late Night Olympics is like endless recess. The fact that all the money raised is going to such a good cause is the best part about [it]," he said.

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Bill Reagan
RecSports assistant director

Kate Marcuccilli, Pasquerilla East representative for Late Night Olympics, said she believes many girls in her dorm are looking forward to the event.

"I realized that Late Night Olympics is something that most individuals want to be a part of," she said. "I feel that this is a unique opportunity for me as a freshman to get involved because it puts me in a leadership position that involves the whole campus and affects those beyond the Notre Dame community."

Students will be required to sign waivers before competing in each event, and any intoxicated students will be asked to leave by ushers and security staff, Reagan said.

Students employed by RecSports will also be on hand to monitor and referee some events.

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adjusting. Rodriguez was one of four Saint Mary's students in Seville, so it is difficult for her to find people who can relate to her experience.

"You go abroad and make great friends where you were at," she said. "You come back and you miss your friends, your professors, and your classes. You want to see them and talk to them."

Rodriguez does not talk much about her experience around her Saint Mary's friends for fear of creating jealousy or boredom. Reconnecting with these friends after a year apart concerned her most as she returned to campus.

"It is hard to relate, hard to connect," she said. "Everyone grows and changes in their year apart."

While Robbins agrees that connecting with her friends has been difficult, she now feels like she has twice as many friends — those from Saint Mary's and those from Rome.

Staying in touch with friends from the abroad experience is important to the adjustment process, Christiana said.

"Talking with your abroad friends helps keep the experience alive," she said.

The biggest mistake students make upon returning is not expecting to have some negative feelings, Christiana said. They do not realize it is a griev-

ing process.

"You have to let go of something close to you," she said. "You are going to grieve."

Both Christiana and students returning from abroad agree that the number one method to help with adjustment is to get involved.

"Getting involved takes your mind off things," Robbins said. "When I look at Rome pictures, I still get sad. If I keep my mind off things, I am OK."

Rodriguez said staying active and keeping a positive attitude are also important. Even after just one week back, she has settled into a routine.

"Find a schedule and stick to it," she said. "Keep a positive attitude, be thankful for the memories, and know that one day you will go back."

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Boat

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brief, and we'll be doing that within three weeks. When we're complete with our brief, the plaintiff gets to write a reply brief," he said. "When it's fully briefed, it would be with the Court of Appeals, and they can take what time they think is appropriate to examine the case."

Sullivan added that the case could be further appealed to the state Supreme Court, though it would be a rare occurrence.

"The fact that it's a case of first impression, meaning one like it has never been decided in Indiana, is one of the factors the Supreme Court looks at for accepting transfer of a

case," said Sullivan. "However, the Superior Court judge here made an accurate and solid decision, and it should stand."

Neither Boat Club owner Mike McNeff nor Mitchell Heppenheimer, the attorney for Millenium Club, Inc., could be reached for comment.

Students affected by the raid admit to being more cautious about when and where they go out, though the incident has not deterred them from drinking altogether.

"I took different precautions for a while, but I got another fake ID, and I'm pretty much just being careful. I'm trying not to go somewhere to get busted," said a Dillon sophomore involved in the suit, who spoke only on the condition of anonymity.

"We went to the Boat Club three times a week for most of the first semester and had some best times we've had at Notre Dame."

"Of course I would have preferred not to be there that night, but Boat Club was still worth it," the Dillon sophomore continued. "We're actually all going tomorrow night for the anniversary with some of the other freshmen."

In the wake of the incident, McNeff implemented security measures aimed at keeping underage drinkers out. Those entering the bar now are given a wristband instead of a stamp to indicate that they are over 21. Patrons must also sign an affidavit stating that they are of legal drinking age.

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WHAT ARE YOU CALLED TO DO?

NOT-FOR PROFIT CAREERS AS VOCATIONS

A panel of alumni and alumnae reflect on the integration of faith and social concerns into life beyond Notre Dame.

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Julie Hodek '01

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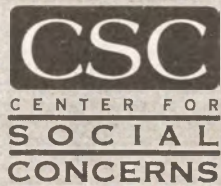
Chris Nanni '88

Associate principal,

Cristo Rey High School, Chicago

Susan Ranaghan '95

Director, L'Arche South Bend



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performed nightly in the O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's from Jan. 29 to Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m.

It has drawn the ire of some students at Saint Mary's, who say the show's content is demeaning to them. However, in 2001, a school-wide referendum showed 67 percent of students surveyed said they supported keeping the show at Saint Mary's. Following that survey, the College's Board of Governance voted unanimously to acknowledge Saint Mary's students' support of the variety show.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Chinese mark New Year holiday

BEIJING — The Year of the Monkey arrived Thursday, casting an eerie holiday calm over China's capital as hundreds of millions of people hunkered down in their hometowns and hoped for promised prosperity — and a season free of two fearsome diseases the government is racing to contain.

Authorities announced stepped-up holiday efforts against SARS and bird flu, tightening checks on air, bus and train passengers and enforcing a crackdown at border posts with Vietnam to prevent suspicious fowl from entering.

Muslims embark on pilgrimage

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Muslims are converging on Mecca for the hajj, Islam's annual pilgrimage that has been plagued by fires, stampedes and occasional riots. The risks are even greater this year, with Saudi authorities also worried about diseases and terrorism.

More than 2 million Muslims are expected for the pilgrimage that will climax late this month, a devotion required once in the lifetime of every able-bodied Muslim who can afford it.

Turkish PM to warn Bush on Iraq

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said he will warn President Bush that Kurdish control of an autonomous ethnic zone in a future Iraqi state will threaten the country's stability.

Erdogan, scheduled to meet Bush at the White House next week, said Wednesday that neighboring Syria and Iran also are wary of the aspirations of the Kurds, who were close allies of the United States in the campaign to oust Saddam Hussein.

NATIONAL NEWS

Kerry goes for personal touch

PEMBROKE, N.H. — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry is going personal, working overtime to connect with voters while trying to counter his aloof image and capitalize on his success in Iowa.

When a teacher recently complained about low pay and crushing student loans, Kerry pressed her. "If you don't mind me asking, how much do you make?" he asked.

When a backer of a fringe candidate used her question time to give a speech, Kerry ignored the hissing crowd and patiently heard her out.

Pentagon defends e-voting system

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon is standing by an Internet voting system it developed for U.S. citizens overseas despite an independent analysis that said it was so vulnerable to attacks that it should be scrapped.

In a report released Wednesday, four computer security experts said the Secure Electronic Registration and Voting Experiment, or SERVE, could be penetrated by hackers, criminals, terrorists or foreign governments.

"Internet voting presents far too many opportunities for hackers or even terrorists to interfere with fair and accurate voting, potentially in ways impossible to detect," the computer experts said in a statement.

LOCAL NEWS

FEMA to give aid for chem crisis

WASHINGTON — The Federal Emergency Management Agency will provide \$2.99 million for emergency equipment to be used by counties near the Newport Chemical Depot in western Indiana.

The grant will go to Vermillion, Parke and Fountain counties, said U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh and Gov. Joe Kernan. The two Democrats requested the grant and announced the award Thursday.

"The firefighters, police and EMTs of Vermillion, Fountain and Parke counties are our first line of defense in event of an emergency at Newport," Bayh said.

MARS

Spirit rover stops transmitting

'Extremely serious anomaly' cripples robotic vehicle; twin to land Saturday

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — NASA's Spirit rover stopped transmitting data from Mars for more than 24 hours, mission managers said Thursday, calling it an "extremely serious anomaly."

NASA received its last significant data from Spirit early Wednesday, its 19th day on Mars. Since then, it has sent either random, meaningless radio noise or simple beeps acknowledging it has received commands from Earth, said Firouz Naderi, manager of the Mars exploration program at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. The last such beep was received Thursday morning, Naderi said.

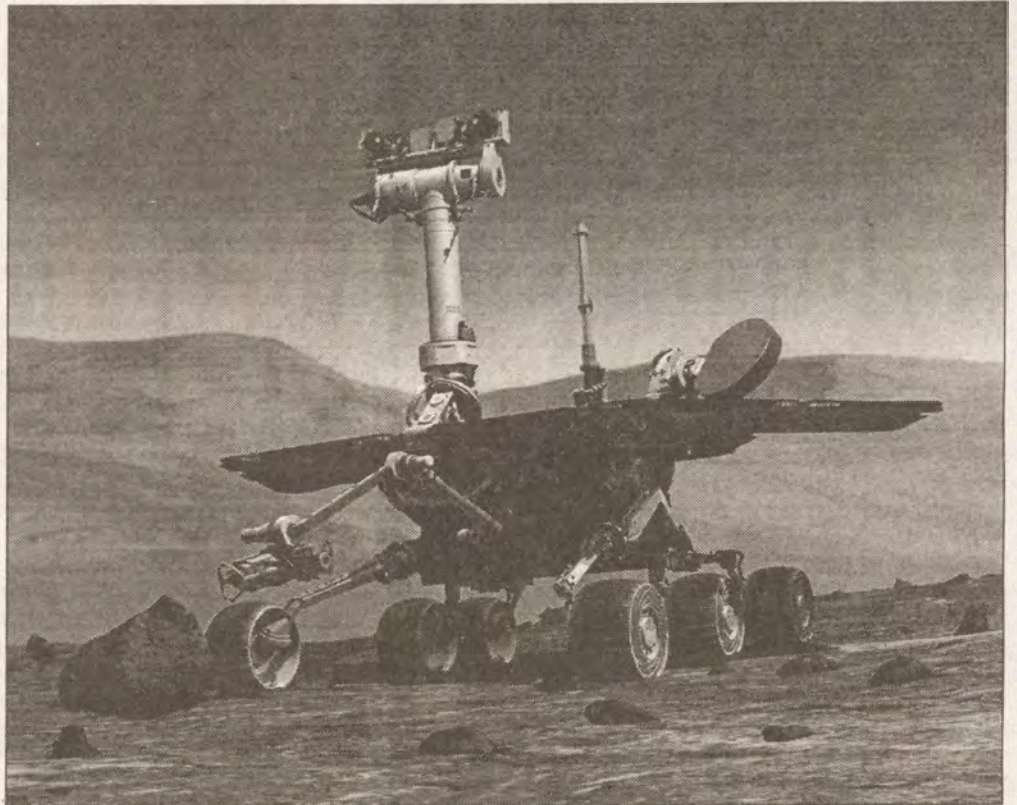
Initially, scientists believed weather problems on Earth caused the glitch. They said they now believe the rover is experiencing hardware or software problems.

"This is a serious problem. This is an extremely serious anomaly," project manager Pete Theisinger said.

Spirit is one half of a \$820 million mission. Its twin, Opportunity, is scheduled to land on Mars on Saturday.

NASA last heard from Spirit as it prepared to continue its work examining its first rock, just a few yards from its lander.

Since then, Spirit has transmitted just a few beeps to Earth in response to attempts to communicate with it. It also has skipped several scheduled communications opportunities, either directly with Earth or by way of two NASA satellites in orbit



This computer-generated NASA image shows what the Spirit rover would look like on Mars. The vehicle has not transmitted meaningful data since Wednesday morning, raising concerns about the future of the \$820 million mission.

around Mars.

Engineers worked to pinpoint the yet-unknown problem.

"It's not clear there is one cause ... that would explain the observables we're seeing," deputy project manager Richard Cook said.

Preliminary indications from the spacecraft suggest its radio is working and it continues to generate power from the sun with its solar panels, Cook said.

It was unclear if the problem was with the rover's software or hardware, Theisinger said.

NASA can fix software from Earth, beaming fixes across more than 100 mil-

lion miles of space. If the problem lies with the rover's hardware, the situation would be far more grave, Theisinger said.

The six-wheeled robot had been scheduled Thursday to grind away a tiny area of the weathered face of a sharply angled rock dubbed Adirondack. Examination of the rock beneath could offer clues to Mars' geologic past. Spirit has since remained immobile, Cook said.

On Wednesday, NASA scientists said a thunderstorm near a Deep Space Network radio antenna in Canberra, Australia disrupted controllers' efforts to initiate the drilling. It has since discounted the

weather as the source of the communications blackout.

Spirit landed on Mars on Jan. 3 for a three-month mission to search Gusev Crater, a rock-strewn stretch of dusty, streaked soil that scientists believe may be the bed of an ancient lake. If Mars once had surface water, it had the potential to support life.

Until Wednesday, Spirit had functioned nearly flawlessly. It moved out from its lander on Jan. 15 into its surroundings. Since landing it has snapped thousands of pictures of Mars, including microscopic images of the martian soil and Adirondack.

Bush to sign \$373B spending bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate overcame Democratic delaying tactics Thursday and sent President Bush an overdue \$373 billion bill financing a vast swath of government and bearing a bushel of victories for the White House.

Senators approved the measure 65-28 a month after House passage. The bill finances agriculture, veterans and most other domestic programs for the budget year that began Oct. 1 — nearly four months ago.

The mammoth measure also protects Bush administration policies on overtime pay, media ownership and food labeling. Angry over those issues, Democrats had succeeded on Tuesday in blocking a vote on final passage.

But on Thursday's showdown, the chamber voted 61-32 to end Democratic delays that had slowed

the measure since last month, one more than the 60 votes needed. With the White House and GOP leaders adamant about not changing the measure, enough Democrats succumbed to its tons of home-state projects and spending boosts for popular programs.

"It is time to move on," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn. "The country demands that we complete action on this bill."

The bill would let the administration proceed with new rules that would let companies pay overtime to fewer white collar workers, and allow media conglomerates to own more television stations.

It would also postpone for two years a requirement that meat and many other foods sold in stores have labels identifying the country they come from. With last month's discovery that a Washington state cow had mad cow disease, many Democrats hoped they had gained leverage that

would let them remove the labeling delay, but the White House and House GOP leaders refused to budge.

"Take it or leave it," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., describing what he said was the GOP's attitude on the bill. "This is one senator who's going to leave it because of what it will do to working families and women and veterans of this country."

Had Democrats succeeded in blocking the measure, Republican leaders were threatening to replace it with a bare-bones bill that would have financed most of government at last year's levels — about \$6 billion less than the stalled legislation.

That would have meant dramatically less money for fighting AIDS overseas, the FBI and other anti-terrorism efforts, and many other programs. It was unclear whether GOP leaders would have ever gained sufficient votes to push such a bill through Congress.

Early

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University of North Carolina, and several other institutions to change this year to early action instead.

Mundy said that early action is preferable because it is "more student-friendly." Because there is no binding commitment signed in October, students admitted to Notre Dame still have the chance to visit campus, examine financial aid and consider other schools before making a final decision, he said.

Marilyn McGrath Lewis, director of admissions at Harvard University, agreed that a nonbinding system provides the best early admissions opportunity because it doesn't accelerate the anxiety of students who are unprepared to make a final decision.

"With early action, students don't feel stampeded or institutionally pressured," McGrath Lewis said. "We still think of early action as a somewhat exceptional choice — regular action is still a great option for most people."

Harvard, like Notre Dame, has consistently opted for early action over early decision. However, after a one-year trial period of allowing its early applicants to apply to an unlimited number of other schools — an experiment that McGrath Lewis called "an

extreme example in our history of flexibility" — Harvard reverted to its old "single choice" system this year.

The flood of early applications "overwhelmed us," she said. "We've returned to the system we liked for many years that is designed for those who are sure of their first choice."

A timely answer from the applicant's first-choice school still stands as the chief advantage of early admissions at Notre Dame, despite popular misconceptions that applying early will increase a borderline student's chances.

"We always tell students it's a little more competitive," Mundy said. While the admit rate may appear significantly higher for early decision than for regular decision, he said, it is a consequence of a pool of early applicants that is "much more qualified."

"Students don't get any bump for applying early," he said. "If anything, we're more conservative ... if a student out there is thinking 'I'm not a slam-dunk,' they should wait for regular decision."

Kathy Utz, director of guidance at St. Joseph's High School in South Bend, which sends more students to Notre

Dame than any other high school in the country, said that she recommends early action to students who prove their qualification.

"It is a real plus for many of them, especially those with honors and AP courses," Utz said. Hearing a decision in December instead of March enables them to "concentrate on the rest of their lives," she said.

She strongly supported early action over early decision. "If they can't consider another place, they're obviously limiting themselves," she said. "Financial aid is a big factor."

From high schools to Harvard, despite its flaws, the

early admissions option only continues to grow in popularity. Mundy said that he anticipates interest among Notre Dame applicants to remain on the rise, as well as a strong return rate from students accepted under early action in this year's class.

"We have 122 confirmations, only about 5 percent of the class, but we have a long way to go," Mundy said. "There are plenty waiting for aid packages to come through."

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Marilyn McGrath Lewis
director of admissions
at Harvard University

Diversity

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most diverse in University history, with 20.4 percent of its enrolled freshmen coming from minority backgrounds. Mundy said that the University hopes to "at least duplicate" that number this year, if not build upon it further.

"Our objective is to simply get better," Mundy said. "We were stuck at that 16 to 17 percent figure until last year ... so we certainly hope for [more improvement]."

Mundy emphasized that since the potential for minority enrollment is contingent on recruiting a large minority applicant pool, it is unrealistic to have a specific quota in mind.

"It's tough to force," he said. "It all focuses on the applicant pool — as long as we can generate inquiry and make more contact."

Notre Dame uses various recruiting techniques to encourage contact with minority students, Mundy said. The admissions office often purchases the names of minorities with outstanding PSAT scores and mails them invitations to reply and show an interest in the University. Those who respond are quickly rewarded for their curiosity.

"We build a pool of inquiry with follow-up e-mails, phone calls, mailings," Mundy said. "If we visit a high school where we see interest among students of color, we'll make an appointment. We do some subtle things, some obvious things."

Minority recruitment and affirmative action came

under fire in recent months during the University of Michigan's legal battle over a controversial system that gave an automatic bonus to applicants who come from ethnic backgrounds. While the Supreme Court applauded the school's intent to encourage diversity, it ruled that the point system itself must be changed.

Mundy said that while he understood the benefits of a point system for schools as large as Michigan, such a system cannot produce a completely fair evaluation for each applicant.

"For Michigan and large state schools, when you're dealing with a huge volume of applicants, the point system made more sense," he said. "I understand what Michigan was doing ... but under close examination by the court, it showed its weaknesses."

Notre Dame's policy avoids the point system, as each application is read in its entirety at least twice, given a final review and may even be sent to a committee.

"Once you start to assign points for what only appears to be something that's similar," Mundy cautioned, "at some point that will fail you."

He said that Notre Dame's comprehensive system has been very effective — last year in particular — in admitting qualified minority applicants and that the University has no plans to change it.

"It makes for some pretty intense times from December to March," Mundy said. "But it has clearly served us well in the past."

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Prison hostage standoff continues

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Since Sunday, two prison guards have been held hostage by a pair of inmates in a three-story, gray-block watchtower flanked by barbed wire fence and believed to be stocked with weapons.

Over the long days and nights, coffee and water have been sent in; at least one gas canister has been tossed out. But aware that the inmates hold the high ground and the lives of two guards, authorities are doing the only thing they can: keep talking.

The tower is a freestanding structure with two enclosed floors and a screened third floor and overlooks a yard for high-risk inmates. Prison officials will not say whether the tower is stocked with weapons, but note that it was built to be secure.

Because the inmates have a high position on open ground, few options exist to end the hostage situation quickly, said Paul Sutton, a criminal justice

professor at San Diego State University who has studied prison life.

Law enforcement "can't rush it. Snipers are going to have a real tough time shooting. All they can do is talk," Sutton said.

The inmates probably chose the best place in the prison to hole up, he said. The negotiators' best hope is that the inmates finally get hungry or otherwise desperate enough to let them in, Sutton said.

Talks with the two inmates continued for a fifth day Thursday, an encouraging sign to prison officials.

"The longer [the talks] go on, the more the quality and quantity improve," said Ivan Bartos, a prison warden in Yuma who has been helping officials at the Arizona State Prison Complex-Lewis in Buckeye, west of Phoenix.

The hostage standoff began Sunday morning after an inmate attacked two guards and a worker in a kitchen. That prisoner and another inmate then

got into the observation tower where the two guards were stationed.

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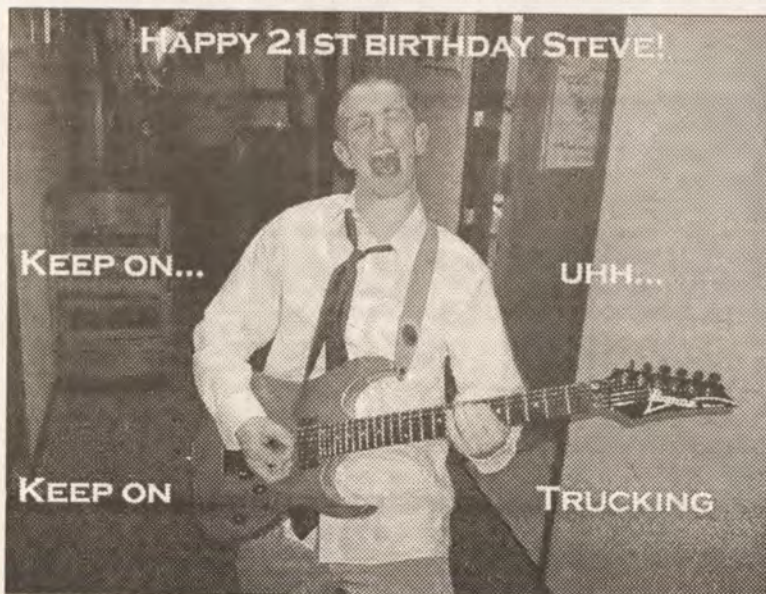
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|-------------------|---------------|-------|
| Dow Jones | 10,623.18 | -0.44 |
| Up: | 1,717 | 168 |
| Same: | 1,580 | |
| Down: | 1,580 | |
| Composite Volume: | 1,693,706,112 | |

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|-------------------------|-----------|--------|
| AMEX | 1,218.76 | -3.67 |
| NASDAQ | 2,119.01 | -23.44 |
| NYSE | 6,657.09 | -1.23 |
| S&P 500 | 1,143.94 | -3.67 |
| NIKKEI(Tokyo) | 10,989.12 | -11.58 |
| FTSE 100(London) | 4,476.80 | -34.40 |

| COMPANY | %CHANGE | \$GAIN | PRICE |
|------------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| JDS UNIPHASE (JDSU) | -7.96 | -0.43 | 4.95 |
| MICROSOFT CP (MSFT) | -1.02 | -0.29 | 28.01 |
| SIRIUS SAT RADI (SIRI) | +8.25 | +0.25 | 3.28 |
| SUN MICROSYS (SUNW) | -2.53 | -0.14 | 5.52 |
| INTEL CORP (INTC) | -1.77 | -0.57 | 31.63 |

| Treasuries | | | |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 30-YEAR BOND | -1.24 | -0.61 | 48.55 |
| 10-YEAR NOTE | -1.68 | -0.68 | 39.69 |
| 5-YEAR NOTE | -2.18 | -0.66 | 29.56 |
| 3-MONTH BILL | -1.73 | -0.15 | 8.52 |

| Commodities | | |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|
| LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.) | +0.35 | 34.93 |
| GOLD (\$/Troy oz.) | -1.10 | 410.10 |
| PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.) | -0.10 | 82.375 |

| Exchange Rates | |
|----------------|--------|
| YEN | 106.2 |
| EURO | 0.7865 |
| POUND | 0.5428 |
| CANADIAN \$ | 1.295 |

IN BRIEF

NYMEX energy futures climb

NEW YORK — Crude oil futures settled 1 percent higher Thursday in New York after a bearish reading of weekly petroleum inventory and natural gas storage data gave way to renewed buying based on tight U.S. crude oil and gasoline stocks.

Gasoline futures led the rise late in the day, with traders saying a large refiner, finding itself in need of supply, bought February futures. With cash prices in New York Harbor and in the Gulf Coast trading at a premium to the futures price, buying in the February futures contract, set to expire at the end of trading next Friday, became more attractive, the traders said.

Economic number hits new high

NEW YORK — A key measure of future economic activity rose 0.2 percent in December to its highest level ever, helped by relatively strong consumer spending and growing indications the job market is improving.

The report released Thursday coincided with government data suggesting that the employment picture may be improving.

The increase in the Conference Board's Composite Index of Leading Economic Indicators, calculated since 1996, matched analysts' forecasts, and brought the gauge to 114.3, surpassing the previous high of 114.1 in November.

"All indicators point to continued economic growth," said Ken Goldstein, economist for the private industry group.

Web fraud complaints surge

WASHINGTON — Reports of Internet-related fraud now account for more than half the consumer complaints filed with the Federal Trade Commission, the agency said Thursday.

Internet-related fraud was the subject of 55 percent of the more than half-million complaints filed in 2003, up from 45 percent a year earlier, the FTC said. The median loss for victims of Internet-related fraud was \$195.

Identity theft — stealing someone's personal information for financial gain — was the most common complaint the FTC received for the fourth consecutive year, the agency said. It represented 42 percent of all complaints in 2003, up from 40 percent the year before.

IMAGING

Kodak to cut 15,000 workers

Photo giant wields ax as company moves to digital imaging; shares rise 10%

Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Eastman Kodak Co., which turned picture-taking into a hobby for the masses a century ago, is cutting 12,000 to 15,000 jobs, or close to a quarter of its work force, as it struggles to make the wrenching transition from film to digital photography.

The job cuts, announced Thursday, will be made in Kodak's traditional film photography businesses and will take place over the next three years, bringing the company's total employment down to World War II-era levels of around 50,000.

Kodak became a symbol of American ingenuity and one of the most recognizable brand names on Earth during the 20th century. But its film business has been on the wane for more than a decade, its decline quickened in the 21st century by filmless digital cameras, which record pictures on computer chips.

Kodak was slow to get into digital photography, and now, without a swift conversion, risks fading into history, analysts warn.

"We've got good momentum, particularly in our digital portfolio," which turned a profit for the first time in 2003, chief executive Dan Carp said Thursday. "We can see now into the future and have scoped out a three-year plan to ensure we stay ahead. We believe 2003 marks the bottom, and we'll build on our performance going forward."

The announcement came as Kodak posted a fourth-quarter profit of \$19 mil-

lion, down dramatically from \$113 million a year ago.

Wall Street appeared to welcome Kodak's sharper focus on digital technology. In midday trading on the New York Stock Exchange, Kodak climbed \$2.85 to \$30.31. In October, the stock was down to nearly \$20, an 18-year low.

"It's needed, but it radically increases the risk profile of the company. You've got a company that's going from oligopoly to a very competitive landscape," said analyst Shannon Cross of Cross Research-Soleil Securities in Short Hills, N.J.

Kodak's global workforce peaked at 136,500 in 1983. It now employs 35,500 people in the United States, including 20,600 at its fading manufacturing hub in Rochester. It eliminated up to 6,000 jobs in 2003.

Founded in 1881 by George Eastman, Kodak turned point-and-shoot photography into an overnight craze when it came out with a \$1 Brownie camera in 1900. By 1927, it held a virtual monopoly of the U.S. photographic industry.

By the 1980s, Kodak still had nearly two-thirds of color-film sales worldwide. But it was slow to exploit new markets, such as point-and-shoot 35mm cameras, enabling Tokyo-based Fuji to jump from obscurity 25 years ago to challenge Kodak for No. 1.

In 2003, digital cameras began outselling traditional film cameras for the first time in the United States. Last week, Kodak said it will stop selling reloadable film cameras in North



A consumer picks up Kodak film in London. The Eastman-Kodak Company announced massive layoffs Thursday, as it transitions from traditional film to digital photography.

America and Western Europe this year.

During the recent fourth quarter, Kodak's consumer digital camera sales leaped 87 percent, and revenue from its online photo-sharing service surged 55 percent. But U.S. sales of consumer film products, including 35mm film and single-use cameras, sank 10 percent.

Kodak has poured more than \$4 billion into digital research in the past decade, securing hundreds of patents and developing a vast array of products and services, including its Picture CD software, online photo-sharing service and easy-to-use line of digital cameras.

For all that, Kodak is still struggling to find its footing against rivals like Hewlett-Packard and Canon.

To get deeper into the game, Kodak spent about \$750 million for five companies last year. Kodak also said Thursday it has offered \$35 million to buy the remaining 41 percent stake in Japanese digital camera supplier Chinon Industries that it does not already own.

Kodak's digital businesses generated only \$4 billion, or about 30 percent of the company's \$13.3 billion in 2003 sales. It said it expects digital imaging to account for half of its profit and 60 percent of sales by 2006.

Ex-Enron accountant surrenders

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Enron Corp.'s former top accountant was led away in handcuffs Thursday to face allegations he was "a principal architect" of the accounting scandal that caused the energy giant to collapse.

Richard Causey, 44, pleaded innocent to federal conspiracy and fraud charges in an indictment that accused him of being a key participant in widespread schemes to mislead government regulators and investors about the company's earnings.

His arrest could bring prosecutors closer to Enron's executive suite. The indictment noted Causey reported to Enron's chairman and chief executive officer that did not name former Enron Chairman Kenneth Lay or former CEO Jeffrey Skilling.

Causey, who surrendered to the FBI before daybreak, entered his plea before U.S. Magistrate Judge Frances Stacy. He was released on \$1 million bond, secured by \$500,000 in cash provided by a

brother-in-law.

"Rick Causey is a decent, honorable and innocent man," his attorney, Mark Hulkower, said. "He has done nothing, absolutely nothing, wrong. We will vigorously contest these charges, and we look forward to the day when Mr. Causey's vindicated in this courthouse."

The indictment alleged the schemes included inflated asset values, hidden debt, sham asset sales, use of energy trading profits to make the company's money-losing energy retail unit appear healthy and faking earnings in Enron's sickly broadband unit.

It also alleged Causey had secret agreements with former Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow that the finance chief would not lose money when his shady partnerships did deals with Enron.

"The scheme extended into every major business at Enron," prosecutor Sam Buell said.

Causey's handcuffs were removed after he sat down in the Houston courtroom. When Stacy asked if he

was employed, he replied: "I am not."

Causey was fired in February 2002 after an internal probe concluded he failed in his duty to adequately look out for Enron's interests when the energy giant did deals with Fastow's partnerships.

Causey is charged with one count of conspiracy and five counts of securities fraud. If convicted of all six charges, he faces a maximum sentence of 55 years in prison and a \$5.25 million in fines.

His indictment, handed up Wednesday and unsealed Thursday, came on the heels of guilty pleas last week from Fastow and Fastow's wife, Lea.

Fastow pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy, admitting he and others in Enron's senior management manipulated Enron's books while skimming millions of dollars for himself, his family and selected friends.

His wife admitted to helping hide ill-gotten income on a false tax return.

Investment adviser accused of fraud

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A Southern California investment adviser suspected of stealing hundreds of millions of dollars from thousands of clients across the country was arrested Thursday at a Houston motel.

James Paul Lewis Jr., 57, had arrived at the motel in a Mercedes and was taken into custody before dawn, said FBI spokesman Bob Doguim. A federal judge told Lewis later Thursday to contact his attorney and scheduled another court appearance for him Friday.

Lewis was booked on a single count of fraud, and federal prosecutors in California said more charges are possible. If convicted on the fraud count, Lewis could face up to 30 years in prison and a \$1 million fine, federal prosecutor Michael Kusin said.

Federal authorities allege Lewis, who owned the Orange County, Calif., firm Financial Advisory Consultants, operated a 20-year Ponzi-like

scheme, stealing from new investors to pay off older ones.

"That money was never invested in anything," Doguim said.

A New York attorney, Michael Handwerker, said he had been contacted about Lewis' arrest but had not been retained as counsel, adding: "I really don't have any comment. I don't even want to say anything."

U.S. Magistrate Judge Frances Stacy told Lewis his arraignment and trial would take place in Orange County.

When the FBI raided his office Dec. 22, Lewis was supposed to have \$814 million for 3,290 clients worldwide, but bank accounts held about \$2.3 million. Federal authorities froze those accounts.

The FBI and Securities and Exchange Commission allege Lewis fabricated more than \$730 million in interest payments to his investors.

Lewis withdrew \$3 million in July at the same time he was telling clients they could not have their money, authorities said.

Emmy academies reunite

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The East and West Coast television academies that control the Emmy Awards are putting aside their longtime rivalry and crafting a new alliance, top academy executives said Thursday.

"This is such a monumental step, hopefully erasing 30 years of antagonism," said Dick Askin, chairman of the Los Angeles-based Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, organizer of the prime-time Emmys.

He was joined in a phone news conference by Dennis Swanson, chairman of the New York-based National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, the branch that administers news, sports and daytime programming Emmys.

The new cooperation will "simplify the process of rewarding excellence in television," Swanson said.

The two academies — and the rancor between them — dates back to a 1977 agreement that resulted in a so-called "divorce" and the establishment of separate groups and leadership.

Swanson and Askin, both rel-

atively new to their posts, said they began negotiating to improve relations a few months ago.

Among other things, they will work together on areas including Web sites and marketing to enhance the academy brand, Swanson said, although the academies have yet to develop a framework for implementing the changes.

It was unclear how the reconciliation will affect a recent bitter clash between the two academies regarding establishment of Latin Emmys.

NATAS filed for arbitration in December 2002, claiming ATAS was refusing to cooperate in establishing Emmys for Spanish-language programs and had interfered with NATAS' attempt to initiate a ceremony.

ATAS had questioned the need or feasibility of Latin Emmys, noting that Spanish-language programming already was eligible for the international Emmys given each fall. Academy rules preclude pro-

grams competing for more than one Emmy.

"It's premature to suggest what the final outcome will be," Swanson said Thursday.

Askin reiterated ATAS' position that Latin Emmys were not a priority because Spanish-language programs are honored by the International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

Under the new alignment, the international academy will become a division of ATAS rather

than NATAS. The groups said it was a logical move because ATAS and the international academy both handle prime-time programming Emmys.

The possibility of combining all Emmys under one unified organization was not a topic of discussion, the academy executives said. They now cooperate on the daytime Emmys.

"I'm not sure the two organizations should be under one roof," Askin said. "We're both now really well-defined in our areas."

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**Dick Askin
chairman of ATAS**

Poll: Public support for Iraq war strong

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Public support for the war in Iraq remains strong, with almost two-thirds of the American public saying that going to war was the right decision, a poll out Thursday found.

The number who said going to war was the right decision, 65 percent, is about the same number who felt that way in December, soon after the capture of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, according to the poll by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

More than 500 U.S. service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq.

The Pew poll found the public believes President Bush is striking about the right balance in advocating the United States' interests overseas. Almost half said Bush is

"about right" in the amount that he pushes U.S. interests overseas. The remainder were evenly split between feeling he is too aggressive or not aggressive enough.

Almost half, 46 percent, said Bush gives an appropriate amount of attention to the concerns of U.S. allies, while 30 percent said not enough attention was paid to their concerns.

The partisan divide on the war with Iraq is growing after it diminished when Saddam was captured.

An overwhelming number of Republicans think going to war was the right decision, while two-thirds of independents feel that way. Only about four in 10 Democrats said it was the right decision to go to war in Iraq.

The poll of 1,503 adults was taken Jan. 6-11 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Fire kills three in retirement home

Associated Press

MARYVILLE, Tenn. — A fire that killed three people at a retirement home was traced to a bedroom electrical outlet, and state fire marshals Thursday ruled the blaze an accident.

Special agent Bob Pollard said an appliance was plugged into the outlet, but fire damage made it unclear what kind. Investigators also could not tell whether the appliance or the wiring caused the blaze.

Lucille Law, 87; Molly Wright, 84 and Rosa Cheeks, 82, died in the fire Tuesday night at Home Away From Home Inc. retirement center

in Maryville, about 15 miles east of Knoxville. Twelve others were injured.

Three victims remained in critical condition Thursday at Vanderbilt University Medical Center's burn unit in Nashville. Three others were in stable condition at Blount Memorial Hospital in Maryville.

The fire occurred in an upstairs bedroom of a converted ranch-style house built in the 1960s. The bedroom was occupied by three of the facility's 15 residents, but it was unclear whether those were the three who died.

The building had been licensed as a retirement home since 1988. It lacked a sprin-

kler system, but state rules do not require them for older facilities.


Pollard said the building had smoke detectors and alarms, but 56-year-old stroke victim Gary Crisp said he never heard an alarm. Crisp was in bed trying to go to sleep when a woman alerted him. He fled out a back door from his downstairs bedroom.

"I didn't take no hesitation about it," Crisp recalled from his hospital bed Thursday.

The fire comes four months after a blaze at a four-story nursing home in Nashville killed 15 residents. That center also lacked a sprinkler system.

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ISRAEL

New security for buses introduced

Associated Press

RAMAT HASHARON — Israel unveiled a new security system Thursday that is designed to keep suicide bombers off buses, one of the deadliest forms of Palestinian attacks.

Thirteen times during three years of violence, Palestinians carrying bombs boarded buses and blew themselves up, killing 139 passengers. The attacks have deterred many people from riding buses, Israel's most common and cheapest form of mass transport.

The key element of the new system, displayed Thursday at Israel Military Industries outside Tel Aviv, is a simple turnstile. The driver monitors passengers boarding his bus, and if anyone arouses suspicions, he presses a button to lock the turnstile, keeping the person off the bus.

However, Palestinian bombers have taken to disguising themselves, some as women, others as Orthodox Jews, to avoid detection.

A more sophisticated version of the system includes electronic sensors to detect explosives up to three feet away,

setting off an alarm near the driver.

A bomber could still detonate his explosives outside the bus, but there would probably be fewer casualties.

The system was developed by the Israeli bus manufacturing company Haargaz, the Israeli Transportation Ministry and Israel Military Industries, which also deals with more sophisticated threats, like protecting aircraft from missile attacks.

"There's no doubt that we have been forced in recent years to deal with terrorist activity that targets buses," Transport Minister Avigdor Lieberman told reporters.

Five city buses with the basic version of the system will be on the road next month as part of a pilot project.

The buses will also have a turnstile at the rear door to allow passengers to exit and prevent bombers from climbing aboard from the back.

Armored glass may also be installed beside the driver's seat and at the front of the bus to reduce the impact of an explosion.

"This will definitely save lives," Mizrahi said.

ITALY

Berlusconi reappears in public

Associated Press

ROME — After weeks out of the spotlight, Premier Silvio Berlusconi was back in public sight Thursday, playing down a long absence that led to widespread speculation that he was ill or having cosmetic surgery.

The premier, speaking to journalists on a Rome street corner, grinned when asked what he'd been up to in recent weeks.

"I've always been working, eh," he said. "I took a few hours for myself every morning to get back in shape — a little checkup."

During his absence, unconfirmed reports said he had plastic surgery. There were no obvious signs of any plastic surgery Thursday, but he appeared much thinner.

Berlusconi denied newspaper reports that he had gone on a Tibetan diet and drunk goat's milk, although the premier said he had fasted.

"I enjoyed reading all the fantasies that came out in the newspapers," he said. "I lost a lot of weight, and above all I revived myself after the European toil that was terrible" — a reference to his six-month term as the rotating president of the European Union, which ended Dec. 31.

Earlier Thursday, Berlusconi

skipped a ceremony at the Carabinieri police headquarters. A day earlier, he pulled out of a planned meeting with the Maltese president.

Many had expected him to re-appear at a Saturday rally to mark the 10th anniversary since the billionaire businessmen stepped into politics, founding the Forza Italia party that has become this country's largest.

"He absolutely can't miss that," a Cabinet minister, Rocco Buttiglione, said earlier Thursday.

Berlusconi's last appearance before the Italian public was at a Dec. 20 year-end news conference. He has spent much of the last month at his villa in the posh Sardinian resort of Porto Rotondo.

He has come back to Rome on a few occasions, meeting privately with coalition allies and aides.

There had been no published photographs or TV footage of the premier.

Berlusconi's near-disappearance prompted speculation

that he might be sick. His aides have shrugged that off, saying the premier needed a rest after the six-month EU presidency, and is now at work.

"He is fine, he looks like my son," Cabinet Minister Umberto Bossi said before Berlusconi's appearance Thursday. "If Berlusconi doesn't appear in public, it is only because he's busy in private."

Mystery also surrounds the premier's reported plastic surgery. A doctor first said Berlusconi had a touchup around his eyes, but then denied he knew anything about it.

A newsweekly, the left-leaning L'Espresso, insisted this week that the conservative Berlusconi underwent extensive plastic surgery on his face and neck. The magazine said the operation took place in a Swiss clinic late December, and was led by a top Californian surgeon. Berlusconi's convalescence was complicated by a swelling around one of his eyes, the magazine said.

The premier's office has declined to comment on the reports.

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Umberto Bossi
Cabinet Minister

UNITED NATIONS

Japan seeks to lower UN dues

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Japan, the second-biggest financier of the United Nations, wants to cut its contributions to the world body, a Japanese U.N. official said Thursday.

Tokyo contributed about \$263 million to the United Nations general budget in 2003. The sum accounts for nearly one-fifth of the budget, and Japan pays hundreds of millions more for peacekeeping, development and other U.N. programs.

The United States is the only country the pays more, giving more than \$300 million. Jun Yamazaki, the Japanese U.N. mission's minister for budgets, said he didn't know numbers but confirmed a Japanese media report that Tokyo wants to pay less.

"... I think there is an overall sense in Japan that Japan would like to see its rate of

assessments going lower," Yamazaki said.

A senior Japanese Finance Ministry official told the Kyodo News agency Wednesday that the reduction, which could amount to millions of dollars, reflects Tokyo's fiscal austerity as the economic slowdown shrinks tax revenues and investments. Kyodo didn't identify the official. The report said Japan plans to cut its contributions to the global organization beginning in 2006, when the United Nations is set to reassess country contributions.

A government panel headed by a senior aide to Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi has recommended that Japan ask the United Nations to lower its share to 15 percent.

Analysts say Japan may also be trying to put pressure on the United Nations to accept its request for a permanent seat on the 15-member Security

Council. Five countries — the United States, Russia, China, France and Great Britain — have permanent seats that give them veto power over any resolution that goes before the council.

But Security Council reform, a central issue at the United Nations for more than a decade, moves very slowly and U.N. officials say it's unlikely changes would happen as soon as 2006.

The United Nations has not received official word that Japan wants to lower its dues, U.N. spokesman Farhan Haq said. Japan has long been a leading contributor to the United Nations and other international programs, and considers doing so part of its foreign policy. On Thursday, for example, Japan extended a \$6 million grant to the U.N. Development Program's effort to help the Palestinians.

SWITZERLAND

ElBaradei: No signs Iran is not complying

Associated Press

DAVOS — The head of the U.N. atomic agency on Thursday rejected suggestions that Iran may be renegeing on its promise to fully suspend uranium enrichment — a process that can be used to make nuclear weapons.

Tehran announced it had suspended uranium enrichment late last year as it sought to blunt concern it was running a secret weapons program and to deflect U.S. attempts to gain U.N. Security Council involvement.

Western diplomats and nuclear experts told The Associated Press this week that even key European nations that negotiated the deal with Tehran have started to ques-

tion its commitment. They said Iran appears to be using semantics — the meaning of the word "suspend" — to keep some of its nuclear enrichment program operational.

But International Atomic Energy Agency Director-General Mohamed ElBaradei said Thursday the U.N. agency had seen no indications Iran had reneged on its promise. He spoke on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum.

"I see no reason why Iran should backtrack on its pledges," ElBaradei said, adding that U.N. inspectors were working in Iran this week. "Obviously it would have serious implications if they do not cooperate fully with us ... I hope and I am confident they will continue to cooperate."

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Ceremony deserves better planning

Members of the 1973-74 men's basketball team will be honored on the 30th anniversary of their victory over UCLA that snapped UCLA's record 88-game winning streak at the men's basketball game Sunday. Such great Irish players as Dwight Clay, John Schumate and Gary Novak and coach Digger Phelps will be recognized at halftime. These players, coaches and their families will sit in the lower arena of the Joyce Center, in about 70 seats normally occupied by members of the student section.

While coach Mike Brey and the athletic department should be praised for bringing back this great team, the University and athletic office should have found a better place for them to sit. By placing the former players and coaches in the lower arena — and taking seats away from students — the rowdiest Notre Dame students will be farther away from the action on the floor, lessening the "homecourt advantage." In a place like the Joyce Center where the majority of fans rarely stand and cheer, the students are the most involved fans.

Students in the lower seats often wait in line for hours on end to sit close to the court and cheer for the team. But against Kentucky this Sunday — one of the biggest and toughest home games — these die-hard fans will not be near the court.

Even though students may be disappointed they'll be losing their seats so close to the court, they probably won't mind that legends will be taking their seats. Still, the University and athletic department should have formulated a solution that gave both these returning greats and the rowdiest students courtside seats to create biggest home court advantage. Next year, it should consider reserving seats at the beginning of the season in section 13 and 16 in the lower arena for returning players and other honored guests, rather than displacing students at select games. But this year, poor planning has not only upset some student basketball fans, but also will hamper rather than help Notre Dame's home-court advantage against one of the top teams in the country Sunday.

The Observer
Editorial

LETTER TO EDITOR

Minority voices share opinions

In response to Joseph Muldoon's question regarding the negative light in which President Bush is often viewed in The Observer, I would simply say that the bulk of those who write are probably feeling unheard. Whether true or not, the common campus perception is that Notre Dame students generally support Bush. Consequently, those who oppose him consider themselves a minority, fueling their desires to voice opinion more than those who support Bush.

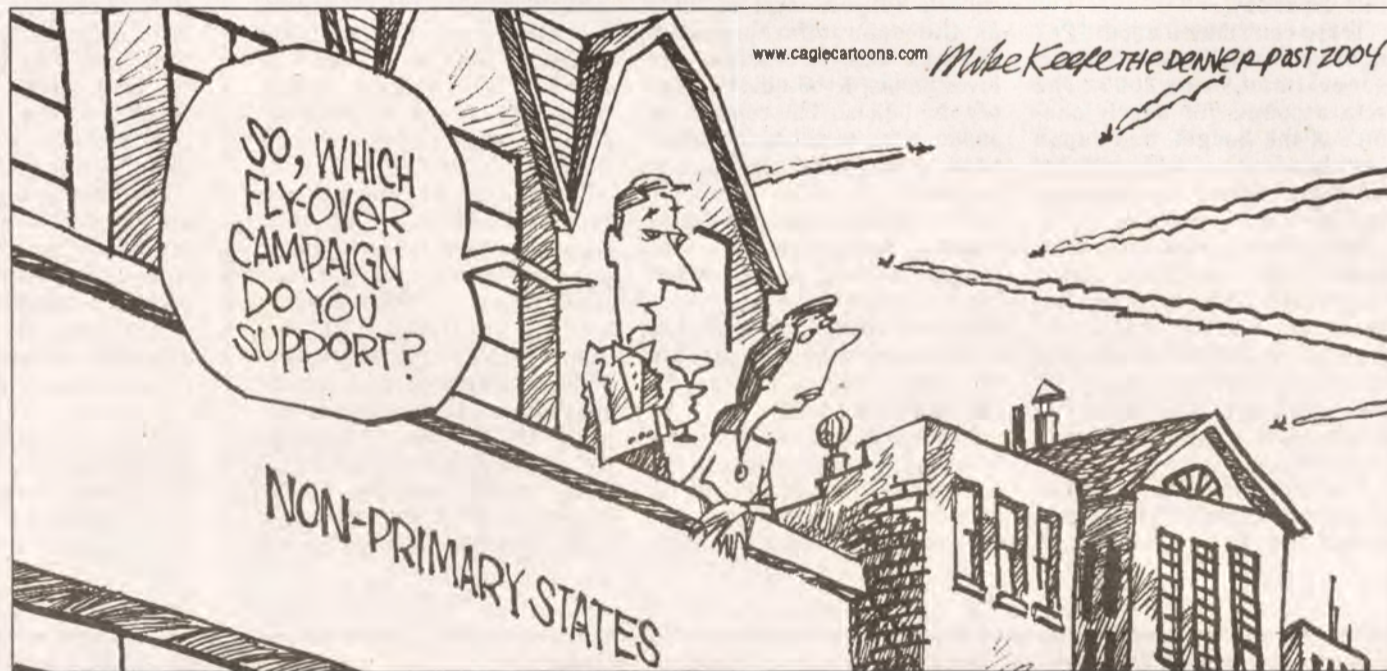
Another reason for "Bush-bashing" is that his administration has been unabashedly bold in its policy and demeanor. The so-called "Bush Doctrine" and the mentality that produced it has been fertile ground for those in the market of expressing discontent. As the arena of politics is one in which heated argument is amply available and

widely accepted among the general public, the views become intensified. Thus, when combined with such non-interactive, opinion-based communication as a Viewpoint article, it lends itself to more extreme views, as voices go unchecked and attempts are made to gain attention and support via such methods as "slamming."

I would be reluctant to say The Observer, or any other individual media source, reflects the views of its "community." But it is a revealing text for students of — rather than at — Notre Dame.

Mike Zawada
senior
St. Edwards Hall
Jan. 22

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance."

Confucius
Chinese philosopher

A first step

The border fence near the airport in Tijuana, Mexico bears a grim memorial: hundreds of crosses, each marking the life of a man, woman, or child who attempted to cross the U.S.-Mexican border. While preserving the memory of these lives, cut short along a dangerous journey, the crosses also compel deeper reflection on the nature of the highly fortified fences dividing Mexico from the United States. These fences are in part the product of Operation Gatekeeper, a heavily publicized effort to heighten security at this, the busiest section of the border. Such security is only the most visible element of an immigration policy that often seems as confusing as it is controversial. Amid the many disagreements that divide interested parties, there is one point many agree upon: current American immigration policy is in deep need of revision.

It is at this point that agreement ends and deep division arises regarding the form this revision should take. So it should surprise no one that President Bush's recent proposal to bring about major changes in U.S. immigration law drew criticism the moment it was unveiled. The plan includes provisions to allow illegal immigrants already in the United States, as well as individuals who apply from abroad, the opportunity to work the U.S. for three years. To gain such status, one's employer must prove that no American desires the job in question. Immigration control advocates complain the plan rewards those who have broken the law by entering the country illegally. Others deem it a threat to the job quality of current American workers, liable to replacement by individuals willing to work for less money and fewer benefits. Immigration advocates claim the plan will result in the exploitation of workers, who face deportation should they not succumb to potentially unfair demands from their employers.

Churches and other proponents of social change have also commented on the legislation. The Chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's Committee on Migration had this to say in his own response: "While...an important first step in a long overdue reform of our immigration system, this particular proposal does not provide a solution to the serious problems we experience as the result of continuing undocumented migration and an immigration system that is broken. What is needed to respond to these problems is truly comprehensive immigration reform that will provide opportunities for legalization for the undocumented currently living in the United States, temporary worker programs with full worker protections and a path to permanency, as well as a reform of our family immigration system that will

allow immigrant families to reunite in a timely fashion."

Only time will reveal what final form, if any, legislation seeking to implement Bush's proposals might take and whether it will pass into law. Many have already complained of the seemingly political nature of its timing. The President has already acknowledged that politics were involved in his decision. This should of course surprise no one, being as the election is less than a year away and Hispanics are fast becoming one of the nation's most important voting groups. There is also concern that the plan, unlikely to be implemented prior to the election, will be quickly dropped by congressional Republicans should Bush be reelected, allowing the President to use the issue to his political advantage now and then drop it when no longer of use. Regular readers of this column will know that I do not hesitate to criticize this administration. That being said, I believe the President's interest in this issue prior to September 11 bespeaks an honest desire to, at a minimum, revise American immigration policy and at most, reveals some level of concern for the situation of undocumented workers here in the United States. Be that as it may, President Bush's proposal has ensured that an important, complex and at times confusing issue will receive attention during the coming political election. Such attention is, at the very least, a first step toward improving current policies.

American consumers—who enjoy agriculture and other goods produced in large part by undocumented workers—and the unfortunately far less numerous group of American voters, would serve themselves well by examining this issue in depth. They might thereby avoid the knee jerk nativism that should be foreign to a land of immigrants as well as naïve notions of reform that lack careful consideration of economic and political repercussions within and outside of the United States.

Last evening members of the Notre Dame community gathered for the first session of a four-part series entitled "Strangers No Longer: Catholic Responses to Migration." The series will examine the issue of migration from pastoral, political, and economic perspectives while also spurring discussion regarding ways in which individuals and churches can support migrants in their own communities and advocate for fair and just national policies. A complex issue such as immigration reform demands committed, reasoned, and informed dialogue. I encourage readers to join this series and enter into a debate that is crucial to our nation and to the lives of those whose predecessors are now remembered by crosses on a fence.

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Dissident Poetry

Nothing wrong with Elam's scholarship

As a Notre Dame graduate and a current Kent State graduate student, I strongly disagree with The Observer's moral superiority with respect to Abram Elam's KSU scholarship. I support ND's strict standards but I hardly think that gives you the right to judge, with permanent consequences, what other institutions, under different circumstances, do or do not do. Mr. Elam's convictions are mirrored by others at many other universities—are you particularly offended because he was one of ours? He paid society's price—what gives you the right to determine what additional penalty he must endure? And of course he was recruited at Kent State because he was needed. You see, I am a convicted felon with an academic scholarship at Kent State, and thank God they did not feel it necessary to judge my past mistakes, just my academic record. Your sanctimonious self-righteousness belies your Christian mission.

Pat Kerrigan
Class of 1971
Kent, Ohio
Jan. 21

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stereotypes reflect lack of research

Boy, Joey Falco, that sure was a clever article. It is amazing how people like you can invoke certain crude stereotypes to show that other people, like George Bush, are the real bigots. Same goes for using something so mean-spirited to imply that someone else is really the mean one. You and your friends will look through his record until your glasses fall off and never find anything at all to support that dumb joke about the indentured Mexican servant. No need to let that stop you, though. Republicans are racists, everyone knows that—why let facts and logic get in the way, when you have your own cheap and ready prejudices to protect you from having to think or make a serious argument? All the support Bush got from Hispanics while governor must have been because they were under threat—no way could it be that a Republican could actually consider them dirty brown-skins equal to us true Americans.

Likewise with the "former Enron executives" line—so what if many of them are already in jail or on their way to jail? Clear-thinking and enlightened folk like Mr. Falco and his cartoon-fan friends know for an absolute fact, proved on MTV, that all Republicans are rich, evil plutocrats—either that or homophobic, racist, misogynist, Taliban, skinhead, Nazi, fascist, gun-loving, fundamentalist Jesus-freaks; or both, like Dubya—and no amount of evidence to the contrary will shake that firm, heroic conviction. Putting those crooks in prison must have been just a publicity stunt. Most likely they are actually in Iraq right now, drinking fine gin and whipping those smelly, bearded towel-headed inferiors who exist to drill more oil for the divine Emperor Dubya.

I think it would be a great help to the Notre Dame community for some wise person like Mr. Falco to come up with a definitive list of which stereotypes are acceptable, and which are not. I cannot imagine, after all, seeing in print a parody of a speech by some black figure, playing on ghetto slang and caricatures, nor would I want to see one. Yet it seems alright to make fun of conservatives, Texans and southerners in general. So here is a start—mocking Texans good (especially if they are not liberals), mocking blacks bad. What we need is a giant of the mind, a Mr. Falco, to finish it.

Finally, I hope the cowardice and dishonesty of the sort of satire used by Mr. Falco is not lost on his readers. This is a technique used to great effect by Al Franken, for instance. Write a straightforward article and make serious accusations, and people can refute you; you could even get found out to be a liar. Couch even viler and more baseless accusations in a semi-humorous way, though, and you can say you were just joking, and that those who take offense need to lighten up. This saves you from having to back up your malicious insinuations and cheap shots. Keep reading "The Onion," Mr. Falco. Dealing with actual facts is hard work.

Paul Duncan
Class of 2001
Stamford, Conn.
Jan. 21

Marriage and civil union different

In his Jan. 21 letter to the editor concerning the sanctity of marriage, Nicholas Coleman erroneously states that "President Bush is clearly against the civil union of homosexuals," citing the State of the Union address as evidence, and goes on to propose that those concerned with the sanctity of marriage should not "get upset with gays" but rather individuals such as Britney Spears.

Nowhere in the address, however, did President Bush mention the phrase "civil union." Rather, he warned against "activist judges [who] have begun redefining marriage by court order." Marriage and civil union are not, as Mr. Coleman seems to believe, interchangeable. Marriage is a sacred institution blessed by the Church while civil unions are merely legal contracts that extend the benefits of marriage. The Federal Marriage Amendment currently being discussed does prevent the civil union of homosexuals but President Bush has not revealed his opinion on the legislation. Thus far he has only promised to defend the "moral tradition of marriage."

The actions of Britney Spears and others do indeed make a mockery of this "moral tradition" but such behavior is not a reason for throwing open the doors of marriage to homosexuals, as Coleman proposes. If anything, it is a reason for tightening the controls of the institution. The sacredness of marriage must be defended on all fronts and just because we may be losing the battle on one of them doesn't mean we should capitulate on another as well.

Sean McFarlane
freshman
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Jan. 22

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Morris Performing Arts Center presents
a Rogers and Hammerstein classic this weekend

By JONATHAN RETARTHA
Scene Writer

The hills are alive this weekend as the national tour of "The Sound of Music" rolls into the Morris Performing Arts Center. Presented by Troika Entertainment, producer of such other touring musicals as "Saturday Night Fever" and "Cats," this timeless musical has become one of the most well known works of all time, continuing to entertain generations of theater-goers.

The musical tells the true story of Maria Rainer, a postulant at an abbey in Austria who is planning to be a nun. Her love of freedom and nature brings the Mother Abbess to believe that Maria is not yet suited for religious life, and she places Maria in charge of tending to the von Trapp children while their father, a retired Navy captain, is in Vienna with his new fiancée. Maria brings new joy and happiness to the children, who have been burdened with a military-style household ever since the children's mother had died. When the Captain returns with his fiancée, Elsa, and a friend of the family, Max Detweiler, he is shocked at the way Maria has been dealing with the children but soon finds the happiness he lost by hearing Maria's music.

The tale then shifts to the oncoming of the German Anschluss and the rise of the Nazi regime. The Captain promises to stand up to the Nazis no matter what it takes, but Elsa believes differently, and the engagement is broken. Maria and the Captain then realize the love they have for each other and are married several weeks later. The climax comes as the Nazis arrive to force the Captain into service, and the family must find a way to escape.

Richard Rodgers and Oscar



Photo courtesy of www.troika.com

The Broadway League continues with "The Sound of Music" on Friday, the story of a young nun and the children she teaches.

Hammerstein II, two of the most acclaimed musical composers of all time, composed the soundtrack for "The Sound of Music." They are known best for introducing the musical play into modern theater, and the mixture of musical comedy and operetta have produced such global smash hits as "Oklahoma!," "Carousel," "South Pacific," "The King and I," "Flower Drum Song," and the television musicals "State Fair" and "Cinderella." Together, the duo has been awarded 34 Tony Awards, 15 Academy Awards, 2 Pulitzer Prizes, 2 Grammy Awards and 1 Emmy Award.

"The Sound of Music" first opened in 1959, starring Mary Martin as Maria. With the best seats selling for \$5, the musical took in advanced sales upwards of \$2 million, which would be close to \$30 million by today's standards. It ran for close to 1,500 performanc-

es and won seven Tonys, including Best Musical. A United States tour began in 1961, starring Florence Henderson. Since then, there have been professional productions of the musical around the world in countries such as Britain, Japan, China, Sweden, Iceland, the Netherlands, Finland, Peru, South Africa, Israel and Greece. It has also become a very popular selection for high school theater companies, which benefit from the large ensemble cast. The Rodgers and Hammerstein Organization has presented over 20,000 productions since 1960.

And, of course, there is the film version starring Julie Andrews. In 1965, the film won five Academy awards, including Best Picture, and has gone on to become the most popular movie musical of all time. It was the highest grossing film of all time from

1965-1972, according to Variety. New York magazine placed it only behind "Gone with the Wind" as the second-biggest film of all time, projecting a modern-day domestic gross (with inflation factored in) of \$944 million (in comparison, "Titanic" only made about \$600 million domestically).

For decades now, NBC has owned exclusive television rights to the film, and it is aired on a yearly basis by the network. The home video version is the longest running best seller in Billboard history, placing itself in Billboard's Top 40 for 300 weeks in a row.

The soundtrack, featuring such classics as "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," "Do-Re-Mi," "Edelweiss" and "My Favorite Things" has sold over 11 million copies, and both the film soundtrack and cast recording have been translated into dozens of languages.

"The Sound of Music" has become an icon of popular culture that continues to influence the world of theater and film. By simply walking down the street and stopping a stranger, odds are he or she will know the tune to at least one song in the musical. It is an experience of song and drama that will appeal to people of all ages and theater experience.

"The Sound of Music" will be at The Morris Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Student tickets are \$20 (non-students range from \$21-\$51). Tickets are available by calling 574-235-9190 or by ordering on-line at www.BroadwayTheatreLeague.com

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MERYL GUYER

The French language adds something to the audience at this theatrical production. Moliere returns for its tenth run at Notre

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comedy marks 10th French language play

By MERYL GUYER
Scene Writer

Moliere returns to Notre Dame this weekend in costume, poetry and language. A small cast of Notre Dame students and director Professor Paul McDowell will take over the Lab Theatre at 7:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday for the annual French play. Each year the play is chosen from among Moliere's comedies to create an evening of French to create an evening of French to create an evening of French. This year's selection *Les Femmes Savantes* or *The Learned Ladies* proves to be a rich choice for physical, and the occasional lovers' quarrel. The play is acted entirely in French, but spectators receive a synopsis of the story in English. The play is open to all guests, regardless of previous training in French. Moliere's comedies have not continued success at Notre Dame, despite the relatively low population of French speakers. "We have had 2,800 spectators in 10 years and they always laugh in the right places because there is lots of physical humor and they have an English synopsis," said McDowell.

Les Femmes Savantes focuses on a domineering mother who imparts to one daughter a love of philosophy and poetry, causing the daughter to forsake her love interest for a fraudulent poet. Meanwhile, a second daughter falls in love with her sister's rejected boyfriend.

This tumultuous combination is highlighted by a famous scene in which Trisotin, the fraudulent poet played by senior Karl Reifsteck, reads his poetry to the ladies of the house, and they swoon over his words.

The 16th-century period costumes and rhythmic sounds of the dialogue are reminiscent of France's rich history of theatre and literature, and the student actors benefit both from communicating in French, and also from putting the play on a stage where it takes on more life than the pages provide.

"The plot of French theater is usually simplistic, but the language makes it a beautiful art form and you get a deeper appreciation of language," said Reifsteck.

The French Language play celebrates its 10th year this weekend, an accomplishment among universities. McDowell cites the program, a one-credit hour, one-semester option for undergraduates that results in a

play in a foreign language, as an entirely unique concept. McDowell conducts tryouts at the beginning of each academic year, from which the director chooses individuals to join the course, which culminates in the actual production of the play.

At the end of the dress rehearsal Wednesday evening McDowell emphasized his cast, saying that they have been so good that for the first time he could pay attention to details as minute as shoe buckles. "There are lots of very funny moments that these guys do so well because they have been working since August. They are put in countless theaters and they are so ready for an audience that the audience will be happy to have them," said McDowell.

Les Femmes Savantes runs two hours, including a 15 minute intermission, and McDowell advises interested spectators to purchase tickets in advance from the Department of Romance Languages in 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall. Tickets are General Admission, \$5 each.

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MERYL GUYER/The Observer

Liz McCorry, as Philamante, scolds her lover, played by Karl Reifsteck, for one of his many poetic attempts to woo the women of the show.

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Pomeroy makes Legends a stop on their tour

Unique flavor and infectious rhythm is making hip-hop/R&B band a fast hit across the U.S.

By REBECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Writer

This Friday Legends is bringing in the new up and coming band Pomeroy. A four-piece band with a hip-hop/R&B kind of sound, Pomeroy is well known throughout the Midwest. The band is composed of Matt Marron on vocals and guitar, Chris Davis on drums, Dean Hopkins on bass, and David Fairbanks on vocals and percussion. Pomeroy is a mix of the hip-hop, pop, rock, and funk, thus creating a sound similar to that of Jamiroquai and Maroon 5 type bands. Their label explains Pomeroy as speaking "with nimble rhymes and soulful three part harmonies over intricate, bouncing grooves".

Pomeroy has two full length CDs, "Inside the Shine" and "Cocoon Club". Just recently, Pomeroy released a five song EP called "Identity". The band calls "Identity" "its best material yet." The songs are an easy listening, but with a unique flavor that belongs only to Pomeroy, helping the band to become such success.

While Pomeroy's music is terrific alone, lucky for Notre Dame students at Legends

this Friday, Pomeroy is best know for their impressive live show. With guitar, drums, bass, keys, and vocals the band puts on a show worth seeing. Pomeroy is known as having "that movie-like ability to step onto a new stage as strangers only to close their set with a legion of new fans pulsing to their infectious beat. They deliver pure energy that takes over every room they visit." This sounds much more promising than intoxicated students playing volleyball, which is the other campus-sponsored event on Friday.

Just recently Pomeroy has been signed by a Chicago management team called "FreshTracksMusic," along with signing on Atlanta power agent, Rodney Stammel of the Metro Talent Group. Matt Marron, the lead guitarist tells, "We have finally found those missing pieces to the puzzle that were stuck in between the sofa cushions, and we are totally stoked about getting out and touring hard in 2004." Well thankfully South Bend has not been overlooked in this tour.

Pomeroy has toured all over the Midwest and also in parts of the West Coast. Throughout all of their tour-

ing they have played with The Dave Mathews Band, Stone Temple Pilots, 311, Incubus, All American Rejects, The Used, Three Doors Down, Godsmack, Nelly and the St. Lunatics, Christina Aguilera, Sevendust, Smashmouth, Goldfinger, Filter, Fishbone, Reel Big Fish, G-love and Special Sauce, Phunk Junkeez, Kottonmouth Kings, the Urge, Zebrahead, 2 Skinee J's, City High, Bif Naked, Pato Banton and The Reggae Revolution.

This Friday they will add Legends to their list and it promises to be a great show. Pomeroy plays a mix of genres in their music and thus makes a concert enjoyable for almost anyone. Add in the element of being a great live band and all that leaves is a great concert for anyone smart enough to experience them. Friday night Legends is hosting a terrific band that promises through reputation to put on a great show.

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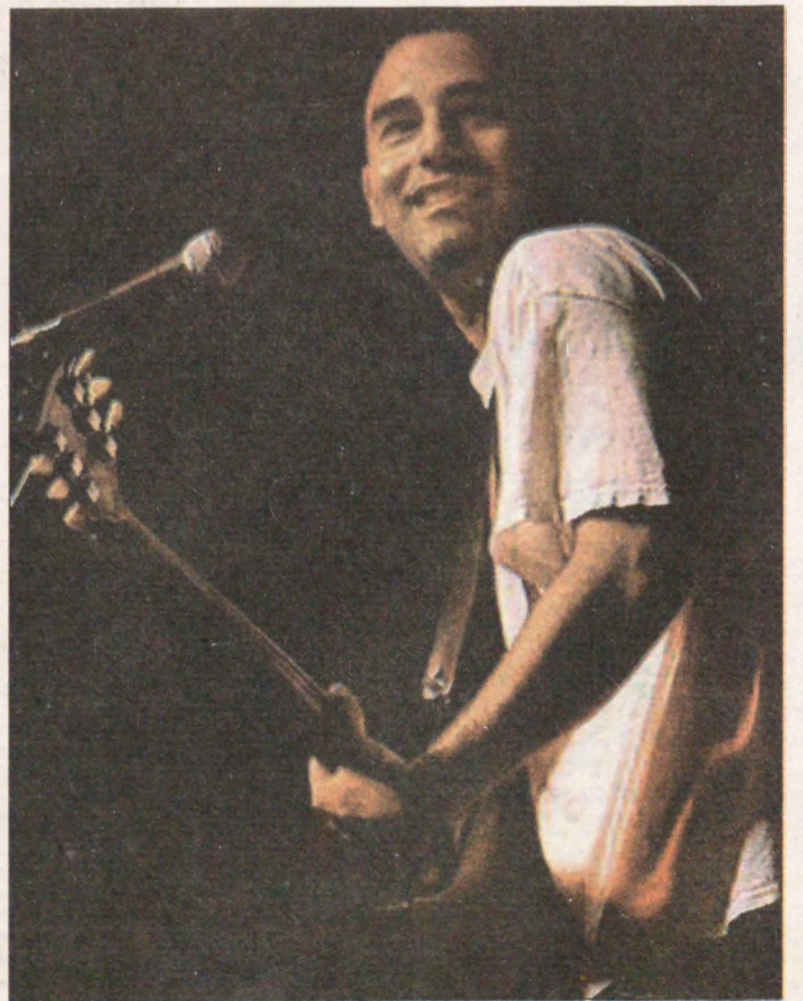


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Pomeroy guitarist and lead vocalist Matt Marron jams during a recent performance. Pomeroy will play at Legends tonight.

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Hull ends goal drought in Red Wings' victory over Kings

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LOS ANGELES — Brett Hull ended the longest scoring drought of his career with his first goal in 21 games, and defenseman Mathieu Schneider had two goals against his former team in the Detroit Red Wings' 5-4 victory over Los Angeles on Thursday night.

Well-traveled defenseman Jamie Rivers snapped a 33-game goal drought and Curtis Joseph made 25 saves, helping the Central Division-leading Red Wings end a three-game winless streak.

Alexander Frolov scored twice for the Kings, who also got power-play goals from Trent Klatt and Luc Robitaille.

Hull, the third-leading goal scorer in NHL history behind Wayne Gretzky and Gordie Howe, got his 17th of the season and 733rd of his career on a power play at 3:47 of the second period while Kings defenseman Jaroslav Modry was serving a hooking penalty.

The eight-time All-Star parked himself in the low slot and redirected Nicklas Lidstrom's wrist shot from the top of the left circle past Roman Cechmanek, tying the score at 2-2. It was his 47th goal in 66 games against Los Angeles.

Schneider, acquired by Detroit last March in a multiplayer trade that sent Sean Avery to the Kings, put the Red Wings ahead 1 1/2 minutes later with a wrist shot from the right circle while Cechmanek was screened by Kings forward Derek Armstrong.

Joseph preserved the lead by stopping rookie Scott Barney on a breakaway with about 10 1/2 minutes left in the second period after Detroit defenseman Jiri Fischer misplayed a bouncing puck at the red line and fell backward.

Lightning 3, Oilers 2

Vincent Lecavalier had a lot of fun at the Edmonton Oilers' expense.

Lecavalier scored a goal and added an assist to lead the Tampa Bay Lightning to a victory over the Oilers on Thursday night.

"Playing here was a lot of fun," Lecavalier said. "Right off the bat there were people carrying the puck up and down the ice. It really gets you in the game. It makes it fun."

Brad Richards and Pavel Kubina also scored for Tampa Bay. Radek Dvorak and Brad Isbister both had a goal and an assist for Edmonton.

Tampa Bay took a 3-1 lead with a two-goal second period.

"We honestly felt we could come back," Isbister said. "We went out with that in mind. But we can't wait until the third period. It's a difficult thing to come back two goals in the third period."

Lecavalier picked up a loose puck in front of the net midway through the second and slid a backhand shot past Tommy Salo, who had three shutouts in his previous eight games.

The goal, Lecavalier's 14th, broke a 1-1 tie. Earlier, he assisted on Kubina's goal.

Then, with Edmonton enforcer Georges Laraque about to be penalized for roughing Martin Cibak, Richards fired a shot past Salo with 2:34 left.

Dvorak made it interesting midway through the third when he tipped in a goal-mouth pass from Isbister to pull the Oilers to 3-2. The goal, Dvorak's eighth, came at 9:49.

Isbister scored on the Oilers' first shot, beating goalie John Grahame just 29 seconds into the contest.

But the Lightning tied it less than four minutes later on Kubina's goal. Kubina came in alone from the blue line to beat Salo.

Coyotes 2, Sharks 1

Ladislav Nagy scored the go-ahead goal, Brian Boucher made 34 saves and the Phoenix Coyotes snapped a five-game winless streak with a victory over San Jose on Thursday night.

Mike Sillinger also scored for the Coyotes, who snapped the Sharks' four-game winning streak a day after San Jose beat Phoenix 4-2 in Arizona.

Wayne Primeau scored for the Sharks, who wasted a chance to pad their healthy lead in the Pacific Division against a spiraling opponent. San Jose was a step slow for most of the night while losing in regulation for just the third time in 17 games.

Boucher was outstanding in his first victory since recording his fifth straight shutout earlier in the month.

He prevented San Jose from making its usual fast start with 12 saves in the first period. Boucher also made several big saves on San Jose's 15 shots in the scoreless third period.

Evgeni Nabokov stopped 18 shots for the Sharks, who failed to earn a point at home for just the second time in 18 games. Nabokov was solid, but he probably should have stopped Nagy's team-leading 21st goal



Reuters

Tampa Bay forward Vincent Lecavalier finishes a check on Edmonton's Steve Stalos in the first period of a 3-2 Lightning victory over the Oilers Thursday.

on a wraparound shot midway through the second period.

Phoenix managed just three shots in the first period but took a 1-0 lead early in the second when Sillinger followed a rebound of Jeff Taffe's breakaway chance, muscling the puck under Nabokov. It was Sillinger's first goal in 22 games since Nov. 30.

Less than four minutes later, Primeau snapped his own 28-game goal-scoring drought by tipping Niko Dimitrakos' excellent pass past Boucher. Primeau, the younger brother of Philadelphia All-Star Keith Primeau, has earned raves for his checking and defense this season, but he hadn't scored a goal since Nov. 11.

Patrick Marleau, the Sharks' leading scorer, was awarded his first All-Star berth earlier in the day. Coyotes' captain Shane Doan also will make his first All-Star appearance.

Blackhawks 7, Blue Jackets 0

Craig Anderson got a lot of help from his Chicago teammates — and the goal posts.

Anderson made 30 saves for his first NHL victory and shutout, and seven players scored for the Blackhawks in a victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Thursday night.

Anderson, a Chicago-area native, entered the game with an 0-11-2 record in his two-year NHL career, including an 0-8-0 mark in nine games this season.

"I've been waiting for this my

whole career," Anderson said. "It was great that it was a shutout. I don't have to worry about my first win now."

Columbus rang three shots off the posts.

David Vyborny beat Anderson with a backhanded shot eight minutes into the second period, but the puck deflected off the crossbar.

Darryl Sydor had a chance late in the second, but his close-range shot hit the near post. Jaroslav Spacek also hit the near post with a power-play slap shot early in the third.

The goalie stuck to basics in the final minutes.

"Make the other players beat you with a good shot," Anderson said. "Don't give them easy goals."

Travis Moen, Bryan Berard, Steve Sullivan, Mark Bell, Tyler Arnason, Igor Korolev and Ryan Vandenbussche scored to help Chicago set a season high in goals and snap a five-game winless streak.

"A couple of pucks went in," Chicago coach Brian Sutter. "We were ready and played the same way we did the last couple of games. You'd like to see some of the goals that went in tonight go in the last couple of games."

"Definitely getting a win like that showed we can come out and play," Arnason said. "It was a nearly flawless game."

Columbus, 3-4-3 in its last 10 games, was held scoreless for the seventh time this season. Columbus backup Fred Brathwaite faced 39 shots.

Avalanche 1, Thrashers 1

Atlanta goalie Pasi Nurminen had an unusually quiet night against an unlikely opponent.

Nurminen made 20 saves and the Thrashers held Colorado's NHL-leading power play scoreless in a tie Thursday night.

The 21 shots Nurminen faced tied a season low for Atlanta, which was facing the third-highest scoring team in the league.

"I kind of felt like I didn't have to do too much," he said. "I can't say it was easy, but they're have been harder games."

The Avalanche had converted 24 percent of their opportunities with the man-advantage coming in, but they squandered five chances against the Thrashers, including a brief five-on-three in the second period.

That shouldn't be a surprise, because the Thrashers lead the NHL in penalty killing at home.

"This is the best game our defensemen played this year," Atlanta coach Bob Hartley said. "There's no rest playing against these guys. We missed a couple of chances, but I think we generated a lot and we kept their big guns pretty quiet."

Frantisek Kaberle gave Atlanta a 1-0 lead early in the first period on a power play, and Brad Larsen tied it in the second.

Both goals came from unlikely scorers — it was Kaberle's second of the season and Larsen's third.

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| New Jersey | 23-12-10-1 | 57 | 4-5-1-0 |
| NY Islanders | 22-20-4-1 | 49 | 3-5-2-0 |
| NY Rangers | 18-19-7-4 | 47 | 2-5-2-1 |
| Pittsburgh | 11-30-5-3 | 30 | 2-8-0-0 |

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

| team | record | pts. | last 10 |
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| Toronto | 26-12-8-3 | 63 | 5-4-1-0 |
| Ottawa | 26-12-7-3 | 62 | 6-2-2-0 |
| Boston | 22-13-10-4 | 58 | 7-2-1-0 |
| Montreal | 24-16-6-2 | 56 | 7-1-2-0 |
| Buffalo | 19-24-5-1 | 44 | 3-5-2-0 |

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

| team | record | pts. | last 10 |
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| Tampa Bay | 22-16-6-3 | 53 | 6-2-0-2 |
| Atlanta | 21-21-5-2 | 49 | 2-5-2-1 |
| Carolina | 16-21-9-2 | 43 | 4-5-1-0 |
| Florida | 15-20-10-3 | 43 | 3-4-2-1 |
| Washington | 14-27-5-2 | 35 | 3-4-2-1 |

Western Conference, Central Division

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| Detroit | 27-14-6-2 | 62 | 5-2-2-1 |
| St. Louis | 25-14-6-1 | 57 | 3-5-2-0 |
| Nashville | 23-17-5-2 | 54 | 5-3-2-0 |
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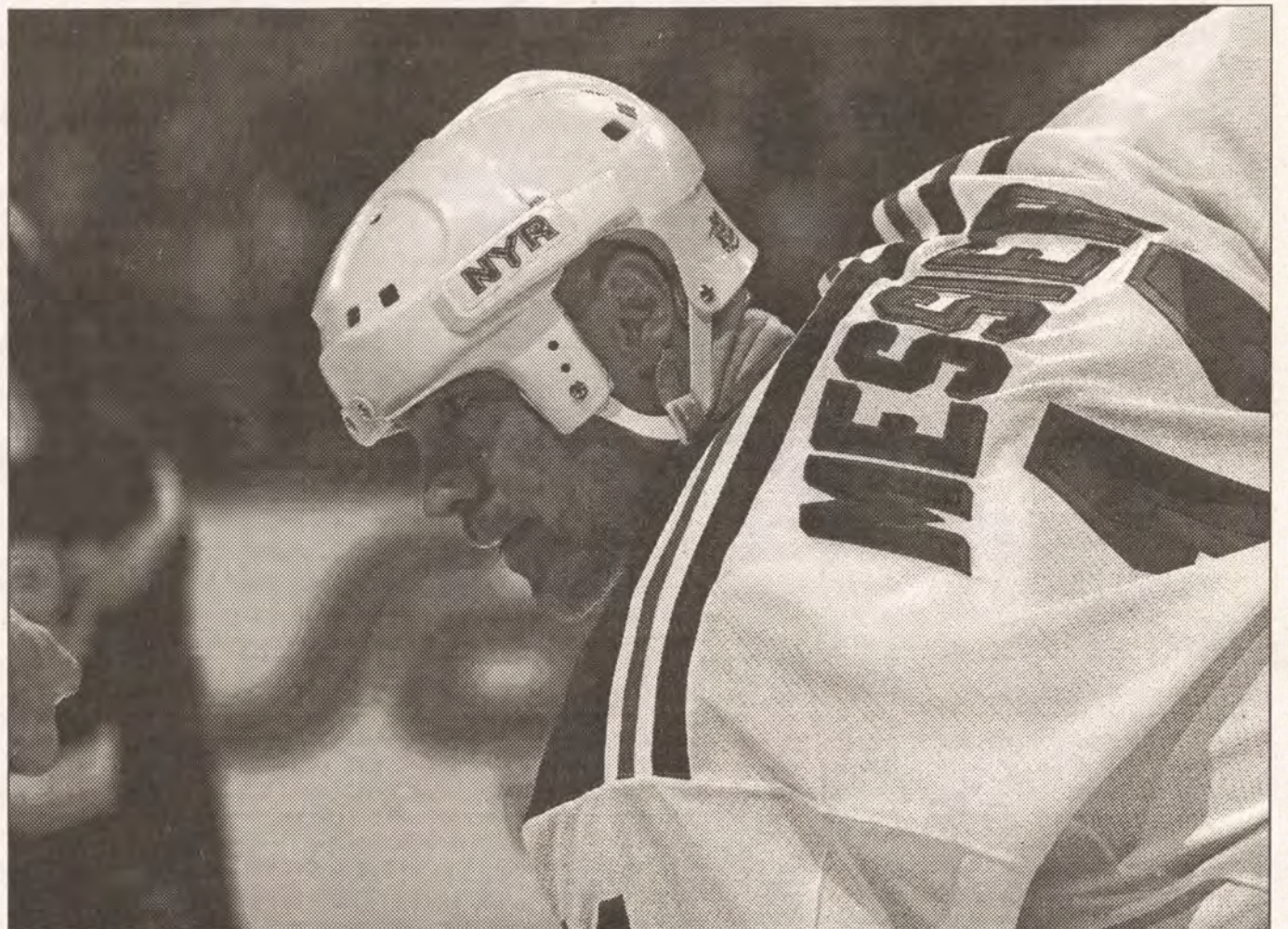
Western Conference, Northwest Division

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| Colorado | 27-11-8-2 | 64 | 7-1-1-1 |
| Vancouver | 26-14-7-2 | 61 | 5-4-1-0 |
| Calgary | 24-16-4-3 | 55 | 5-4-1-0 |
| Minnesota | 17-18-14-0 | 48 | 3-3-4-0 |
| Edmonton | 19-21-8-1 | 47 | 4-4-1-1 |

Western Conference, Pacific Division

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| San Jose | 22-11-11-4 | 59 | 7-2-0-1 |
| Los Angeles | 18-14-10-5 | 51 | 2-2-5-1 |
| Dallas | 21-20-8-0 | 50 | 4-4-2-0 |
| Phoenix | 16-16-13-2 | 47 | 5-3-2-0 |
| Anaheim | 14-21-8-5 | 41 | 1-5-4-0 |

NHL



Icon Sports

The Eastern Conference added New York Rangers captain Mark Messier to the All-Star team Thursday. Messier will become the third oldest All-Star in NHL history behind Gordie Howe and Doug Harvey.

All-Star reserves announced

Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York Rangers captain Mark Messier was added to the NHL's Eastern Conference All-Star team Thursday, four days after his 43rd birthday.

On the other side of the ice he'll see Columbus' Rich Nash, making his All-Star debut at 19.

Messier will become the third oldest All-Star when he suits up Feb. 8 in St. Paul, Minn. Nash, the NHL goal leader, will be the first teenage All-Star since Jaromir Jagr and Owen Nolan in 1992.

Nash will be 19 years,

237 days on game day, making him the youngest All-Star since Wendel Clark, who was 135 days younger in the 1986 game.

Only Gordie Howe, who was 51 when he represented Hartford in 1980, and St. Louis defenseman Doug Harvey, 44 in 1969, were older All-Stars than Messier. He will be the fifth to play at least 15 games.

Messier, who passed Howe on the NHL's career points list earlier this season, leads the Rangers with 13 goals. He has 1,869 points — second only to Wayne Gretzky.

His 1,727 NHL games played trails only Howe.

Messier is tied with Ray Bourque for the most All-Star assists with 13 and is fourth in points with 18.

Five East teammates, Florida goalie Roberto Luongo; defenseman Adrian Aucoin of the New York Islanders, Nick Boynton of Boston, and Montreal's Sheldon Souray, and Washington forward Robert Lang, were chosen to their first All-Star game.

The third goalie, playing behind New Jersey starter Martin Brodeur, is Montreal's Jose Theodore — a second-time All-Star.

Theodore has regained the form that made him the MVP and Vezina

Trophy winner two years ago.

For the West, goalie Dwayne Roloson — fourth in the league in goals-against average and save percentage — and defenseman Filip Kuba will be making their debuts while representing the host Minnesota Wild.

They will be joined by All-Star rookies, goalie Tomas Vokoun and defenseman Kimmo Timonen of Nashville; forwards Pavel Datsyuk of Detroit, Shane Doan of Phoenix, Patrick Marleau of San Jose, and Alex Tanguay of the Colorado Avalanche.

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| Georgetown | 2-3 | 11-3 | 99 |
| West Virginia | 1-3 | 9-6 | 86 |
| Virginia Tech | 1-3 | 8-7 | 146 |
| Rutgers | 1-4 | 9-6 | 26 |
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IN BRIEF

Joe Namath will undergo alcohol counseling

BRISTOL, Conn. — Joe Namath is undergoing counseling for alcohol abuse a month after a television interview in which he slurred his words and twice told a sideline reporter he wanted to kiss her.

“Well, I've enrolled, or I've gone into a center, and I'm getting personal help there,” the Hall of Fame quarterback told ESPN in an interview to be aired Sunday. “Yeah, these people are experts and we need to talk.”

In an interview during a New England Patriots-New York Jets game in December, Namath appeared intoxicated when he twice told ESPN reporter Suzy Kolber he wanted to kiss her. Namath subsequently apologized to Kolber.

Namath said he had been drinking for several hours prior to kickoff.

“We had been going since 3 or 4 in the afternoon, and I did the wrong thing,” he said. “I'm very disappoint-

ed with my behavior, because of how I've embarrassed my family, and the people that I work with and my friends and all.”

Spiders upset Jayhawks, snap streak

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Tony Dobbins' fadeaway jumper with a second left gave Richmond a 69-68 victory over No. 12 Kansas on Thursday night, snapping the Jayhawks' 52-game home winning streak against unranked opponents.

Mike Skrocki scored 23 points to lead the Spiders (10-8), who became the first unranked team to win at Kansas since Nebraska on Feb. 10, 1999.

With Kansas (11-3) clinging to a 68-67 lead and the shot clock running out, Aaron Miles tried a 3-point shot that Dobbins blocked. Miles got the ball back, but there wasn't time to shoot again and Richmond got the ball back on a shot clock violation.

Dobbins dribbled into the lane on the ensuing possession, spun and swished the game-winner. Kansas had time for one inbound pass, but the Jayhawks' Wayne Simien was called for a pushing foul and Richmond was able to run out the clock.

Tarheels fall to Seminoles

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — North Carolina coach Roy Williams was worried that points were coming too easily against Florida State.

He was right. The Seminoles erased a 24-point deficit and stunned the Tar Heels 90-81 in overtime Thursday night, ending a four-game losing streak.

Florida State seemed completely overmatched as North Carolina's accurate shooting helped build a 42-18 lead with just more than five minutes left in the first half.

Tim Pickett scored six of his 30 points in overtime for Florida State.

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

Men's team travels to Illinois to face ranked Northwestern

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The men's swimming and diving team looks to hit the .500 mark and continue a strong January when Notre Dame (5-6) heads to Evanston, Ill., tomorrow afternoon to face off against No. 15 Northwestern (5-2) at 2 p.m.

"They're the highest-ranked team we've played this year and are filled with excellent frontline swimmers, but they're not as deep as we are," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "We want to limit their stars to as

few points as possible and swim tough in our last test on the road before the Big East Championships."

Last weekend, the Irish dropped a 228-123 decision against No. 17 Pittsburgh, but came away with a pair of victories against Maryland and Villanova, 201-140 and 282-51, respectively, in a quadrangular meet at Pittsburgh.

Setting the tone for the meet, junior David Moison, sophomore Jaime Lutkus and freshman Ted Brown swept the top three spots in the 400-meter individual medley and freshman Tim Kegelman kicked in a

first-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly to provide the Irish with a sufficient cushion between themselves and both the Terrapins and Wildcats at the end of the first day.

Kegelman continued his heroics on Saturday, winning the 200-yard butterfly and thereby claiming his second event victory in as many days. In addition, Brown won the 500-yard freestyle, Lutkus placed second in the 200-yard individual medley and the 400-yard medley relay team (Kegelman, sophomores Doug Bauman and Tim Randolph and junior Frank Krakowski) also took second as

the Irish boosted their dual meet record to 5-6, including a stellar 4-1 in 2004.

"I'm very pleased (with the meet's results) from both a pure speed and a depth point of view," Welsh said.

Welsh recently announced the signing of the first three members of the squad's 2008 class, including Graham Parker of Cherry Hill, N.J., Rob Seery of Garden City, N.Y. and Jay Vandenberg of Beverly Hills, Mich.

Parker owns a trio of New Jersey state championships (200 medley relay, 200 individual medley relay and the 400

freestyle relay) while Seery has garnered All-America honors in both the 200 and 500 freestyle and Vandenberg has recorded national qualifying times in the 800, 1,500 and 1,600 freestyle.

"They will strengthen our distance freestyle group and give us more flexibility in distance events," Welsh said. "They make us more versatile, which should help a bunch."

The Irish return to action next Saturday when they host St. Bonaventure at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles hope to knock off Tri-State once more

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

In a thrilling overtime game, the Belles outlasted Tri-State University in a 66-64 victory nearly a month ago. But even though it happened a month ago, the Belles would love to repeat the outcome this weekend.

With a demoralizing 65-61 loss to Kalamazoo this week, the Belles (4-12) have extended their losing streak to seven games and their conference record to 0-6.

This Saturday the Belles will face Tri-State University (1-

16), a non-conference opponent that was the last team that the Belles defeated before their losing streak began.

The losing streak has been very frustrating for the Belles, particularly in their past few games.

Turnovers and inconsistent play were to blame for the Belles' losses early in the streak, but recently the team has played nearly mistake-free basketball. In a 70-67 loss to Alma last week, the Belles committed

only seven turnovers.

After two close losses against Alma and Kalamazoo, the Belles still feel confident that their level of play is high enough to win games. The problem is that playing at a competitive level has made for closer games but not victories.

Forward Emily Creachbaum has been the leading scorer for the Belles this season, but overall team scoring has been very spread out. Eight players on the team average more than

"We are ready to get on and get after it."

Suzanne Bellina
Saint Mary's coach



RACHEL TOWNSEND/The Observer

Saint Mary's guard Katle Boyce takes the ball up the court against Illinois College in a game on Dec. 5.

20 minutes each game and this depth has been a positive all season.

Despite being 1-9 in their last 10 games and facing recent disappointing losses, the Belles are far from giving up.

"We are ready to get on and

get after it," Belles coach Suzanne Bellina said after Wednesday's 65-61 loss.

The Belles play at home this Saturday against Tri-State University at 3 p.m.

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UCLA

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Building the rivalry

Phelps became Notre Dame head coach for the 1971-72 season at the age of 29 and wanted to make the Irish the best in country. He knew what school and what coach he had to use as a model for building the program.

He had to follow John Wooden and UCLA.

"I said, 'What is the best program in the country?' It wasn't Marquette, Kansas or North Carolina State. It was UCLA," Phelps said. "UCLA is the Yankees, the pinstripes, Pauley Pavilion is Yankee Stadium. We need to forget everyone else, if we catch up to them, we know we are good."

The passion for defeating UCLA intensified in Phelps' first game against the Bruins, a 114-56 loss in Los Angeles. That game was the first meeting between the teams since the Irish defeated the Bruins the season before, ending the four-time defending champion's 48-game non-conference winning streak.

The domination by Wooden's team wasn't what disturbed Phelps. It was the fact Wooden continued to press with Bill Walton and Henry Bibby despite having a 41-point lead with eight minutes remaining.

And with Notre Dame playing UCLA twice a year on national television — a big deal in the early '70s — the rivalry naturally grew.

"When you schedule UCLA home and away, it built a rival-

ry," former Notre Dame guard Dwight Clay said. "When you play them that much, you aren't afraid of them. They knew that when we beat them."

The Irish started to believe they could overcome that UCLA mystique.

A miraculous comeback

In 1973, the Bruins came to South Bend and defeated the Irish 82-63 to set the NCAA record for consecutive wins at 61. Phelps knew his team wasn't ready to compete with UCLA yet.

After a trip to the NIT championship game later this season — at a time when only 25 teams qualified for the NCAA Tournament — the Irish came into next season awaiting the midseason showdown with the Bruins.

"UCLA was such a great basketball team," former Notre Dame center John Shumate said. "You didn't need to use anything to get you ready to play UCLA. The mere challenge of going against the 'Wizard of Westwood,' Walton, Keith Wilkes, Pete Trgovich and Dave Meyers was enough. If you

couldn't get ready for the Irish versus UCLA, you weren't a basketball player."

The top-ranked Bruins came into the ACC and took the crowd

out of it early, building a 17-point lead in the first half. Their streak appeared to be moving toward 89 straight games as the Bruins were up 70-59 with 3:22 remaining.

They wouldn't score again. "We were down by 11 points,

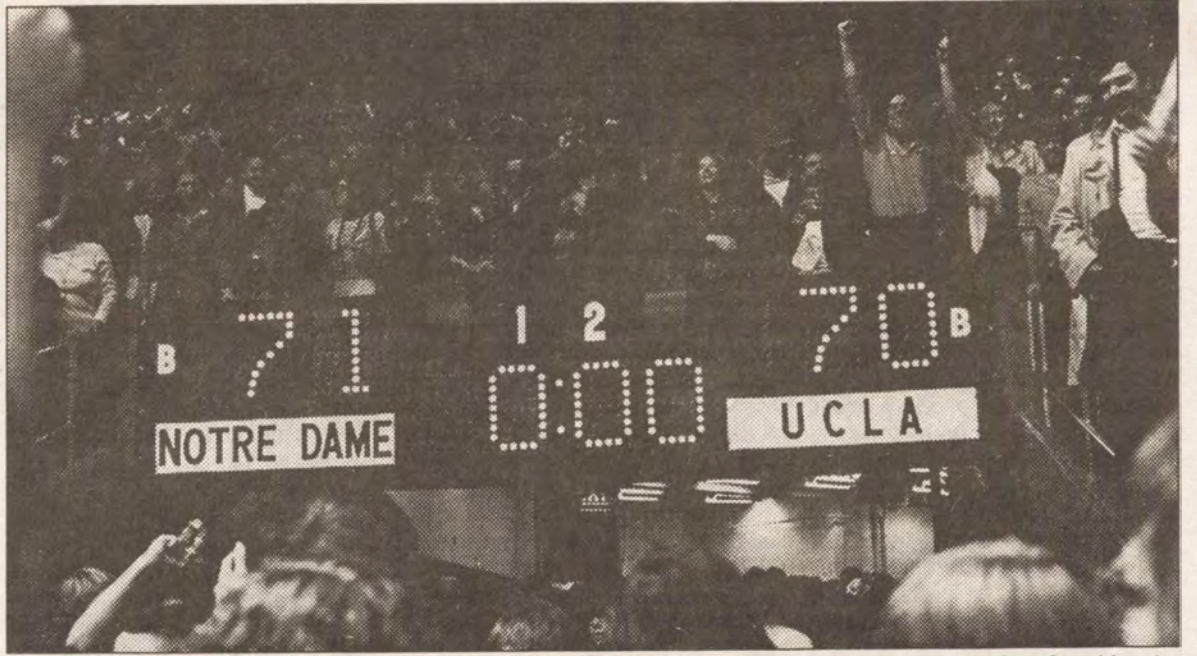


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The scoreboard tells the whole story as the ACC explodes following Notre Dame's win over then-No. 1 UCLA 30 years ago.

and everyone had counted us out coming in much less when we were down 11," Shumate said. "When coach called a timeout, and I can still see the snarl, the passion in his eyes, the belief and his love for Notre Dame, he pointed to each and every one of us."

"He said, 'If you don't believe that we can do this, then leave and go to the locker room right now. If you stay here and believe, then we can do this.'"

Phelps moved Shumate to the top of the press, and after a lay-up, a steal and another lay-up by Shumate, the lead was down to seven in less than half a minute.

After another Notre Dame steal, a lay-up by guard Adrian Dantley made the score 70-65. A travel by UCLA gave the Irish another opportunity, and a jumper by guard Gary Brokaw cut the lead to three.

At this time, after Notre Dame had reeled off eight points in less than a minute and a half,

Walton looked to the bench at his coach.

But Wooden, who never called a timeout in the second half, didn't want to slow down the momentum.

Meyers missed a shot, and Brokaw hit another jumper to cut the lead to one. Walton made a timeout gesture while looking at Wooden, but Wooden refused to acknowledge him and wanted the Bruins to keep playing.

A charge by Wilkes gave the Irish a shot to complete their improbable comeback. Not wanting to give the Bruins a chance to regroup, Phelps didn't call a timeout, and the Irish set up a two-man game for Shumate and the suddenly hot Brokaw.

But the Bruins forgot about Clay in the corner. Tommie Curtis drifted off Clay to double-team the streaking Brokaw and left Clay open to make his only shot of the second half.

"That was my spot in that gym. We would break down the zone in practice, and Gary would pass [to me] from the top of the circle," Clay said. "I rotated from corner to corner. I practiced that shot all the time."

The Bruins finally called a timeout after giving up a 12-0 run in less than three minutes. They had a number of close looks before the buzzer sounded but couldn't convert anything.

One of those misses belonged to Walton — only his second missed field goal in the entire game.

"The last 29 seconds were just an eye opener for all of us. We were still in awe that we had the lead," Clay said. "We just had to just play defense and get the rebound. They all had opportunities. All of a sudden, Shumate grabbed the rebound and it was over."

UCLA experienced its first loss since Jan. 23, 1971, a 89-82 win

by Notre Dame.

And the Irish could do what they practiced Friday.

Looking back

The place now known as the Joyce Center has been as many upsets as any other building in the country. The Irish have defeated five top-ranked teams, including giving UCLA its last loss before its 88-game streak and knocking off 29-0 San Francisco in 1977.

But that win on Jan. 19, 1974, sticks out over any of Phelps' accomplishments, including the 1978 trip to the Final Four, in his 20 years as Notre Dame coach.

"When you look at that game, we beat all these No. 1 teams, nothing reflects back to that moment," Phelps said.

That shot from his spot in the corner has lived with Clay his entire life and made him a legendary name in Notre Dame sports history.

"It stays with me constantly — the two million that saw it on television and one million that were there," Clay said. "That was my 15 minutes of fame that lasted for 30 years."

Shumate was having doubts about coming back for Sunday's ceremony because of his health and fighting the potentially bad weather. But when his old coach heard about that, he gave Shumate one last tongue-lashing.

"Coach Phelps had gotten wind of me not coming and told me, 'You get [up] and get back here to enjoy and savor the moment that we were all a part of,'" Shumate said. "Now I'm so elated — so appreciative — of whoever put this weekend together, that I can be a part of the tradition of the Fighting Irish one more time."

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Irish fans rush the court following Notre Dame's 71-70 win over UCLA on Jan. 19, 1974. The win broke the Bruins' 88-game winning streak.



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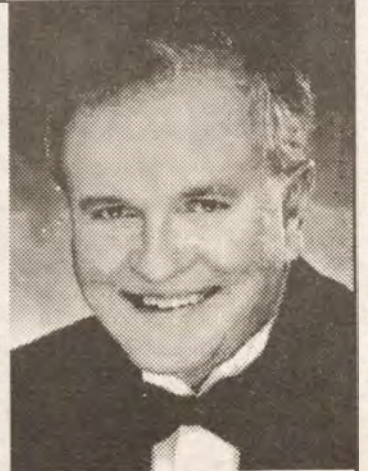
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HOCKEY

Irish remain on the road to face Northern Michigan

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

They've proven they can beat the best. Now they need to beat the rest.

Coming off one of the biggest non-conference wins of the season, the Irish will look to keep their good play going against Northern Michigan in a key CCHA matchup this Friday and Saturday in Marquette, Mich.

Notre Dame, who tied and defeated No. 4 Wisconsin on the road last weekend, hope to avoid a letdown against the Wildcats (10-11-1, 8-10-0 in the CCHA).

The Irish swept the Wildcats at the Joyce Center earlier this season, defeating Northern Michigan 5-1 on Nov. 28 and 4-2 on Nov. 29. Historically, the Wildcats hold a 14-10-4 advan-

tage in the series, including a 5-3-2 mark in Marquette.

Notre Dame (12-7-3, 8-6-2) will face a hungry opponent in Northern Michigan, who has dropped three straight games to CCHA opponents. The Wildcats lost two games at Alaska Fairbanks by 1-0 and 5-2 scores last weekend.

Currently, the Irish sit in seventh place overall in the CCHA with 18 points. The league is still relatively close, however, with Notre Dame just three points behind conference-leading Miami (Ohio).

Senior forward Rob Globke scored two goals and two assists in the Wisconsin series and was named the CCHA offensive player of the week for his efforts. That's bad news for the Wildcats, because in 11 career games against Northern Michigan, Globke has five goals

and two assists.

Three of those five goals came in Notre Dame's earlier wins this season against the Wildcats.

Despite being widely outshot by Wisconsin in last weekend's series, Notre Dame's goalies were able to keep the Irish in the game.

Junior Morgan Cey started the 2-2 tie on Saturday, making a season-high 36 saves. Freshman David Brown was in net for the 3-1 win Sunday, making 30 saves on the night and collecting his second win this season against a top-five ranked team.

The Wildcats are led offensively by forward Darin Olver with 20 points (eight goals, 12 assists). Defenseman Nathan Oystriek follows closely behind with 19 points (three goals, 16 assists) and is also the confer-



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Irish forward Rob Globke keeps the puck away from his defender in Notre Dame's game against Lake Superior earlier this season.

ence's overall leader in assists among defensemen.

Senior Craig Kowalski has started all but four games for the Wildcats in goal and has collected a 10-11-1 record with a 2.90 goals against average

and a .918 save percentage in those 22 contests.

Face-off for each game is scheduled for 7:05 p.m.

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FENCING

Irish head to New York for weekend tournament

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

With brisk arctic winds freezing South Bend and most of the Northeast, the Notre Dame fencing team looks to continue thawing out their competition with its red-hot play this weekend.

The team heads to New York University for Sunday's NYU Dual Meet, where they will face off against hometown NYU as well as St. John's, Stanford, Columbia, and Yale. St. John's will likely prove the most formidable of the group, as they placed third behind Notre Dame and Penn State at last year's national championships.

One of the biggest tasks of last semester was trying to integrate three new freshmen into the lineup. The freshman saber tandem of Valerie Providenza and Angela Vincent has stepped in nicely, complemented by classmate and epeeist Amy Orlando.

Now, with a semester of collegiate bouts under their belts, the freshmen will be expected to augment their contributions with their newfound experience. After emerging victorious from last semester's down-to-the-wire dual meet against archrival Penn State, the freshmen feel as though they have a newfound confidence.

Providenza carved through the Penn State fencers, posting a 3-0 record at the meet.

"I really want to win this year and I just try to motivate myself to do well."

Valerie Providenza
Irish saber

"I was just happy to help my team out," she said. "I really want to win this year and I just try to motivate myself to do well."

If the women are hot, then the men are a raging inferno. With their corresponding victory over the Nittany Lions, the men's team extended their winning streak to 87 consecutive dual matches.

However, maintaining that streak will prove a tough chore, especially against the likes of the Red Storm. Junior epeeist Michal Sobieraj is unfazed.

"[The streak] is very nice but I don't think about it while I'm fencing," he said. "I just try to keep on winning."

In order for the men's team to keep on winning, its bumper crop of freshmen will have to sustain the maturity they displayed in the fall semester. Four rookies have already had to step into the starting lineup.

Sabers Patrick Ghattas and Matthew Stearns are joined by

foilist Frankie Bontempo and epeeist Aaron Adjemian as representatives of their class.

"They're good," Sobieraj said. "They'll [eventually] become veterans and they're getting better all the time."

Some of the fencers on both sides kept their dueling skills sharp by participating in individual tournaments over winter break. At the North American Cup in California, the Irish were

well represented as junior foilist Andrea Ament finished third in her division followed up by senior Kerry Walton's fifth place at epee.

The freshmen continued to shine as three more, Providenza, Orlando, and Ghattas, posted top ten finishes in their particular tournaments.

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time.

"I had seen enough of each school to make a decision," Walker said from his home Thursday night. "I sat down with my family, and we discussed with the pros and cons of each school. Coach Willingham is very intelligent and personable, which is something I was looking for in a head coach and not just the position coaches."

Walker made an unofficial visit to Notre Dame in the fall. Listed as 5-foot-11, 200 pounds, he rushed for 2,048 yards and 46 touchdowns in his senior season for the state champion Buford Wolves. The 46 touchdowns broke the Georgia high school single-season rushing touchdown record of 45 set by former Georgia Bulldog and NFL running back Herschel Walker in 1979.

Walker said the history of Notre Dame's football success attracted him. He is eager for his chance to become a part of the tradition.

"I want to come in and do as well as I possibly can," Walker said. "I want to play and contribute early, and I want to rally behind the guys who are already there and bring the program back to where it was."

Irish Insider columnist Mike Frank believes Walker's signing is a big gain for the Irish.

"This is a huge pick up for Coach Willingham," Frank said. "What Walker gives you is some star quality to the class. Hopefully that will put the rest in motion so they can finish strong."

As Frank indicated, Walker's commitment could attract other remaining big names to the Irish as signing day draws closer.

According to Frank, 6-foot-5, 325-pound offensive lineman Allen Smith of Tucson, Ariz.,

inquired earlier in the week about Walker's decision.

Smith made his official visit to South Bend on Oct. 17 and has scheduled an unofficial visit this weekend.

Walker and Smith will both be taking their official visits this weekend to Notre Dame. Joining him will be quarterback Darrin Bragg, cornerback Leo Ferrine, wide receiver Christopher Vaughn, and cornerback/wide receiver Darcell McBath.

At 6-foot-1, 180 pounds, Bragg threw for just under 2,000 yards, 17 touchdowns and seven interceptions for Bellarmine College Prep School in San Jose, Calif.

Ferrine and McBath each stand 6-foot, 175 pounds. Ferrine runs a 4.39 40-yard dash. Vaughn has played just two years of football at St. Thomas More School in Oakdale, Conn. but the 6-foot-4, 201-pound receiver has received interest from Boston College, Iowa, UCLA and Michigan State.

Also visiting this weekend are verbal commits quarterback David Wolke and offensive lineman Brandon Nicholas.

Georgia linebacker Jae Thaxton cancelled a visit scheduled for this weekend. He will decide between Georgia and Florida State.

Smith is a high priority for the Irish with the securing of Walker. Walker's announcement Thursday, however, was huge for a struggling Notre Dame recruiting season.

"He [Walker] seems like a natural born leader," Frank said, "and if there's any position I think a player can play early, it's tailback, because of their situation and because it's such an instinctual position. He's got excellent vision and he's a powerful runner."

"He reminds me a lot of an Emmitt Smith-type runner."

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ND TRACK

Irish host second meet

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame indoor track and field team will begin its second meet of 2004 tonight at 7 p.m. in the Loftus Center.

The men and women will each take on Ball State and Western Michigan.

The Irish qualified 17 athletes for the Big East Championships last week at Central Michigan and hope to add to that number this weekend.

One strong point of both the men's and women's teams will be in the distance events. Few runners ran last week, and

most of them should be ready to go tonight.

Irish coach Joe Piane is excited about his team's potential going into the meet.

"We should do very well as a team," he said. "On the men's side, I look for us to be especially strong in the 35-pound weight throw, long jump, triple jump and the 800 meters."

The Irish are led by senior Juan Alba and junior Chip Roberts in the weight throw, Godwin Mbagwu in both the long and triple jump, and senior Colin Quinn in the 800 meters. Piane also expects strong performances from juniors Ryan Mineburg and Chris Staron in the high jump, as well as Selim Nurudeen in the

60m high hurdles.

Nurudeen is the two-time defending conference champion in the 110m hurdles.

On the women's side, Piane expects to be successful, especially in the 800 meters on up.

Returning All-American Lauren King will represent the Irish in the mile run.

The junior took seventh place nationally last year and should again be tough to beat this season.

Other athletes to watch will be senior captain Tiffany Gunn, sophomore Stacey Cowan and freshmen Maryann Erigha and Cassie Gullickson.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles face Alma in final meet

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

This Saturday, the Saint Mary's swimming team will compete against Alma as the Belles swim in their last conference meet of the season before the MIAA Championship in February.

Despite Alma's 0-5 conference record, the same record as Saint Mary's, in the MIAA standings, Saint Mary's is still focused on performing season-best times.

"We need everything from first to fifth place finishers," senior Megan Ramsey said. "Every point we can get is important

because we lack divers."

Alma will be coming to the meet prepared with four experienced divers who are generally finalists at the conference meet. To overcome this initial scoring deficit — since Saint Mary's does not compete in the diving competition — will be a challenge for the Belles, as they have struggled all season to make up the difference.

Despite this obstacle, Saint Mary's is anything but discouraged in trying to win its first conference meet this season. Coach Greg Petcoff has increased both the intensity and distance during the team's workouts this past week, and the team remains confident as times have gradually gotten faster.

"Swimming is not only a team

sport, but an individual sport, as well," Ramsey said. "But like Greg [Petcoff] says, we can't make the other teams slower; all we can do is try our best."

Despite focusing on personal times, the Belles understand the depth and competitiveness of their conference rivals. With Olivet's surprise domination at last Friday's three-way meet and the 2-0 conclusion, Saint Mary's will not take Alma lightly and is prepared for a tough squad.

"We want to win, and Alma is in the same position as us, so it is going to be pretty close," sophomore Kelly Nelis said. "But this season, as a team everyone is better than they were at this time last year."

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ranked No. 17 and 19, respectively, in singles.

The Irish will take on St. John's at 9 a.m. on Sunday. Last year, the team lost to Notre Dame in the Big East Championship quarterfinals.

This is one of only three conference matches for Notre Dame in the regular season. St. John's is returning three starters from 2003's 10-8 team, and open their season on Saturday against Illinois State.

Illinois State will be Notre Dame's final match of the weekend at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

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"One of the things you have to look at is who you've played," Brey said. "We've played some great teams. Those national TV games are supposed to be against great teams."

It seems fitting that CBS' Dick Enberg will call Sunday's game that features the reunion of the 1974 Notre Dame team. Enberg was also court-side at the Joyce Center 30 years ago for Notre Dame's historic 71-70 win over UCLA.

In fact, some college basketball experts considered that game between No. 1 UCLA and No. 2 Notre Dame the game that made college basketball viable for regular season viewing.

Brey and Phelps initially discussed doing something to honor the 30th anniversary of

that game last fall. The effort was part of Brey's desire to connect current Notre Dame basketball to its tradition of the past and marked Phelps' goal to reunite that team. The team will sit in the first few rows of the student section at the north end of the Joyce Center, and at halftime, the final three minutes of the 1974 game between Notre Dame and UCLA will be shown.

"It'll be a heck of an atmosphere."

Mike Brey
head coach

"It'll be a heck of an atmosphere," Brey said. "But I think it's good for our students and our players to plug them into [that history]."

Despite the aura of history surrounding the game, Brey knows that he desperately needs his team to focus on the present. Although the Irish have a difficult stretch ahead, which includes five of their next nine games against ranked foes, Brey believes that gives the Irish an excellent opportunity to enhance Notre Dame's fledgling NCAA Tournament resume.

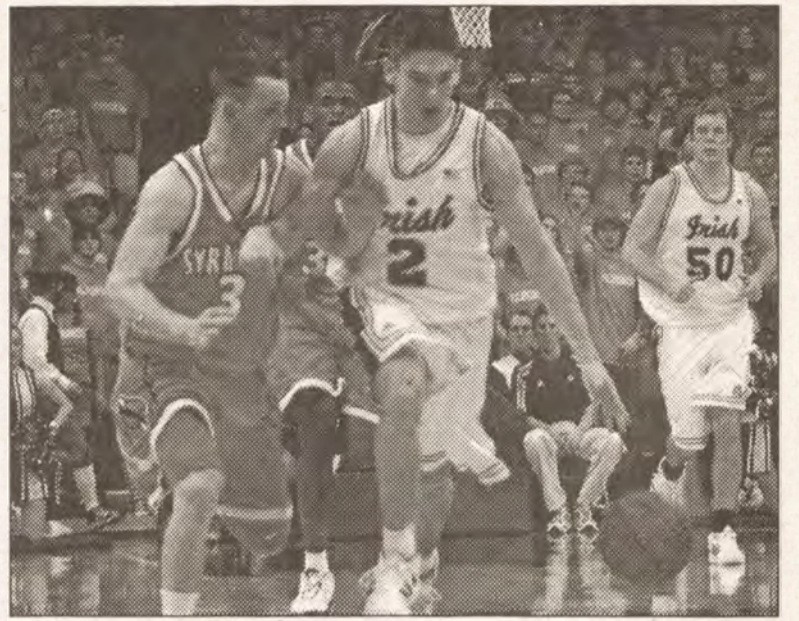
But beating Kentucky, who has outscored the Irish by an average of 18 points in its last nine games, is a daunting task.

A quick, agile team that revolves around guard Gerald Fitch and forward Erik Daniels, the Wildcats score most of their points by slashing to the basket. But where Kentucky is at its best, Brey said, is when the Wildcats are generating points off turnovers in transition. The Wildcats average a 38th-best-nationally 9.5 steals a game.

However, the Irish can counter Kentucky's aggressive defense with Chris Thomas and Chris Quinn, who can both handle the ball equally well and help Notre Dame avoid turnovers on which the Wildcats are so adept at capitalizing.

And when it comes to neutralizing Kentucky's offense, Brey said the Irish have to remain committed to playing solid defense.

"That should be the focus for us the rest of the season," Brey said, adding that Notre Dame's starters may spend up to 90 percent of practice working on defense.



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Irish guard Chris Quinn protects the ball from Syracuse guard Gerry McNamara in Notre Dame's loss to Syracuse Saturday.

"This is a tough team to prepare for in that they expect to win," the Irish coach said. "They have the frame of mind where they say, 'We're gonna get this sucker.' Preparing for that psyche is tough." He didn't have to add that beating it is even tougher.

But if the Irish need any inspiration for finding ways to beat legendary programs Sunday, they only need to glance at the front row of the student section.

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then-No. 20 Villanova 58-56 Jan. 25, 2003. But the Irish later lost to the Wildcats 50-39 in the Big East quarterfinals, March 9.

Tomorrow's game also has big implications for both teams. They are tied for third place in the Big East with Boston College, Syracuse and West Virginia, all with a 3-2 conference record. Connecticut (4-1) and Miami (5-1) sit atop

the standings.

Saturday, the Irish will be greeted by the Big East's top defensive team. The Wildcats give up only 53.3 points per game, which equals Connecticut for the Big East's best.

They also lead the country in fewest turnovers per game, with 9.3 per game. The next best team, University of Montana, averages 12.5

turnovers per game.

"Villanova is a great team," McGraw said. "They're going to slow the game down and try to catch us napping."

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Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

But the Irish are ready to fight back, as they played well Wednesday night on the road after a tough loss to West Virginia. They gave up only 35 points, a

record low given up by the Irish in a Big East road game.

Junior Jacqueline Batteast is averaging 19.3 points and 10 rebounds with four straight double doubles in Big East play. Duffy leads the team in assists, with 4.81 per game, to along with her 11.5 points per game average.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats haven't played since its 62-51 win over Seton Hall Jan. 17. They are lead by all-around player Courtney Mix, who leads the team in rebounds (7.3 per game), assists (4.7 per game), and steals (1.5 per game). She also averages 7.8

points per game and 1.4 blocks per game.

The Wildcats' Liad Suez leads her team in scoring with a 13.6 points-per-game average. She shoots 46 percent from the floor and 40.2 percent from beyond the arc.

However, the Wildcats haven't played for a week, and the Irish hope to catch them off guard in their first and only Big East regular season matchup.

"We've got to stay focused," McGraw said.

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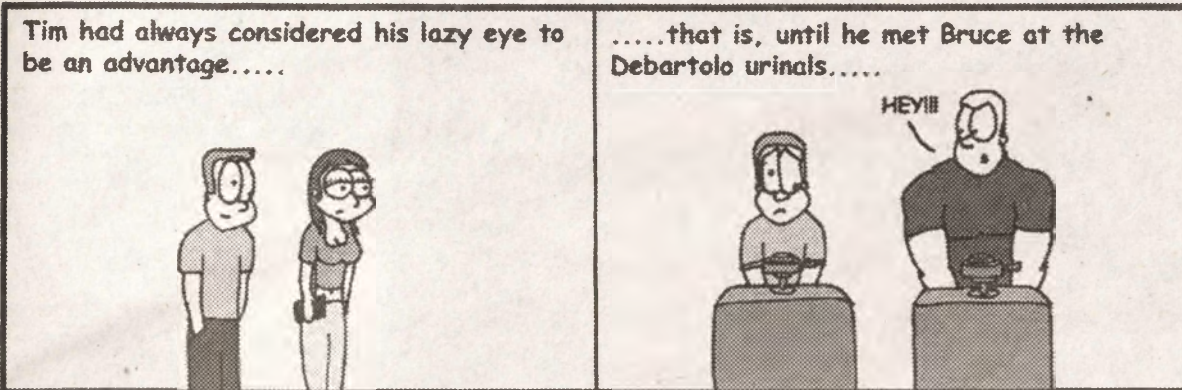
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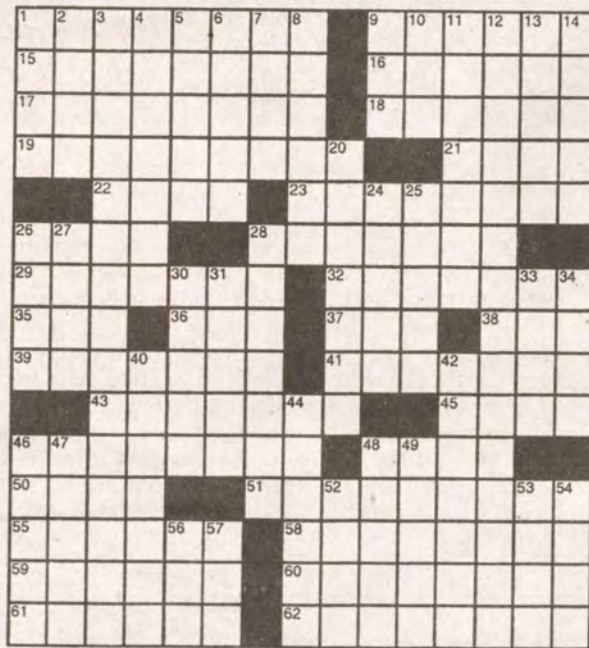
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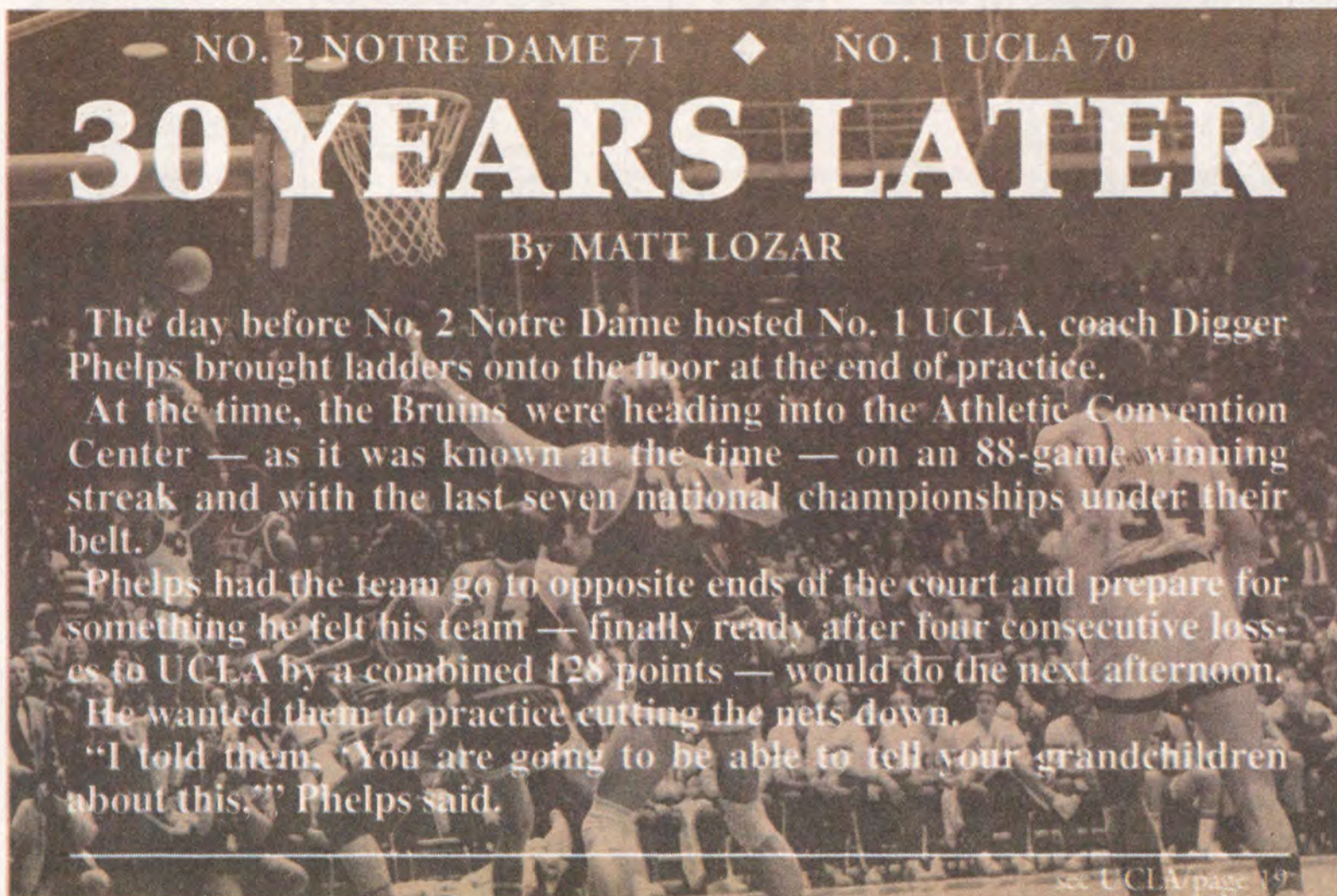
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30 YEARS LATER

By MATT LOZAR

The day before No. 2 Notre Dame hosted No. 1 UCLA, coach Digger Phelps brought ladders onto the floor at the end of practice.

At the time, the Bruins were heading into the Athletic Convention Center — as it was known at the time — on an 88-game winning streak and with the last seven national championships under their belt.

Phelps had the team go to opposite ends of the court and prepare for something he felt his team — finally ready after four consecutive losses to UCLA by a combined 128 points — would do the next afternoon.

He wanted them to practice cutting the nets down.

“I told them, ‘You are going to be able to tell your grandchildren about this.’” Phelps said.

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Irish host Kentucky in a must-win game under a national eye

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

If history is any indication, one might think that Notre Dame — which has lost nine straight games to Kentucky and all four nationally televised games this year — has no chance at beating the No. 9 Wildcats.

But perhaps the presence of the Irish team that ended UCLA's NCAA record 88-game winning streak might counter that bad karma.

“At halftime,” said Irish coach Digger Phelps, who coached the 1974 Notre Dame team, “we are going to get the place fired up so we beat Kentucky.”

With the way 9-5 Notre Dame

has played at home lately, the Irish will welcome any help they can get. The Irish are only 6-3 in South Bend this year, including an RPI-damaging loss to Central Michigan in December, and will return to the Joyce Center for the first time since they suffered their worst home loss in the Mike Brey era against Syracuse Saturday.

Moreover, Notre Dame has struggled in nationally-televised games. In addition to its four losses this season, the Irish dropped its last two of the 2002-03 campaign.

But Brey doesn't look at Notre Dame's TV-game struggles as an indicator of the Irish wilting under the spotlight.

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FOOTBALL

Walker commits to Irish

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Tyrone Willingham had received 10 verbal commitments as of Wednesday night, but the Irish recruiting class was still lacking a star player.

Notre Dame may have secured that player in Darius Walker.

The Georgia running back broke his silence after



Walker

three official visits to competing schools and committed to Notre Dame Thursday afternoon during a press conference at Buford High School in Lawrenceville, Ga.

Walker was Notre Dame's priority recruit, especially after quarterback Brian Brohm committed to Louisville on Tuesday. After visiting Stanford, Ohio State and Alabama within a one-week span and receiving 60 offers over the recruiting process, he decided it was

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MEN'S TENNIS

Gold Game brings No. 9 Aggies to Eck

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

The men's tennis team will open its home season on Friday against No. 9 Texas A&M in the Eck Center at 4 p.m. They will then host St. John's and Illinois on Sunday.

Friday's games has been titled the Gold Game and was created by the Student-Athlete Advisory Council to promote student interest in the match.

The Irish are coming off a 6-1 road victory against No. 51 Indiana last weekend. The team will look to tri-captains Matthew Scott, Luis Haddock and Brent D'Amico for leader-

ship, with a solid group of underclassmen capable of putting points on the board.

Texas A&M (3-0) was ranked No. 9 in the preseason by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. They swept Monday's tripleheader against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Texas-Pan American and Trinity College.

Last year, the Aggies finished the season ranked No. 11 and advanced to the NCAA tournament's Sweet Sixteen. They remain threatening this season with the nation's No. 1 doubles team of Lester Cook and Ante Matijevic, who are

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wildcats planning to spoil

Irish women must defend a 12-game home win streak

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

After splitting a pair of road games, Notre Dame returns home Saturday to face No.

23 Villanova (13-3, 3-2 Big East).

The Irish (10-7, 3-2 Big East) come off a big win at Syracuse Wednesday, but lost to West Virginia Saturday.

Now the task at hand is to defend their 12-game home

winning streak.

“We're so comfortable playing at home mainly because our crowd has been so loud this season,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “They've been incredible.”

McGraw and the Irish face a Villanova team that has always given them trouble. The last three games in the Notre Dame-Villanova series have been decided by a combined total of six points. Out of the 17 games between the two teams, eight have been decided by eight points or less.

Last year was no different. In then-freshman Megan Duffy's first start at Notre Dame, the Irish knocked off

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Guard Megan Duffy takes the ball up the court against Connecticut earlier this season.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

HOCKEY

The Irish travel to Northern Michigan to face the Wildcats in a CCHA two-game series.

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FENCING

Notre Dame heads to New York for a week-end tournament.

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SMC HOOPS

The Belles face Tri-State this weekend, a team they already beat earlier this season.

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The Irish men travel to Illinois to face ranked Northwestern this weekend.

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SMC SWIMMING

The winless Belles get a chance to win at Alma in final regular season meet.

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NHL

The NHL names its reserves for the 2004 All-Star Game in Minnesota.

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