By LAUREN BECK

Actor Chris Burke never abandoned his dreams. Burke, who is best known for his portrayal of Corky on the television series "Life Goes On," overcame the challenges posed by Down Syndrome to achieve his dream of succeeding in show business. "I've always been a dreamer...I never think about the obstacles because I keep my dreams in mind and make them come true," Burke said.

Burke recognized his supportive family members and friends as the keys to his success. "My parents had their dreams, and I saw how they achieved them. They are my idols," he said.

Notre Dame football legend Rudy Ruettiger also inspired him to pursue his dreams. "Rudy's dream was to play football at Notre Dame and I felt the same way about acting — I wanted to do my own TV show. What he did was remarkable. He is my hero. He never gave up, and that's his message," Burke said.

Burke's acting career began in 1987 when he appeared in the TV movie "Desperate." Network executives were impressed with his performance and asked the film's producer to write a television show that would feature Burke. The producer created "Life Goes On," which aired from 1989-1993 and earned Burke a Golden Globe nomination.

"It was very hard for me because I left out at times, but I enjoyed those early episodes and never gave up on my goals, dreams, anything," Burke said.

He said his co-stars on "Life Goes On," which aired from 1989-1993, were very supportive of Burke's family, and he still keeps in touch with them today.

The show not only advanced Burke's career, but also created more acceptance for disabled people in general.

Burke's father, Frank Burke, said his son's determination to achieve his dreams is an inspiration to others.

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By GEREMY CARNES

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Since the software that runs the University's administrative applications is dependent upon the Hewlett-Packard mainframe, both hardware and software must be replaced. The Strategic Systems Replacement Steering Committee (SSSRC) was formed to oversee the transition to new systems.

"The SSRRSC has begun forming multiple subcommittees that focus on individual elements of the overall program, "Wishon said. These subcommittees will be assigned to various offices on campus, including admission, financial aid, registration, human resources, housing, security and health services.

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INSIDE COLUMN
Warning: preserve print credits before it’s too late

The day finally happened and I want to send a warning to Notre Dame students that they could soon suffer the same experience. Recently, I went to Delbarton to read a paper at a parent-teacher meeting. I arrived at 7 minutes before class. Like many without a printer, I told myself the previous night, “I have plenty of time before class.”

Fact: There is NEVER plenty of time before class. “ Plenty of time” inevitably turns into 10 minutes of scrambling in desperation to find an open Macintosh. My computer has to be the only one that there are none even if the consultants insist that “there should be some Macs open.”

Needless to say, all four Macs were occupied and I had to stand in a mob of people to get added to the PC list. My 10 minutes of time soon became seven when I finally was able to sit down at a PC.

At that point, I had about five minutes, but the computer lab hadn’t failed me yet. I opened my document, and after a quick spell check, I clicked “print” and sprinted to the print station. Although I only had two minutes left in the obstacle course, my glass became half full because I was seconds away from holding the finished product of my labor.

Then the drama unfolded. No matter how many times I jogged into the print station, nothing appeared on the screen to show evidence of my document in the printer’s queue. I was perplexed, not only because I had one minute left, but I couldn’t figure out the problem.

It wasn’t until I returned to the PC that I read the message on the screen that notified me of my lack of print credits and how I could go to the COMB to address the issue. COMB? I know we live in a world of acronyms, but COMB is not one that I use regularly especially since it is on the other side of campus, far from my stomping grounds.

Fortunately, a nice person I knew with print credits to spare helped me, but this is not where the story ends.

I still have a trip to the COMB ahead of me.

At the beginning of the school year, I was told that the University had determined that its 100 per sheet. If that is so, I am concerned that it is using my time to address the issue because being stuck during those critical computer minutes is less than thrilling.

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS
In a headline from the Feb. 21 Observer, the headline should have read “Bear in Mind Jesus’ humanity” not “Bear in mind Jesus’ humanity.” The Observer regrets the error.

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

This Week in Notre Dame/Saint Mary’s History
ND approves master’s in education

Thursday, February 20, 1997

Notre Dame introduced a new educational Leadership Program as part of the summer session on campus. This program was designed to be a combination of Notre Dame’s master of science in administration program and the Saint Mary’s education department. This marked the first time in 20 years that the University had offered a degree in education.

Beyond Campus
University dismisses unsafe chemistry professor

ARLINGTON, Texas.

The University of Texas System Board of Regents fired a tenured UT-San Antonio chemistry professor Thursday night after he threatened colleagues and students safety by improperly storing corrosive chemicals and keeping too many books in his office.

During the board’s quarterly executive meeting, members voted eight to zero to dismiss Philip Stotter. One member abstained from voting.

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Fairfield University
University may restrict smokers

Just over a year after pulling tobacco products from the university bookstore, Fairfield University administrators are considering restrictions on cigarette smoking within residence halls due to the negative health aspects of second hand smoke. Fairfield has considered regulations to smoking in residence halls before, but had never changed its policy. As more universities go smoke-free dorms, the university requested that Gary Stephenson, director of housing operations, gather information about the subject. The university will work in conjunction with Int Residency Hall Government (IRHG) and Fairfield University Student Association (FUSA) to determine student opinion on the matter. "This is not a rights issue," Stephenson said. "We are not telling students they can’t smoke, we are just looking to protect those who don’t.

Local Weather

5 Day South Bend Forecast

Accuweather's forecast for today and for the next several days.

National Weather

The National Weather Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

IN THE NEWS

Understanding the links between nuclear testing and global warming.

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Friday, February 22, 2002
Crammed archities spread to Brownson

**Architecture students cope with limited space in Bond Hall classrooms**

By MEGHAN MARTIN

The growing interest in architecture has forced out the old Bond Hall and into Brownson Hall, which is currently being used as an overflow space. Since its dedication in 1855, Bond Hall has been home to everything from a convent to a printing company, graduate student housing to the University kitchen. As of early this semester, a new function has been added to the distinguished history of one of the oldest buildings on campus. Due to the mounting issue of classroom availability in Bond Hall, space has been set aside on the first floor of Brownson for a first-year architecture studio.

"It's our melting pot, so to speak," said Joe Schellinger, director of Academic Space Management, about Brownson's many roles. Currently accommodating a number of University offices and two classrooms, Brownson has served as what Schellinger calls "swing space," a building not earmarked for a specific department, but rather used for those immediate needs of the University as they arise.

"Over the years, Brownson has been a spillover area where people have had their temporary offices," registrar Harold Pace said. He also cited the necessity of such a facility on a campus where people have become a major issue. The instruction-space crunch can undoubtedly be felt most acutely in the corridors of Bond Hall, home to the University's School of Architecture. Not only are incoming-class sizes increasing rapidly, but it is to the point that there is no place for students to work. However, the school's space-utilization needs are different than those of other colleges within the University.

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Actor Burke reveals how he overcame obstacles

By LAUREN BECK
News Writer

Actor Chris Burke knows first
hand the challenges that dis
abled individuals face, but he
also knows about overcoming
such obstacles.

“T was challenged from the
day I was born, and I learned at
an early age to keep trying,”
Burke said, who

played Corky on the
television show “Life Goes
On.”

When Burke
was born with
Down Syndrome, doc
tors told his parents the things
he would never do, he said in a
lecture Thursday about his
experience with a disability.
But Burke’s parents fought for
a better life for him, and they
passed down their strength to
him.

“If people say I can’t do
something, I try even harder;
that’s my focus on life,” he
said.

Burke said his parents and
siblings played a significant
role in his success.

“They always did what was
good for me and gave me their
undivided attention. They
encouraged me in all facets of
my life,” he said.

Burke’s parents were more
hesitant, however, when their
son announced his plan to
become an actor. They tried to
dissuade him from pursuing a
career in Hollywood, but Burke
said he never gave up on his
dreams.

Eventually his parents
respected his independence
and supported his decision.

“That’s how my dreams came
true — we all worked together,”
he said.

Next on the agenda for Burke
was to help other individuals
with disabilities who faced sim
ilar difficulties. He has become
a spokesperson for people with
the disability through his
involvement with the National
Down Syndrome Society as edi
tor-in-chief of the
group’s magazine “News and
Views.”

“It makes me happy to
give people my time and
love. I like to give
because I was given so much.
Everything has worked out so
well for me,” he said.

Burke argued for equality
and independence for disabled
people. He said he believed in
the value of education, citing
his own middle and high school
experiences that helped
promote his inclusion.

“When it came to education,
my parents made sure I had the
very best,” he said.

Disabled people should also
be given the opportunity to
succeed in careers, said Burke.

“We are entitled to good jobs
and good pay, so that we can
take care of ourselves and be
independent,” he said.

He emphasized the need for
people with disabilities to work
in the real world and interact
in the community.

Burke recognized the
hardships that accompanied the
fight for acceptance.

“I must work hard so that I
may be able to live a perfect
life. We must be persistent
and get others to give us a
chance,” he said.

People do not confront their
disabilities alone, however.

“People must assist us along
the way, to guide us and help
us see the right way to achieve
tings,” said Burke.

As an advocate for disability
awareness, Burke said he
believed college students were
sensitive and willing to help
disabled people face their chal
lenges.

Ultimately, Burke urged his
audience to remember that
people who have disabilities
also have abilities.

“Believe in us as we believe
in ourselves,” he said. “Help us
make our dreams come true.”

Best Buddies and Howard
Hall sponsored Burke’s speech
as a part of Disability
Awareness Week.

Contact Lauren Beck at
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Chris Burke, known as "Corky" on the series "Life Goes On,"
walks to the podium in a Thursday lecture in Stepan Center.
Officials confirm Pearl dead

Associated Press

NEW YORK - Daniel Pearl, the Wall Street Journal reporter taken hostage a month ago by Islamic extremists in Pakistan, is dead, the State Department said Thursday.

Pakistan's military spokesman said a videotape indicated Pearl, kidnapped in the port city of Karachi on Jan. 23, had been killed.

In Washington, the State Department said the U.S. Embassy in Pakistan had received evidence Thursday that Pearl is dead, adding, "We have informed Mr. Pearl's family and expressed our sincere condolences." State Department spokesman Richard Boucher provided no details on the evidence.

Two U.S. officials said, however, the FBI had obtained a videotape purportedly showing Pearl either dead or being killed, and was evaluating the tape's authenticity.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

Sheikh refused to say whether he or other Pakistani officials had seen the videotape or what "the scene of his death" meant.

The Journal said it believed Pearl was dead. "His murder is an act of barbarism that makes a mockery of every Danny's kidnappers claimed to believe in," the newspaper said in a statement. "They claimed to be Pakistani nationalists, but their actions must surely bring shame to all true Pakistani patriots."

Pearl was abducted after arranging to interview the leader of a radical Muslim faction with purported ties to the al-Qaeda terrorist network and terror suspect Richard C. Reid, arrested in December on a Paris-Miami flight he allegedly boarded with explosives in his shoes.

Pakistani officials said there were indications that Pearl had been lured into a trap by false information.

In an intensive sweep, Pakistani police seized several suspects including Ahmad Omar Saeed Sheikh, an Islamic militant who admitted in a court hearing that he had engineered Pearl's abduction to protest Pakistan's alliance with the United States' post-Sept. 11 war on terrorism.

"Our country shouldn't be catering to America's needs," the militant said.

COLOMBIA

Government launches airstrikes

Associated Press

SAN VICENTE DEL CAGUAN - Colombian military jets flew hundreds of sorties against a major rebel stronghold Thursday, bringing Colombia's 38-year civil war to a potentially bloodier phase after the peace process was abruptly halted.

Bombs were falling on rebel territory just hours after President Andres Pastrana -- angered by a rebel hijacking of a civilian airliner -- broke off peace talks and demanded the rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC.

The government ordered 13,000 troops to advance on the rebel stronghold, and three planeloads of counterinsurgency troops landed at an airport in Florencia, a three-hour drive from the zone.

Army officials said 85 targets were hit in the first wave of attacks on the rebel safe haven, a Swiss-sized area that was the site of the peace negotiations. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

Targets included clandestine airstrips and rebel training camps in the zone, which Pastrana ceded the area to the FARC in November 1998 in an effort to bring the 16,000-strong rebel army to the negotiating table. The rebel haven in southern Colombia is sparsely populated, with about 100,000 people.

A top army commander predicted a bloody fight, but there were no signs that Muslims had been killed yet entered the zone.

"We're ready, and we will surely suffer casualties, but we have a moral obligation to win this war," Gen. Eulogides Sanchez told Caracol Radio.

Residents in the rebel area's largest town, San Vicente del Caguan, posted white flags at their homes in hopes of bringing protection. "The white flags symbolize peace. We don't want anything to happen," said homemaker Amelia de Ficaro, 68.

Citizens stripped six vehicles and other rebel器材 along a road outside town. Also left behind was a sign that referred to U.S. anti-drug aid to Colombia.

The gringos give the arms. Colombia will protect you. "We keep patrolling because this is Colombia and we're all over Colombia," he said.

A pilot from the Colombian air force prepares to board his A-37 attack plane at the Aplay military base for a mission against rebel forces Thursday.
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and success opened doors for other people with disabilities. “It showed the so-called ‘normal’ world that there are more similarities than dissimilarities between them and disabled people. Disabled people can accomplish a lot, but they just lack the opportunity. If given the opportunity, they can excel,” he said.

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paper as a theatre critic when he was a freshman. The Fisher Hall resident, who was first hired as Scene Editor in September, has also been a Scene copy editor, Assistant Scene Editor and Associate Scene Editor.

McKenna, who temporarily vacated her position as Graphics Editor while studying abroad in Toledo, Spain, this semester, will reassume the post in the fall.

She is a Notre Dame junior whose major is government major who lives in McGlinn Hall, she is a Sophomore member of East Amherst, N.Y., joined the Graphics staff as a sophomore and was the department's editor last semester.

In McKenna's absence, current Graphics Editor Andy Devoto will remain in the position for the rest of the semester.

Egg, who has been hired as an Assistant Graphics Editor, is a Fort Wayne, Ind., native, Egg has worked for The Observer since last semester. The McCandless Hall resident has been a Wire Editor for The News Department and is currently a News copy editor.

Federico, now an Assistant Sports Editor, was appointed Sports Editor.

He is a sophomore science-business major originally from New Orleans and who now lives in Pass Christian, Miss. A Knott Hall resident, Federico has covered intramural sports, women's soccer, men's soccer, hockey and baseball since he began working for the paper in fall of 2000.

Payne is currently an Assistant News Editor and will take over next month as News Editor.

A Notre Dame junior who lives in McGlinn Hall, she is an American studies major with a minor in Latin American studies. She has been a News wire editor and copy editor since joining The Observer staff as a freshman.

Payne's hometown is Ruston, La., but she lived in Ohio for several years. She studied abroad last spring in Santiago, Chile. This summer, she will work for the Associated Press in New York as a business reporting intern.

Williams, a Saint Mary's junior, was hired as Photo Editor after serving as Saint Mary's Photo Editor this year. She lives in Holy Cross Hall and is an English writing and literature major with a minor in photography. Williams, of Murray, Ky., has been a news writer and general assignment photographer since she joined the staff in fall of 1999.

She studied abroad for two semesters in Ireland as a sophomore. This semester, she is a photography intern at the South Bend Tribune.

McFarley, Nagengast and Soukup have appointed Greco to the new Development Editor position to coordinate staff recruitment and training in the paper's seven editorial departments.

Greco, currently a part-time Holy Cross College student, has gained experience in several of the departments since she began work at The Observer in 1999.

The Schaumburg, Ill., native is now an Associate Scene Editor. She has been Scene Editor, Assistant Viewpoint Editor, staff photographer, photo laboratory technician and news writer.

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GAO lawsuit could face opposition

WASHINGTON

White House officials say they will challenge the investigative authority of General Accounting Office if it uses the Bush administration to get access to Vice President Cheney's papers about meetings with Enron and other energy companies.

A lawsuit by the GAO, Congress' investigative arm, could come as early as Friday. A spokesman refused to say when the agency would actually file a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court in Washington.

The dispute began last April but gained political traction once Enron, the largest single corporate benefactor of President Bush's political career, entered into bankruptcy on Dec. 2.

The GAO wants to make White House officials identify the industry executives — including some from now-collapsed Enron Corp. — who met last year with Bush's energy task force, saying that oversight of energy policy and investigating the Houston-based energy trading company are "important institutional prerogatives" of Congress.

Bush has refused to hand over documents from the Cheney-chaired task force that formulated a national energy policy, saying he would not encroach on his ability to seek candid advice.

There probably won't be a compromise on that issue, said a senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"I don't see us compromizing the principle that the president or the vice president would have to disclose to an arm of Congress what conversation we're having and with whom," the official said.

The White House said it would challenge GAO's ability to seek the information, saying the law specifies that the agency's purpose is to investigate the expenditure and disbursement of executive branch funds.

The White House has provided the agency information relating to direct and indirect costs of the energy task force, the official said.

"We believe that is the extent of the scope of authoritiy of GAO to access information from the vice president's offices," the official said.

"If the GAO wants any additional information, they have to look elsewhere."

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Bush praises U.S. ideology, promotes religion

**CHINA**

President Bush sought to dispel China's doubts and distrust of America on Friday and urged the Chinese to embrace liberty, tolerance and religious freedom.

"Diversity is not disorder. Debate is not strife. And dissent is not revolution," Bush said. "A free society trusts its citizens to seek greatness in themselves and their country." Bush told students and faculty in remarks prepared for delivery at Tsinghua University.

His appeal, which China promised to broadcast live, came on the last day of a weeklong Asian trip, even as he failed to persuade China's leadership to halt sales of missile technology and soften its stance on religious freedoms.

"Neither of these is true — and while the books may be leftovers from a previous era, they are misleading and harmful," Bush said. "Americans revere their liberty, abide by their laws, limit the powers of their leaders, love their families, serve their communities and respect others' right to religious worship," Bush said. "Someone once called us a nation with the soul of a church. Ninety-five percent of Americans say they believe in God, and I'm one of them," Bush declared. A day earlier, at a joint news conference with Bush, Chinese President Jiang Zemin said, "I don't have religious faith" and later claimed his government allowed its people to practice religion freely.

Aides said Bush was not convinced. "My prayer is that all persecution will end, so that all in China are free to gather and worship as they wish," Bush said. Bush said all of America's qualities were on display Sept. 11, when firefighters and police died to save others and volunteers poured into New York from around the nation to help their countrymen. "None of this was ordered by the government, it happened spontaneously, by the initiative of a free people," Bush said.
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Bringing 'Monologues' into the open

Last week I looked in a mirror larger than the one I used to use in the first time in about four and a half months. I did not recognize myself. I looked older. My hair is now cut short and my waist is now Britain. I am not wearing the same clothes I did when I was younger. I am no longer wearing my parents' clothes. I am now wearing clothes that are designed for my body type. I am no longer wearing my family's clothes. I am now wearing clothes that are designed for my gender. I am no longer wearing my family's clothes. I am now wearing clothes that are designed for my gender. I am no longer wearing my family's clothes. I am now wearing clothes that are designed for my gender. I am no longer wearing my family's clothes. I am now wearing clothes that are designed for my gender. I am no longer wearing my family's clothes. I am now wearing clothes that are designed for my gender. I am no longer wearing my family's clothes. I am now wearing clothes that are designed for my gender. 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In this sense, contradictory voices that can confuse and frustrate students serve a necessary function. However, at this university, the voices that shout at students too frequently convey the same message — uphold the same values. Without a city encompassing the campus, little of the real world can be experienced. Freshman year I saw little outside of the immediate area around my dorm and class buildings. Inivable, administrators and professors have an inordinate amount of influence over the ideas and beliefs given voice on campus. The greater the degree to which the viewpoints and ideas heard on campus are restricted, the greater the likelihood that dialogue on campus will be reduced to a black and white issue. Students, for example, would have either to stand with or to stand against the conception of faith that the University upholds. To ensure that students remain in a true dialogue with the Catholic values supported by this University, administrators and officers should work to give all controversial beliefs and viewpoints a "voice" on campus.

The showing of plays, like the one currently under debate that some within the community find challenging and insulting, does not threaten the values of the University community, but instead increases the student's understanding of them.

The University should continue to increase the diversity of "voices" on campus. It would further help students, like myself, discover new ways to believe and to think and new conceptions of the way to live life. It would help us discover who we are.

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Frank Helgesen, co-founder of the popular student-run Web site, comments on his project.

By EMILY HOWLAND
Some Winter

What was once a dream for graduate Frank Helgesen is now a reality that is considered to be the third form of communication on campus. In 1998, Helgesen initiated a Web page that had only a student search.

Due to the popularity that his personal Web page received, he decided to make a Web site that would tell others what was happening on campus.

Helgesen began advertising and slowly developing a page that would appeal to all of the students of Notre Dame/Saint Mary's and would allow the students to share their thoughts. The site is currently run by its president, junior Scott Palko, and sales manager, senior Robert Pazornik. There is also a general manager, sales representatives, a photographer and a food critic.

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With the help of three of his friends, they created a way to unite the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's community via the Internet, through what is now known as ND Today.com. In March of 2000 the site took off and gained notoriety through the use of message boards.

"I thought once there was somewhere to go, they are going to keep going there to see what was new," Helgesen said. "After the word got out, I hoped people would keep coming back and it would build up." Helgesen said.

Graduates Andy Warzon, Helgesen, Nick Fellers and senior Robert Pazornik are still very closely affiliated with the site. ND Today is owned and operated by Jephne, Inc. (formerly 3bstudios) and all four founders have positions with the company. Jephne Inc. funds the site through advertising and slowly developing a page that would appeal to all of the students of Notre Dame/Saint Mary's and would allow the students to share their thoughts. The site is currently run by its president, junior Scott Palko, and sales manager, senior Robert Pazornik. There is also a general manager, sales representatives, a photographer and a food critic.

Although NDToday was founded and is run by Notre Dame/Saint Mary's students, the site is not directly affiliated with either the University or Notre Dame College. NDToday is exclusively a production of Jephne Studio.

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NDToday has grown from a page with few links to a resourceful Internet application. With direct links to the most common Notre Dame home pages and sites created for the community, around the campus, around the town and more, the site appeals to many of the needs of students.

The most commonly used aspects of the site are the teacher evaluations, the message boards, the front page and the student search.

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The founders of the Web page try to maintain a close relationship with the University because they feel that the page is an important reference to the students and the founders don't want that privilege to be revoked.

NDToday is continuously expanding and is always open for new changes or recommendations.

The founders hope to start up a mini company that will be viewed as an unofficial club at the University. They hope to begin publishing articles and they want to come out with a new issue every two weeks.

For now, Helgesen said the site is looking for new ideas and more help. Ideally, new people will bring in fresh ideas that will benefit both the community and the Web site in general.

The founders will be sending out an e-mail to all the subscribers hoping to get a response from students who are interested. They don't care how much experience people have, they just want their input and involvement to better NDToday.

"Where we are right now is about 50 percent of where we could be and hope to be in the future," Helgesen said. Helgesen encourages students to look into NDToday because of all the benefits that are available to the students. All the mediums can be published on the page because they are done so via the Internet, so there are more variations available.

"Come on, you are at ND!" Helgesen said. "This is what people are talking about and thinking; so why not check it out? It's made for you; and personally, we love what we've done for the people."

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Last year, diver Meghan Perry-Eaton thought she would never get on the diving board again. 

Stuck midway through her freshman year with separated shoulders and bulging discs, there were days that she couldn't even bear the pain to pull herself out of the pool.  

"My freshman year was horrible. I was so excited about coming here and diving and then in just all stopped," the sophomore from Tampa, Fla. said. "I thought my career was over." 

But Thursday night at the Big East Swimming and Diving Championships, Perry-Eaton proved her career is just beginning. Taking the runner-up position on the 1-meter board, Perry-Eaton's first championship performance was nearly flawless. 

Perry-Eaton narrowly missed defeating senior Michelle Davison of Miami, who won the event with a score of 300.65. Perry-Eaton finished with 293.30 points. No Notre Dame diver has ever defeated a Miami diver since joining the Big East. 

"It was a little nervous, and I'm not used to that," Perry-Eaton said. "I didn't know what to expect." 

Perry-Eaton took the lead in the fifth and final round, inching out Davison by four points. She remained in the lead going into the sixth round by six points, but over-rotated on her final dive, a front 2 1/2 tuck. 

She nailed the dive in the preliminary competition Thursday morning, even though it wasn't one of her best dives. The slip in form was the result of the trouble Perry-Eaton has had all season forcing her to pull out of dives. 

"Mentally, I'm just a basket case right now," she said. "I don't know what to expect day to day. I'm really excited — I wish I had won, because I could have. My last dive was pretty bad, but that's life." 

The win in the 1-meter comes after an inconsistent season for Perry-Eaton. She shined at the Minnesota Invitational in October, coming back from fifth place to win the 3-meter. But she fell at all meet performances she struggled, even failing a dive at the Northwestern meet in January. 

But she's the type of diver that hangs tough, said diving coach Calix Xie. 

"I've told her the five 'C's': confidence, composure, control, calm and competitive," he said. "I've said if you can control yourself, you can control your outcome." 

The injury still nags her, in practice and in competition, however. And for a diver who is so tough, "it's a constant struggle between coach and athlete about training. When she wants to push harder, Xie sometimes tells her to stop. Perry-Eaton said. "There are times, when she's in pain and he tells her to keep going." 

Both are difficult in finding a training balance that lets her push hard enough, but rest enough to heal. 

"I feel like a different diver, which is kind of upsetting," she said. 

"Sometimes because her back hurts, she cannot make her last dive." 

Men's Championships 

The Big East championships were won by West Virginia, the defending champion. Pittsburgh took second, followed by Notre Dame's women. The Diving Championships also proved successful for the Irish, winning four of five events. 

Sophomore diver Meghan Perry-Eaton flips off the 1-meter springboard during diving competition at Thursday's Big East Championships. 

"She's not at her best yet, but she's getting back," Perry-Eaton will climb up on the boards again today in the 3-meter competition. Like every other performance this season, she knows it's a day-to-day guess at how she'll perform. 

"I hope I do well," she said, smiling. "I feel like I'm ready back. I'm getting ready. Physically, I can get up there and in. But mentally, I can get up there and lose." 

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MEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Irish struggle after first day, hope to catch up

By SHEILA EGTS
Sports Writer

UNIONDALE, N.Y.

The day went according to plan for the blue and gold at the Big East Championships on Thursday. But it was the wrong team of blue and gold.

The Pittsburgh Panthers were well on their way to defending their Big East Championship title with a first-day score of 250 points.

Disappointing sixth and eighth place finishes in key relay events left the Irish questioning their ability to turn the meet around and reclaim the second-place finish they held in 1999 and 2000.

"Both of our relays were slower than we had hoped they would be tonight," said Irish head coach Tim Welsh. "Can we still be second? Who knows?"

According to Welsh prior to the meet, the team was relying on major point contributions from the senior Jonathan Pierce in the distance events.

"I know I personally did not swim as well as I wanted to tonight. I think I get caught up too much in how fast I need to go or who I need to beat," said Pierce, who swims again Saturday in the 1,650-yard freestyle. "I had a bad race, but I just need to look past it and move on to my next races."

Follow senior Mike Koss is still optimistic about Pierce contributing team points and getting the NCAA invitation he has been working for all season.

"It’s tough for Jonathan especially as a senior. I thought he would do a little better, but this is his weakest event," Koss said. "His 400 IM and his mile should be a lot stronger."

With the addition of two competitive freshmen divers from Miami, Andy Maggio only managed to place sixth in the 3-meter diving, an event that he took second in last year.

"Four of the guys here were really Olympic caliber divers," he said. "I was shooting for fifth place and one of the guys beat me out at the end, but I still feel good about the 3-meter finish. I didn’t dive my best but I placed around where I should have."

But Maggio is focusing on his stronger event in the 1-meter diving to compensate for some of the points he lost Thursday.

As a whole, the Irish have their work cut out for them if they hope to catch up with Rutgers, who is currently second. According to Welsh, the team has an even set of entries for the rest of the meet with four or five swimmers qualified in the majority of the events.

"This has traditionally been a tough day. What I think we need to do is use this to build the momentum and really try to get focused for our next two days," said Koss, who competes in the 100-yard backstroke today. "But if you look at our scoring and our place compared to last year, we are way ahead of where we were last year. What I think we need to do is use this to build the momentum and really try to get focused for our next two days."

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Lightweights begin fights on Sunday

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

The lightest weight class in the Bengal Bouts features three first-time competitors out of the seven fighters.

The most experienced fighter in the bracket is junior captain Shawn Newburg, who lost in the finals last year to Camilo McHale.

Newburg will face the winner of the fight between senior Derrick Bravo and freshman Mike Fiedler. Bravo may have the aid of experience on his side, having advanced to the semi-finals in the tournament last year.

One of the better matchups of the bracket may be between a pair of junior newcomers to the event, Lance Hendron and Peter Kim.

"I fought some on and off through junior high and high school, but my father was a kick-boxer and he's tried to get me involved in boxing," Hendron said.

On the other hand, Kim may be one of the smallest competitors in the group, but his size allows him to be very quick and strong.

In the final bout of the bracket, freshman Mark Hurduck takes on senior Jason McMahon.

The first-year fighter Hurduck may have his hands full with the more-experienced McMahon. The senior won the bouts in his freshman year, and even trained over break with fellow competitor Hendron in Las Vegas.

Because there are only seven boxers competing in this class, the first round of fights will be Sunday at 2 p.m.

135-pounds
Those boxers that advance out of the first round of the 135-pound weight class tonight will face a tough road ahead as three boxers considered to be favorites for the title all drew first-round byes. Senior Matt Fumagalli, captain and Boxing Club president, drew the spot at the top of the bracket. Sophomore Tony Hollowell, who upset Fumagalli last year in the first round on his way to the finals before being defeated by Junior Coleman, drew the bye at the bottom of the bracket.

"This class did not fill out, but the boxers in it are strong fighters," said sophomore T.J. D'Agostino, who drew the third bye in the bracket.

At the top of the bracket, sparring partners Luke Dillon and Pedro Alves will square off for the right to fight the favorite Fumagalli.

Since the two fighters have sparred against each other, their styles should be familiar.

"Luke has dropped about 13 pounds to fight in this class," Alves said. "When we sparred, I was fatter than him and was able to throw clusters of punches. Since he's bigger than me, he'll try to keep me away with his jab, and I'll have to try to get inside."

In the top half of the bracket, seniors Thomas McGree and Andrew "Golden Arms" Harms, Harms, considered one of the other favorites in the class will face off against junior Patrick Healy.

Healy, who is competing in his first Bengal Bouts, remains optimistic despite the tough opening-round draw.

"It's my first year, but you've got to fight the good fighters sometime," Healy said. "All you can do is remain confident and do your best."

In other fights in the top of the bracket, sophomore Joe "Mama" Shonkwiler will square off against Tim "Pummele" Hunt. Jon "The Thunder from Down Under" Prineau fights Matt "No Fun" Pyle and Sam "The Big Easy" Fuller takes on Eric Eddy.

On the other side of the bracket, junior Daniel "Aztec Warrior" Rogers faces Ted "Redina" Oub in the first round.

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In the bottom half of the bracket, juniors Kevin T."Pity Da" Hoel and Chris "Please Turn Your Head And" Hoffman will fight for the right to square off against T.J. D'Agostino.

Hollowell will fight the winner of the matchup between Jon "Tejano Terror" Valenzuela and Matt Shulha.

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Irish look for surge to playoffs

By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writer

After a weekend off, the Notre Dame men’s hockey team hits the road this weekend to take on the Lake Superior State Lakers. The big question for the Irish will be whether the time off will help or hurt the team.

The last game Notre Dame played was a big one. They defeated No. 3 ranked Michigan State on the Spartans home ice. The Irish won Michigan State’s 33-game home winning streak, and snapped Notre Dame’s home losing streak.

However, any momentum the Irish gained from that win might have been negated by the two weeks in which all they have done is skate in practice. At the time off might also help heal those nagging injuries that always seem to occur in the final stretch of the season.

Lake Superior State currently is last in the CCHA with a 4-18-2 conference record. Two of the conference losses for the Lakers were to Notre Dame back in December. The Irish defeated Lake Superior State 7-0 and 5-2 for a two game sweep.

Lake Superior State’s leading scorer is Adam Nightingale, who has six goals and nine assists over the season. Unlike Notre Dame, who has stuck with goaltender Morgan Cey most of the season, Lake State likes to rotate their goalies. Matt Violin has appeared in 11 games, Terry Denike 14, and Scott Murray 10. Violin has the best save percentage this season.

The Irish are looking to play some consistent hockey coming into the final two weeks of the season. Offensively, Notre Dame has been inconsistent this season. They currently have the No. 6 scorer in the league in Connor Dunlop, and the No. 10 scorer in David Immans.

The uncertainty lies with the Notre Dame defense. On Feb. 2 and 3, the Irish gave up 13 goals in two losses to Alaska-Fairbanks. The next weekend against Michigan State the defense only gave up four goals in splitting the series.

For Notre Dame, these last two weekends of hockey will determine positioning for the CCHA playoffs. Currently the Irish are ninth in the CCHA with 20 points.

The drive to the finish for the Notre Dame hockey team will begin when the puck drops at 7:05 p.m.

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By COLIN BOYLAN
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As the Notre Dame women's tennis team approaches a weekend face-off with Iowa and Virginia Tech, it has a pretty clear idea of what it will take to earn a pair of victories. Simply put, the team needs to win the doubles point.

In the 10 matches the Irish have played this season, the team has won the doubles point five times and lost five times. In each of those competitions, the winner of that point has gone on to win the match.

When the Irish take on the Hawkeyes on Friday and the Hokies on Sunday, they will need to be on top of their doubles games to improve on their 5-5 record so far this season.

"I don't know why the doubles point has been such a strong indicator of success," said head coach Jay Louderback. "I just think there's such parity in the college game today that the doubles point becomes crucial in a seven point match."

While on paper, one point shouldn't be a big deal against the No. 48-ranked Hawkeyes, the Irish realize that Iowa is much better than their 1-4 season record would indicate.

"Iowa's had lots of injuries this season but they're going to be at full strength this weekend," said sophomore Alicia Salas. "And they've always given us trouble in the past, so we're treating this as a very important match."

Louderback agreed. "I won a knocked us out of the NCAA's a couple of years ago, so we know how dangerous they can be," he said.

The Irish will follow up their Friday match by traveling to Blacksburg, Va. to take on the Hokies, Virginia Tech enters this weekend with a 6-2 record and a No. 75 national ranking.

As for Salas, she is just seeking to maintain the momentum she has built thus far in the season. A reserve player for much of her freshman year, the sophomore has emerged as one of the Irish's most consistent threats this season.

Currently, she is riding a 13 match winning streak and building upon the strengths she developed in the off-season.

"I played a lot of matches over the summer and worked on my serve a lot," said Salas about her success. "But we're working on team success above all."

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**FENCING**

Fencers return to action

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

After a weekend off, the Notre Dame men's and women's fencing teams return to action this weekend at the Wayne State Duals.

While Notre Dame is the only team at the meet ranked in the top 10 nationally in both men's and women's competition, Andre Crompton knows this contest isn't meaningless.

"I don't think we're too overconfident because we still have some unfinished business," said the senior sabreman. "We still have to accomplish our goal of having an undefeated season. But it is nice that some of the guys that don't usually get to travel can make the trip and get some experience."

Leading the men's team so far this season has been its three captains. Junior foilist Ozren Debeljude, junior epeeist Ian Vivoni and Crompton have compiled a combined 98-10 record through the team's first three meets.

"I know we [the captains] have just focused on winning," Crompton said. "We are trying to lead by example.

Earlier this week, the men's team returned to the top spot in the country and claimed the No. 1 ranking in the national poll. Coincidentally, last year during the same week, the men's team took over as the No. 1 team in the nation.

"We shouldn't get too overconfident about this pre-tournament ranking," said Crompton. "We are still the underdogs going into NCAAs since we finished third last year."

Last weekend, freshman Derek Snyder finished fifth in the junior men's foil at the Junior Olympics in Columbus, Ohio. Snyder is still ranked second nationally in the junior men's foil.

While the men's team moved up in the national rankings, the women's team dropped to No. 3. Its loss to St. John's and split with Northwestern led to the change in the poll.

Two weeks ago, the women's team compiled a 4-0 record. They look to regain that momentum this weekend.

"Wayne State should be a nice practice meet," said sophomore Destanie Milo. "We are going to take it really easy, take our time and do our best."

Having last weekend off, the Irish were able to use their practice time to focus on becoming sharper and more prepared for the rest of the season.

"We have been working on the basics, doing some drills, and did a little bit of conditioning," Milo said.

Besides host Wayne State, Detroit-Mercy, Lawrence, Michigan and Michigan State will be competing this weekend at the duals in Detroit.

Next weekend, the Irish will host their only home meet of the year, the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish veterans step up down the stretch

By KATIE MCVOY Associate Sports Editor

At the beginning of the season, with a 2-4 record, the Irish were looking at a season that looked like it might never end. But now, with only two games left to play, Notre Dame is on an eight-game winning streak and just one win away from clinching the No. 2 spot in the Big East.

Earlier in the year, the focus was on six freshman who would have a heavy load on their shoulders. But in recent games, it has been the Irish veterans who have stepped up and taken the lead and the spotlight.

Junior guard Alcina Ratay has been the leading scorer for the Irish in their last two wins, with 25 and 31 points respectively. And a much-improved Ericka Haney has finished up with double-figures in the last four games and stopped some of the toughest individual competition for the Irish, including West Virginia's Kate Bolger.

As an Irish head into Georgetown on Saturday to face off against the 12-13 Hoyas, Haney will have to step up again.

Her assignment this time: post-player Rebekkah Brunson.

"It's like every player Ericka's had to guard," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. "I feel like each game I'm saying the same thing over and over again, "Ericka, that's the game this player and you have to guard her.

Brunson has been the key to what success Georgetown has had this season. After sitting out what success Georgetown has had this season. After sitting out what success Georgetown has had this season. After sitting out what success Georgetown has had this season.

Hatey will have her work cut out for her. Used to guarding perimeter players, Haney will take on the new challenge of a post-player who scores off the block and is capable of grabbing a lot of rebounds for her team.

"I think Ericka can shut her down, and this is a little different for her because she's more of a post-up sort of a player, a rebounding player and Ericka is so good on the perimeter," McGraw said. "It will be a little bit of a challenge for her. Brunson is a lot bigger than she is."

However, Brunson isn't new to Haney. This summer Haney and Brunson were teammates on the Big East touring team and spent time together, working for the team in Germany.

With Haney leading the charge on defense, the Irish will also have to look out for freshman guard Mary Lusk who leads the Hoyas in 3-point shots and sets up a solid inside-outside game for the Hoyas.

"[Lusk] is someone we're going to have to find on the perimeter," McGraw said. "So I guess an inside, outside team is always a problem."

Despite the fact that the Irish have struggled on the road this season, they have found a routine in recent games. A win on Saturday would bring their road winning percentage up from the very slow start at the beginning of the season.

"If we win this game we'll be 500 on the season and coming from whatever we started from, that's really a big jump," McGraw said.

The match-up with Miami is the third-to-last regular season game for the Irish before they head to New York for the Big East Championship.

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Irish center Tom Timmermans goes up for a layup during Notre Dame's loss against Syracuse.

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**BASEBALL**

**Irish eager to open season in New Orleans**

By CHRIS FERDÉCICO
Assistant Sports Editor

The Notre Dame baseball team engaged a marquee season last year, winning a school-record 49 games and reaching the No. 1 ranking in both the Collegiate Baseball and Baseball America polls for the first time in the program's history.

Following such a successful 2001 season, the Irish are more than ready to return to the diamond as they travel to New Orleans this weekend for three games with Missouri, the University of New Orleans and Southern Illinois.

"We're fired up," Irish centerfielder Steve Stanley said. "We're just getting through the practices inside, and I just can't wait to get out there and play."

Like Stanley, Bushey is another four-year starter who is expected to split time between catcher and third base with classy Paul O'Toole, another four-year starter who spent his first three seasons entirely behind the plate.

Unlike last season, when the Irish relied heavily on its pitching and defense for success, this year's Irish staff combined for only 49 percent of its innings pitched last season, as Holiman and Tamayo handled the bulk of the assignments.

"I think even though I'm a younger pitching staff, it's going to help us and contribute a lot," Stanley said. "We have a very experienced and veteran group of hitters, and we're just going to help each other out during the year. We're going to try to score going to try to score more runs for them to help them get their feet wet."

Returning as the probable top starter is junior Peter Ogilvie, who started seven games last year with a 5-1 record and 1.90 ERA. Classmate 1B Gabe will likely occupy the next starter position.

The Irish return two of their top relievers from last season in juniors Paul McCarron, who notched ERA's of 0.90 and 3.32, respectively. "I think with our pitching staff, we have some veterans that have done the job day in and day out, but we also have some young guys that probably just need some confidence," Bushey said.

As older position players, we know that at the beginning of the year, we can't play around, We have to really start producing runs early to get them that confidence and that maturity." In addition to the many experienced players, the Irish enter this season with the top-ranked class of freshmen, according to Baseball America. Most notably is shortstop Matt Macri, who should start right away for shortstop. A third-year probation player the Irish failed to carry over from last season.

Other freshmen that are likely to have an early impact on the Irish are pitchers Chris Niesel, John Axford and Scott Bickford. Niesel, a high school All-American according to Baseball America, is slated as the starter for Notre Dame's game Sunday against Southern Illinois.

The most difficult task the Irish could have to overcome in this year's schedule is that we have to play Southern schools who have been outside all year," Bushey said. "My sophomore and junior years, our first game was the first time we had been outside all year, it just takes a while to get adjusted to playing outside."

The long Southern road trips, in which the Irish will play in tournaments in Louisiana, Florida and Texas, may hurt the Irish out of the gates—especially since their top ranking during the season last year has made many other teams aware of their ability—but the players fully anticipate a season at least as successful as the one last year.

"I think you might not see us get upset to a start like we did last year," Stanley said. "Maybe you will—I don't know. But I think that towards the end of the season, we're going to be right where we were last year."

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Participated in the HLIP last year in the Chicago Pilien neighborhood.
WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Canada upsets Americans

Associated Press

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah — America's great winning streak ended at the worst possible moment.

Canada beat the U.S. women's hockey team 3-2 on Thursday night to win the gold medal and halt America's 35-game string of victories, which included eight straight against the Canadians.

Hayley Wickenheiser broke a second-period tie and added the winning goal 2:48 later as Canada ended a 50-year-old gold medal drought in Olympic hockey.

Canada, the seven-time world champions, avenged a loss in the gold-medal game of the inaugural women's tournament in Lake Placid, N.Y., on Dec. 15, 2001, edging out the Austrian, United States and Croatian teams.

Despite that success, Wickenheiser realizes the competition in Salt Lake City today will be far greater, so his expectations are realistic.

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By NOAH AMSTADTER

SALT LAKE CITY

Two weekends ago, the Notre Dame track and field team had just stepped off the bus and was checking into their hotel in Windsor, Canada, where they have been since then.

As the athletes waited for their room assignments, somebody flipped on the television to watch the Opening Ceremonies for the Winter Olympics. The camera scanned the athletes, showing faces from countries spanning Nepal to Cameroon.

All of the sudden, a face from Hungary popped into view on the screen, a face quite familiar to the Irish athletes.

Notre Dame graduate who competed in the Winter Olympics is carrying on the family tradition, representing Hungary in the country's four-man bobsled team.

Peter Pallai, a Notre Dame senior who won a bobsled silver medal in 1994, when the team placed third, is now an Olympic competitor.

"The Opening Ceremonies were going on and for some reason they kind of zoomed in on Marton," Notre Dame sprint coach John Millar said. "That was kind of the talk of the meet for a little while there.

"Gyulai, whose father and brother both represented Hungary in the Olympics, is carrying on the family tradition as a member of his country's four-man bobsled team.

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The puck landed behind her and trickled into the net. But Gyulai soon adjusted, and quickly found his way onto the national team.

"I no longer think about the problems there could be," Gyulai said. "I am too busy scaring by the speed at which this thing flies, but enjoy the extreme situation and thrive on it."

Wickenheiser and the rest of the competitors are ready for the challenge.

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Former Notre Dame student and Knott Hall RA Marton Gyulai (second from right) stands with his teammates. The former Irish sprinter will compete for Hungary in the four-man bobsled.

Gyulai said through e-mail earlier this month, explaining his decision to compete. "Even though we won an amateur race in Lake Placid, we are still a very young sport in Hungary. We finance most of the events and travel ourselves, which is not cheap as a new sled costs around $25,000. For this reason we do not have a sled but rent one at every competition."

In fact, bobsledding as a sport in Hungary is just 10 years old. Back then, two young men just had fun and decided to give the sport a try. The worst that could happen, they thought, is that they would fall sliding down the hill at a speed of more than 90 miles per hour.

One of those men was Miklos Gyulai, Marton's older brother who went on to compete for Hungary in the four-man event in 1994, when the team placed 28th, and 1998, when the team placed 24th. The elder Gyulai also competed in the 4x100 meter relay in the 2000 Sydney Summer Olympics.

After watching all the fun that he was having, Marton's little brother Marton wanted to try his hand at bobsledding as a child. But the rules stated that one cannot sit in a sled before the age of 18. By the time Marton was 18, he was already enrolled as a student at Notre Dame.

So when Marton returned home after graduation, his younger brother had an opportunity waiting. The younger Gyulai first sat in a sled this fall, an experience he will not soon forget.

"Initially, it was horrible," said Gyulai, who also worked as an assistant coach in his high school days. "I am too scared by the speed at which this thing flies, but enjoy the extreme situation and thrive on it."

If the team reaches its goal of improving on its 24th place finish, the American team should bring home a medal, Wickenheiser said.

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Hughes shocks world, captures skating gold

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

Michelle Kwan's medals collection still is incomplete. The gold she came back to win belongs, once again, to another American teenager — Sarah Hughes.

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Crisiniti awaits opponent

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

Two-time champion Mark Crisiniti received the only bye in the 180-pound weight division and will watch Friday as 14 other fighters battle for a spot to join him in the quarterfinals.

Crisiniti will use his extra night off to evaluate potential opponents but he already knows there are several fighters who could take him from title. "There are probably a group of four or five boxers that I would say are real solid boxers," he said.

In the top part of the bracket, Keith "The Little Ball of Love" Arnold could pose the biggest challenge. The senior is a seasoned veteran of the bouts and made it to the semifinals last year. "He's won a few fights," Crisiniti said. "I see him as being a tough competitor." Arnold will face Cimarron "Wild Thing" Gilson in the first round.

The winner of the Arnold-Gilson fight will await the winner of Kevin "Big Tank" Christoforetti and John "The Brick House" Wahoske. Christoforetti, a first time qualifier, hopes to use his reach to keep the more experienced Wahoske away. "I'm taller than most people so I just want to keep using my jab," he said. Wahoske will face Eric "Crash Test" Callahan in the other preliminary fight in the top half of the 180-pound bracket. The winner of that fight will face Crisiniti.

Matt Sab, a walk-on football player, is one of the boxers to emerge from the bottom half of the bracket, according to Crisiniti. Sab will face law student Eric Goulet in the first round.

Freshman Jim "Spicy Chicken" Shiflett and Justin "Combo" Matassa will be Wyatt "Soul Pole" Hernandez, who won a preliminary bout last year to even the makeup of the fighters as well.

"It's a real aggressive weight class," said Ryan "Rhino" Hernandez, who faces James Ward in the preliminaries. "There's a nice mix of power and endurance, so you see guys who are able to maintain a barrage throughout the fight." Hernandez, who lost a preliminary round bout to eventual finalist Bob Joyce last year, has a slight advantage in experience over the first-time fighter Ward.

The highlight of the 170-pound preliminaries matches Matt "Rocky Mountain Avalanche" Padilla against Nate Scheid. Last year, both boxers claimed preliminary victories in a relatively inexperienced bracket. Padilla lost to eventual finalist Joyce.

The only other fighter with Bengal Bout experience is Matt "The Booster" Knust, who lost a preliminary bout last year to eventual 170-pound champion Mark Crisiniti. Knust faces freshman Chris "The Count of Monte Fisto" Muehr.

The other fights pitting Bengal boxers are Domingo "Lunes" Ayon against T.J. "The Human Punching Bag" Strachota, Dennis "Asian" Deeney against William "The Kid" Phillip, and "Dysfunctional" Oliver against "Left On Colfax Right On Hill" Kotisam, Shaun Iverson versus Craig "The Devil's Advocate" Oliver, and Eric "Broke" Barron against Patrick "The Irish Curse" McClary.

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**Old bodies, new faces square off in Bouts**

By PAUL CAMARATA

Sports Writer

With a mix of seasoned boxers and rookies, the 155 and 160 pound divisions of this year's Bengal Bouts offer many intriguing matchups. While several veteran boxers will bring both great technical skill and past experience to the ring starting in tonight's preliminaries, every fan who knows the Sweet Science knows that predicting the results of any given fight can be the most unscientific aspect of the sport.

**155-pounds**

Action in the 155-pound division will begin with seven fights on Friday night. After winning the 150 pound title in 2001, bruising Brock "Landers" Heckmann looks to repeat his success in a different weight class. With the ability to withstand punches and his talent as a strong counter puncher, the seasoned Heckmann may be the boxer to beat at 155 pounds. He will be challenged in the first round by Morrissey senior and second year Bout participant Dan "The Manler" McCoy.

Senior Mike "Dynamika" McCabe, a first-year boxer who brings to the ring the poise and discipline he developed while earning a black belt in martial arts, will take on "One Punch" Paul Robinson, a sophomore from Zahn Hall who is also boxing for the first time.

Freshman Colin Kerrigan, who completed the novice training prior to last semester, will matchup in his first ever Bengal Bout with sophomore and Morrissey residence Julian "Bel Mo" DeVoe. The speedy DeVoe is looking to improve on his performance last year, when as a first-year boxer he advanced to the semifinals of his weight class.

Third-year law student Andy "The Atomic" Baum will bring his age and the experience of last year's Bouts to the first round to face off-campus senior Chris "Third Time's A Charm" Petit, fighting in his third Bengal Bout. Petit will try and use his skills as a lefty, generally atypical among boxers, to disrupt the strong technique that Baum has on both offense and defense.

Second-year boxer Mike "The Milita Man" Melby, a Dillon Hall junior who is tall among the other 155-pound fighters, will try to combine his strong jab and long reach to solve Chris Henry, a sophomore from Zahn Hall.

Brandon "4-1072" Gasser, a sophomore from Alumni Hall boxing for the second round, takes on another South Quad sophomore in the first round, Fisher's Christophor "Border Bandit" Solis.

Off-campus senior Mike "Vince" Messina will challenge John "The L-Dizzle" Nowak in the first round tonight. A left-handed boxer, the sophomore Nowak is competing in the Bengal Bouts for the second year.

Freshman Jesse "The Kangaroo" Shallcross received an automatic bye into the quarterfinals, after his first round opponent was declared medically ineligible to box.

**160-pounds**

An even pool of 16 boxers means a full bracket in the 160-pound weight class, so that every man must win three matches in order to climb past the competition and fight in the Joyce Arena one week from today. The 160-pound division includes the only two Notre Dame boxers who hail from overseas. Chris "Can't We All Just" Kitalong, an off-campus senior, is a native of Palau, a small island southeast of the Philippines in the Pacific Ocean. A second-year boxer who relies on fast hands and athleticism, his first round opponent is law student Ethan "The Dude" McKinney, ironically, a native of nearby Mishawaka, Ind.

The other international matchup pits former Dillon Hall resident and current off-campus senior Dan "The Bannal" Probst, of Columbia, S.C., with third-year law student and current Dillon assistant rector John "The Chris Reid Shamrock Express" Murphy from New Ross, Ireland. Probst, who lost a questionable decision as a sophomore, is eager to return to action after missing last year's Bouts while abroad.

Two freshman boxers will square off in the preliminaries when Krouglih's Mike "Fare Sweetness" Panice faces Galen "La Maqui'na" Loughrey from Dillon Hall. Both boxers have shown promise in their first year, notably Panice for his technique and Loughrey for his dedication during training.

Zahn Hall sophomore Bushy Segretto's first round draw isaison "Donkey Punch" Voss, a junior from Sorin Hall who has bulked up to compete in the 160-pound weight class. Voss had success last year in the 145-pound division, advancing to the semifinals.

Mark "Donkey Punch" DeSpleniter is a freshman that has received high marks from the senior captains for his strong work ethic throughout the season. The well-conditioned Alumni resident will face Dillon's Eric "It Saul Good" Saul in the first round, a senior and one of the taller fighters in his division.

An off-campus senior at first-year boxer Dan "Sunshine" Faley will also try to use his long reach to advance to the quarterfinals. His first round opponent is John Enterline, a sophomore from O'Neill Hall.

After transference to Notre Dame, Pat "Boom-B-Yea" Hobbins competed in his first Bengal Bouts last year as a sophomore. Now a junior from Keenan, Hobbins will bring his strong technical skills to the first round to meet Knott Hall junior Matt "The Hogytown Hurricane" McDonald.

The bottom of the 160-pound bracket matches two more South Quad sophomores. Brent "Total Eclipse of the Heart" Barbich, a Dillon resident with a long jab, will face Pat "The Beast from the Bend" Dillon, of Morrissey Manor. A graduate of South Bend's Marian High School, Dillon is a second-year boxer who has shown great improvement since his novice season a year ago.

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**Bengal Bouts 155-pounds - 160-pounds**

Brock "Landers" Heckmann won the 150-pound title last year. This year, he moves up in class and hopes to repeat.

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BENGAL BOUTS

First-time boxers await tonight's prelims

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

Jim Christoforetti has been dreaming about a short walk for almost eight years. Ever since the freshman from McMurray, Pa., watched his brother John win three titles in 1995, '96 and '97, he has waited for his chance to step into the ring.

"I'd imagined it and envisioned it," Christoforetti said. "It was sort of one of those childhood dreams. It seems weird that (tonight) it's going to come true when I step into the ring." Christoforetti is one of many first-time boxers who will step into the ring tonight when the 72nd Bengal Bouts begin in the Joyce Center at 5 p.m.

The first-time boxers have many different reasons for wanting to fight but for Christoforetti, the Bengal Bouts were the main reason he came to Notre Dame. As soon as he stepped on campus, he signed up to fight.

"The second day I was here, I came on campus and went into the boxing room and signed up for it," he said.

Although Christoforetti had never boxed before, he was a veteran of hand to hand combat. In addition to watching his brother win three titles, he has also taken kick-boxing lessons for five years. He said the techniques and strategies are different in kick boxing but it did teach him one important lesson: how to take a punch.

"I am used to fighting somehow," he said. "It's a new kind of fighting and a different technique but it never hurts to have fought someone before."

Not all the first time fighters have that experience. Sophomore DonOE Pope had never even been in a playground scuffle before he signed up for the Bouts at Activities Night.

"I am usually quite a pacifist," Pope said. "So when Pope first got popped in the face, he was stunned. "It was a real wake up call," Pope said. "I've never been in a fight before. It was a real shocker."

Freshman John Baker had a similar reaction to his first good shot to the head.

"It was kind of funny," Baker said. "I just kind of stood there for a moment and thought 'what did I get myself into?'"

After five spars, however, the shock of getting punched has worn off but the pain remains.

"It hurts a little more," Pope said. "My nose hurts a little more than I thought it would." Pope has also been forced to battle his natural instincts in the ring. When the instinctive fight or flight reaction kicks in, Pope's first thought was flight. But now he has to fight.

"It's sort of fighting your natural tendencies that you body has to just start flailing your arms and protecting your face," Pope said. "You can't do that. I think I've gotten better through sparring and training." Although many first-time fighters are freshmen or sophomores, there are several seniors stepping into the ring for the first time. After watching the Bouts from the stands for four years, they weren't going to let

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at a glance

- Bengal Bouts, today, 5 p.m.
- Big East Swimming Championships, today, Sunday, 10 a.m.
- Men's Basketball at Miami, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

SPORTS

Uniondale, N.Y.
The meet had barely started before the Irish women's swimming and diving team sent a message to the Big East. In the second leg of the 200-yard freestyle relay, the Irish outdistanced the heat by a body length. By the end of the event, the Irish were ahead of the pack by more than a second, and secured the meet record and an NCAA consideration time of one minute, 32.01 seconds.

The relay told any Big East teams looking to contest the Irish for the 2002 title there wasn't a chance. After day one of competition, the Irish lead with 210 points, more than 100 points ahead of closest competitor Rutgers.

"I think we're focused and where we need to be," said Irish head coach Bailey Weathers.

But the Irish had limited success in their main goal for the conference championships. Aiming to use the meet as a stepping stone to NCAA championships, Notre Dame wants to qualify as many swimmers as possible during the three-day weekend championship meet.

In the first day of competition, the Irish posted three times that will be considered for entry at the national meet.

The 200-yard freestyle relay of sophomores Katie Eckholt and Danielle Hulick and seniors Carrie Nixon and Kelly Becking earned a consideration time with their first-place finish. Sophomore Lisa Garcia earned a consideration bid in the 200-yard individual medley, finishing in 2:02.37. The 400-yard medley relay of Becking, Nixon, senior Allison Lloyd and sophomores Lisa D'Olier also earned a consider-

by NOREEN GILLISPIE
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's Marie Labosky swims the butterfly leg of the 200-yard individual medley. Labosky will face Sydney Olympian Maddy Crippen from Villanova in the 400-yard individual medley today.

- Women lead by more than 100 points after first day of Big East finals

Men's Basketball
Hurricanes present big challenge

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

When the Miami Hurricanes arrived at the banquet hall of the Sugar Bowl Classic in late December, Mike Brey did a double-take.

"They come walking in and I almost choked," the Irish head coach said.

What Brey and the Irish saw at the New Orleans tournament was a team that boasts seven players who measure at least 6-foot-7.

Two months later, Brey and his players repeat their initial impression of the Hurricanes over and over again: "They're just so long."

And the Irish will find out just how their shorter roster will match up against that height Saturday when the two teams from the conference's West and East divisions clash in Coral Gables.

The Irish own the third spot in the West division, behind Pittsburgh and Syracuse, with an 8-5 Big East record.

The Hurricanes, who also have an 8-5 conference record, have captured the second spot in the East division and the second best conference and overall record in the Big East.

Playing Miami on the road will not make Notre Dame's task any easier - the Hurricanes have dropped only one game on