**Irish fall on hard times at Gator Bowl**

By ANDREW SOUKUP  
News Writer

Jacksonville, Fla. — Tradition. The crowd noise. The sun-baked atmosphere. For the fourth straight year, Notre Dame football fans were looking forward to the annual Apple Jar Bowl, commonly known as the Gator Bowl.

But this year, Notre Dame fans were left with a sour taste in their mouth. The Irish fell to the University of Alabama, 38-28, in the Gator Bowl.

The game was a disappointment for many Irish fans, who had hoped for a better performance after winning their previous game, 28-6, against the University of Maryland.

Irish eligible donors visit campus today

By TERESA FRAILISH  
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Despite several University initiatives during winter break, freshman Chad Sharon still remains missing.

On Jan. 3, University officials announced a $10,000 reward at a press conference for credible information leading to Sharon's arrest or conviction of the man responsible for his disappearance.

Sharon disappeared Dec. 12 and Fisher Hall staff reported him missing when he did not return to the hall. The Fisher Hall freshman was last seen at an off-campus party on Corby Boulevard around 2 a.m. when he declined a ride back to campus and told his friends he would walk back to Notre Dame.

Sharon missed all of his final exams and did not return home for Christmas or make contact with his family or friends since his Dec. 12 disappearance.

Notre Dame police said a security officer at Madison Center Hospital on Niles Boulevard told police of a young man closely matching Sharon's description at about 4 a.m. on Dec. 12.

Though Sharon told friends he would be heading back to campus, Madison Center is farther away from Notre Dame than the Corby Street party. The officer told police that Sharon asked for directions to the nearest convenience store and he directed Sharon to the 7-11 at the corner of Niles and LaSalle Avenues.

However, 7-11 employees do not recall seeing anyone matching Sharon's description and Sharon did not appear on the store's surveillance camera, said Rakow.

Sharon's parents, Steve and Jane Sharon, who until now have remained in Pelican Lake, Wis., Sharon's hometown, plan to come to Notre Dame tonight to meet with investigators and students. Since Sharon's disappearance, University officials have been in daily contact with his parents.

"We've been contactings them each day," said Kirk. "I talk to the Sharan's every night."

On Thursday, Sharon's parents will meet with ND detectives and investigators during the day and attend a press conference the evening only at 10 p.m., which is primarily intended for the Fisher Hall community and other close friends of Sharon's, said Kirk.

Before and after the massacre, Sharon's parents want to meet with students who know Chad or may have any information regarding his disappearance. Though the Sharons are confident in NDSF's handling of the case and want students to talk to University officials, they are also willing to talk with students themselves.

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Though the Sharons are hopeful that with students back on campus, new information about Sharon's disappearance will surface. While investigators were able to talk with over 100 people during break through phone calls and e-mail, NDSF hopes to talk to students that were unreachable over the semester break.

"There are some people that we haven't gotten a hold of," said Rakow. "We haven't found anyone who saw Chad leaving the Notre Dame."

University officials are also trying to generate national attention about Sharon's case by contacting programs that report on missing persons, said University spokesman Matt Storin.

"We have had contact with 'America's Most Wanted,' which does some things on missing persons," said Storin. "'Good Morning America' has some interest in interviewing Mr. and Mrs. Sharon and we are actively working on that. We don't have confirmation."

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** Irish encounter roadblocks before and during game in Jacksonville**

By ANDREW SOUKUP  
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Tyronne Willingham and Kevin White first publicly stood side by side as Notre Dame employees on Jan. 1, 2002. As Notre Dame fans celebrated the end of a tradition, the tandem expressed a common sense of optimism.

Exactly 365 days later, Willingham and White once again stood side by side. This time, they weren't in a crowded press conference room, they were at the sight of a train wreck. And as they stood out at a wild celebration taking place in front of them, their expressions were anything but happy.

Minutes earlier, North Carolina State had taken a knee to derail Notre Dame's hopes of winning its first bowl game in nine years. The Irish had already disappeared into their locker room for the second time since the game ended — they had run back on to the field after most of the traditional raise-the-sand-laden salute to the Notre Dame faithful, the final mistake in an error-ridden performance.

The most visible member of Notre Dame's football program and the man who hired him silently gazed at a throng of red-clad players rowdily accepting hardware for winning the Gator Bowl as the numbers 28 and 6 shone brightly from the scoreboard.

The scene was vastly different from the one two years ago, when the Irish had captured the field at Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee, Fla., after knocking off Florida State. Then, Willingham was the coach jubilantly celebrating, not stoically staring. The win helped the Irish improve to 8-0, vaulted them into the AP Poll's top five and earned the Coach of the Year Award.

This time, the mood of the Notre Dame faithful was different. The Irish fell to the University of Alabama, 38-28, in the Gator Bowl. The loss ended Notre Dame's hopes of winning its first bowl game in nine years.

Willingham said he was disappointed by the loss and that Notre Dame had been "outplayed by the better team." He added that the win last year in the Sugar Bowl was a "fantasy" and that this year's loss was "no fantasy."

"It's just tough to lose," Willingham said. "It's just a tough moment. You know what I mean. It was really tough."

The loss wasn't the only thing that went wrong for the Irish on Saturday.

A police spokesman said DeBolt's arrest was "injuries either during his arrest or when he was left at the county jail.

According to a police report obtained by the Florida Times-Union, officers used pepper spray and punched DeBolt in the back and the arms after he refused to leave the nightclub. He was noncooperative, intoxicated, yelling and cursing when arrested, the report said.

As DeBolt tried to pull on his jail uniform, the report claimed he told police, "Don't anyone laugh, I'm the Fighting Irish."
Return to glory part 2

After an incredible football season in which Notre Dame experienced a return to glory, the Notre Dame men’s basketball team is having its own return to glory this year. Well OK, maybe they never had as much glory as the football team. But this year, the men’s hoops team is proving to be quite possibly the best men’s team Notre Dame has ever had.

After losing several key seniors from last year’s NCAA Tournament squad, there were doubts about whether or not the team would recover and repeat last year’s exciting season. However, it didn’t take long for the team to drown all those doubts. It was a December to remember for the men’s team with a record of 6-0, including three victories over top 10 teams in the course of a week. The great performances led Notre Dame to a ranking as high as 69 in the nation, the highest ranking the Irish have achieved in 20 years.

With the new and improved team, thinking in part to third-year coach Mike Brey, basketball games have become an event and crazy experience. More and more students are attending games, and with the presence of the Lepechaun Legion, the Joyce Center is no longer a place to play for Notre Dame opponents.

The new team drives us to make the journey out to the Joyce Center during the drury winter of South Bend. The electricity in the Joyce Center is becoming closer and closer to that felt at a football game. The feeling of pride is apparent, in every Notre Dame basketball fan who has cheered the team on for years, in every Notre Dame student, and in the players themselves, who have proven to everyone that Notre Dame basketball needs to be recognized as one of the top programs in the nation.

Yet, after all this, the season is just beginning. This month, the Irish start conference play, and they will need our support more than ever. At least two more games are against top-10 opponents, and the rest of the conference is no pushover. Notre Dame plays 15 games before most likely heading to the NCAA Tournament in March. Hoping for a spot in the Sweet 16 and maybe storming into the NCAA Tournament may be looking too far ahead, but for the next two months, we as students can provide the extra energy the team needs in order to spark the team.

A hacker breached Notre Dame’s computer system during winter break. (Photo: Mike Harkins)

A Letter to the Editor emphasizes that Notre Dame’s Return to Glory should not be diminished.

Mike Harkins
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Notre Dame students can now enroll on the Web

By CHRISTINA CEPERO
News Writer

This semester was the first time Notre Dame students enrolled via the Internet and the last time they could enroll at the Joyce Center.

Students must enroll at the beginning of each semester to inform the University that they intend to take the classes for which they registered.

According to Kimberly Hahn, assistant registrar, Web enrollment for this spring has been extremely successful. As of Tuesday morning, 9,391 out of 11,070 students had enrolled.

Hahn says, "We were very pleased with this number." Continuing students enroll by opening the enrollment e-mail link from the Office of the Registrar on any browser and then logging in and following the simple instructions. The new Irishlink service also allows students to change their addresses and privacy information without having to contact the registrar directly.

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In addition to enrolling, students can access their identification information, address, schedules, grades, financial aid information and register for courses on Irishlink.

Students could enroll starting Jan. 6, a week before classes started. The extra week is particularly helpful for students with financial assistance, because loan deferment, insurance, scholarship and financial aid award checks are released once students are enrolled. Students went to the Joyce Center to begin the process for study abroad students because they didn't have to walk all the way.

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Knott Hall junior Michael Goolsby prepares for the spring semester with Web enrollment. Web enrollment is more convenient and user-friendly than the old method in which students went to the Joyce Center to enroll.

Based on credit hours completed, the Web enrollment page asks students if they plan to graduate, eliminating the confusion paper enrollment forms caused about graduation. It also asks seniors whether they intend to attend Commencement and how they would like their names to appear on their diplomas, eliminating the paper graduation form.

The Office of Information Technology's Application Technology Department began testing and developing the service in July 2002, and last fall, the Office of the Registrar offered Web enrollment on a trial basis to 400 students from Keough and Pangborn Halls and off campus. It was successful and students gave mostly positive feedback, namely that Web enrollment was more convenient and user-friendly and that they were not going to miss going to the Joyce Center, said Hahn. Hahn expects Web enrollment to be just as successful in Fall 2003. All students must enroll by

Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 5 p.m. at https://was.nd.edu/registrar.html

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Attempts by The Observer to obtain a copy of the police report were unsuccessful.

The Florida State Attorney's office decided Jan. 6 not to launch a formal investigation into DeBolt's arrest.

“Our conclusion was that insufficient evidence to support DeBolt's claims and that a formal state attorney investigation was not warranted,” State Attorney Harry shorestine said, adding the investigation was still in process.

DeBolt was released after spending 11 hours in jail and did not play in the Gator Bowl. He is scheduled to return to Jacksonville for a Jan. 22 court appearance.

Notre Dame officials refused to comment on DeBolt's arrest. Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham said DeBolt had played in 11 games with the Irish this season, mostly on special teams, and made one tackle.

Attempts to contact DeBolt were unsuccessful. When contacted by telephone, DeBolt's mother said the family was acting on the advice of its attorneys and not commenting on the case until after DeBolt's court appearance.

DeBolt, a 6-foot-2, 202-pound walk-on football player also played lacrosse for Notre Dame. Willingham said DeBolt did not break any curfew.

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Bush says N. Korea may receive aid if it disarms

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Adopting a more conciliatory stance, President Bush said Tuesday he may revive a proposal for substantial economic benefits for North Korea if it agrees to dismantle its nuclear weapons facilities.

The White House had been preparing to make such an offer last year but withdrew it after North Koreans had initiated a uranium-based nuclear weapons program.

"We expect them not to develop nuclear weapons," Bush said. "And if they so choose to do so — their choice — then I will reconsider or whether or not we'll start the bold initiative" that he said he discussed with Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Bush said the initiative included food, leaving the impression that he was departing from long-standing policy of not linking assistance in that area to political developments.

Later, White House officials said Bush was referring to an agriculture reform proposal for North Korea, which faces yet another year of severe food shortages.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher reaffirmed that food deliveries will continue irrespective of political factors. Last year, the U.S. food contribution was 155,000 metric tons.

"The Bush administration generally has been more accommodating toward North Korea lately. It remained committed to the dismantling of the North's nuclear programs but has shown greater willingness than before about talking to Pyongyang. Bush's comments on Tuesday suggested good behavior will yield economic gain.

On Monday, Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly said in South Korea that North Korea could get energy aid if it dismantled its nuclear weapons programs.

The administration has consistently opposed opening negotiations with North Korea but Bush's remarks offered the clear possibility of a deal: U.S. assistance in exchange for denuclearization.

The more benign posture should be well received in South Korea, where both the outgoing president and the president-elect believe that a policy of hollowness toward the North doesn't work.

Speaking to reporters during a photo session with Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski, Bush said he is convinced the conflict will be resolved peacefully.

The basis of his optimism is that it is plutonium-based.

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UNITED NATIONS

Annan says he sees no credible reason for attack on Iraq

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Tuesday there was now a "reason for an attack" on Iraq and is optimistic that war can be avoided if the international community maintains its pressure on Saddam Hussein and inspectors do their job aggressively.

Nonetheless, he said the United Nations "will not be received in South Korea, where both the outgoing president and the president-elect believe that a policy of hollowness toward the North doesn't work.

The resolution adopted by the council on Nov. 8 which gave Iraq a last chance to get rid of all weapons of mass destruction for denuclearization council members to discuss any new Iraq violations.

If inspectors report that Iraq is not cooperating or that they have found weapons, Annan said he expects the council to "face up to its responsibility" and adopt a second resolution spelling out the "serious consequences" it threatened on Nov. 8 is case of Baghdad's failure to comply.

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Prosecutors link teen to sniper attacks: Prosecutors looking to bring a death penalty case against 17-year-old sniper suspect John Lee Malvo said Tuesday that fingerprints on the murder weapon and other evidence link him to three slayings and a fourth attack that left a man critically wounded.

Prosecutor Robert Horan Jr. said Malvo contacted police four times — in two notes and two phone calls — trying to extort more than $10 million in exchange for stopping the attacks in the Washington area last fall.

Pills cited in mistaken Afghan bombing: Two U.S. pilots who mistakenly dropped a bomb that hit four Canadians in Afghanistan had been issued amphetamines before the missions to stay awake, a defense lawyer argued Tuesday at the opening of a military hearing to determine whether they should be court-martialed.

Court hears debate on HMO limits: The Supreme Court wrangled Tuesday over whether states can push HMOs to enroll more doctors, giving patients broader choices in their own health care.

About half the states have laws requiring managed care or insurance companies to accept health care providers — physicians, pharmacists or specialists like nurse practitioners. The providers agree to the insurer's reimbursement rates and contract terms.

Md. Gov. ends death penalty moratorium: Maryland's death penalty moratorium will almost certainly be lifted after Republican Gov. Robert Ehrlich takes office Wednesday, opening the way for the execution of as many as 12 inmates.

All executions in Maryland were suspended last May by Democratic Gov. Parris Glendenning, who did not seek re-election this fall.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Explosive found in Paris' Sacre Coeur: Police raced to the Sacre Coeur basilica on Tuesday after an explosive device — but no detonator — was found inside, police said. The apparatus appeared homemade, consisting of a gas canister and gasoline taped together and concealed in a trash bag and a shopping bag, police said.

North Korea threatens new options: China offered Tuesday to host talks between the United States and North Korea in a bid to end their standoff, and the North warned it was running out of patience with Washington, threatening to exert more "unilateral and tough" (measures). The White House welcomed diplomatic efforts but did not comment specifically on the China offer.
Hacker breaches University computer systems

By SCOTT BRODUFER
Associated Press

A hacker penetrated a campus server during the Christmas break and could have obtained APS IDs and passwords for hundreds of users.

According to Gary Dobbins, director of Information Security for the Office of Information Technologies, a hacker modified the Darwin server so that when a user entered his ID and password to authenticate to the server, that information was stored in a file accessible to the hacker instead of granting access to the server. Darwin is a general-purpose server that can be used to access many personal files, such as Web pages, and the breach to it occurred on Dec. 21. "The breach harvested the passwords of users using the APS protocol to access the server until Dec. 29, when the intrusion was detected. Although all users whose APS IDs and passwords were in the file were notified via e-mail, Dobbins said he strongly recommends anyone who used Darwin, which can be accessed through the addresses darwin.cc.nd.edu or darwin.helios.nd.edu, in the past change their password at the Web site http://www.nd.edu/password.

The breach is still under investigation, but went undiscovered for so long because of the Christmas break and the fact that OIT is in the middle of installing a new security client, TripWire, which will alert administrators to security breaches such as this one. Although the software was installed on Darwin at the time of the attack, it had not been fully implemented to alert administrators of the breach. However, the breach prompted OIT to speed the installation of the software.

"It was as though the attacker knew that this was the most vulnerable time for our servers," said Dobbins.

With the aid of TripWire, Dobbins said he does not anticipate such a long delay between an attack and its discovery being repeated, although further attacks are unavoidable. "It's like an arms race -- hackers are continually becoming more skilled and we are continually updating our systems, and they will always be a step ahead of us," said Dobbins.

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Microsoft shares code

SAN FRANCISCO

Computer chip giant Intel Corp. injected some vigor into the liminal technology industry Tuesday with fourth-quar­ ter results that outstripped expectations.

The Santa Clara-based company earned $1.05 billion, or 10 cents per share, more than double its profit of $504 million, or 7 cents per share, at the same time in the previous year. A $75 million tax benefit generated by several Intel investments helped to inflate the 2002 profit.

The earnings topped the consensus estimate of 14 cents per share among analysts polled by Thomson First Call.

The showing reflected much stronger demand for Intel's chips than management anticipated at the outset of the quarter. The company registered fourth-quarter sales of $12.29 billion, a 3 percent increase from $11.86 billion in the prior year.

Intel disclosed the results after the stock market closed Tuesday and its stock gained 41 cents to close at $37.79 on the Nasdaq Stock Market, then gained another 14 cents in extended trading.

While pleased with the quarter, Intel management emphasized there still are no signs pointing to a high-tech revival.

"We are doing all the right things, but what I can't tell you is when things will really start to pick up," Andy Bryant, Intel's chief financial officer, said in an interview.

Still, Intel's pleasant sur­ prises may help to deepen the conviction that the worst is over in high-tech, setting the stage for brighter times during the second half of 2003.

"That's about all we can hope for at this point," said industry analyst Eric Rothdeutsch of Friedman, Billings, Ramer & Co.

While the business climate still shaky, Intel remained cautious about its prospects. The company said its first-quarter revenue will range between $11.5 billion and $12.5 billion, down from $11.7 billion in the fourth quarter.

In another possible red flag, Intel disclosed a dramatic reduction in its budget for capital expenditures. The company said its capital spending in 2003 will range between $3.3 billion and $3.7 billion, down from $4.7 billion in 2002.

With the personal computer industry in a slump, Intel has been trying to broaden the appeal of its chips with cell phones and other high-tech gadgets.
Kmart closes stores, cuts jobs

**Bankruptcy problems force layoffs and store closings**

Associated Press

DETROIT

Kmart Corp. announced Tuesday that it is closing 326 more stores and eliminating 37,000 more jobs as part of a plan to get out of bankruptcy by the end of April.

The discount chain that pioneered the blue-light special is introducing Martha Stewart styles to the masses will still have some 1,500 stores and 168,000 employees if the cutbacks are approved by a federal bankruptcy judge. But it will emerge from bankruptcy one-third smaller than it was when it went in.

"We don't want to remain in bankruptcy a day longer than necessary," chief executive James Adamson said.

Kmart filed for Chapter 11 protection from its creditors a year ago after failing to compete with Wal-Mart's low prices and Target's hipper merchandise. It closed 283 stores and cut 22,000 jobs last year but still lost more than $2 billion.

The round of closings affects stores in 44 states and Puerto Rico. Texas will lose 54 stores and a distribution center. Florida will lose 24 stores, California 19, North Carolina 18 and Georgia 16.

Kmart said the closings will result in a charge of $1.7 billion, most of which will be recorded in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2002.

"We're all upset. I've been here since 1994. I helped build this store up," employee Sharon Knight said, after learning the Detroit Kmart was one of 13 in Michigan that will be closed. "It's kind of a tremendous loss to me."

Kmart, which was bought by Wal-Mart last year, had been expected to close some stores. Its new CEO, Johnmail, is former management. Kmart stock lost 9 cents, closing at 67 cents, after the announcement.

**Empty shopping carts line the front of a Super K in Dearborn, Mich. The store is one of 326 nationwide Kmart wants to close as part of its Chapter 11 financial objectives.**

### Car sales boost Dec. retail sales

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Brisk sales of automobiles offset lackluster business for other merchants and gave a boost to retail sales in December, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday.

Retail sales went up 1.2 percent from November, which had a 0.9 percent gain. But all of December's gain reflected a burst in automobile sales, which jumped 5 percent, the biggest increase in more than a year.

While free-financing deals and other generous incentives motivated car buyers who flocked to automobile showrooms in December, shoppers were more choosy when it came to making other purchases during the holiday season.

Excluding sales at automobile dealerships, sales at other retail outlets were flat in December, compared with a modest 0.3 percent gain in November.

"While consumers were haggling with auto dealers, they weren't shop­ping for other things," said econo­mist Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics.

Consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity in the United States. It has been the main force keeping the economy going.

For all of 2002, retail sales rose by 3.4 percent, down from a 3.7 percent gain in 2001.

In December, the economy lost a whopping 101,000 jobs, leaving the unemployment rate stuck at an eight-year high of 6 percent. The stagnant job market and economic uncertainties could make consumers more cautious, which would place an even greater burden on the struggling economy, economists said.

"Spending is erratic," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Banc of America Capital Management. "Consumers will need to see gains in employment and income to support sizable gains in spending."
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Bush: Time running out for Saddam Hussein

Associated Press

WASHINGTON—President Bush expressed impatience with Saddam Hussein on Tuesday and said "time is running out for him" to disarm. U.N. weapons inspectors planned for months more of searches for hidden chemical and biological arms in Iraq.

The extended hunt for evidence that the Iraqi president was defying the United Nations could complicate the timing of Bush's decision on whether to go to war. While Bush has said from the outset he would not be held hostage by the U.N. Security Council, he is looking for the widest possible consensus and the broadest coalition if he decides to attack.

The inspectors' timetable stretches well beyond Jan. 27 when they are due to report on 60 days of searching for weapons of mass destruction and a missile program.

Bush told reporters at the White House that he had not seen any evidence the Iraqi president was disarming under more than a decade of U.N. Security Council resolutions.

"He must disarm," Bush said. "I'm sick and tired of games and decep­tions. And that's my view of timetables."

But nearly four months after demanding the Security Council threaten Iraq with force — and threatening to act alone if need be — Bush was not ready to attack. He is continuing, howev­er, to build up U.S. firepower in the Gulf region. The Navy's 3rd Fleet in California announced Tuesday that seven amphibious warships have received orders to depart their home port at San Diego on Friday. They will be carrying about 7,000 Marines from Camp Pendleton, Calif., and about 3,000 San Diego-based sailors. A similar­sized amphibious task force departed last weekend from ports in Virginia. Together they will give U.S. commanders in the Gulf region a variety of offensive options.

The chief U.N. weapons inspector, Hans Blix, meanwhile, is describing the Jan. 27 report as an interim update. It would mark "the beginning of the inspection and monitoring process and not the end of it," as he said Monday.

On Tuesday, the Swedish diplomat told The Associated Press the inspectors needed months to finish their searches.

So far, the inspectors have not produced substantial evi­dence to support U.S. allega­tions that Saddam has hidden caches of weapons of mass destruction and a missile pro­gram.

But Blix, who will go to Baghdad on Wednesday with Mohamed ElBaradei, the direc­tor, Midwest, Northeast suburbs are graying

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The face of suburbia is changing, especially in the industrial Northeast and Midwest.

Younger families are moving out, leaving large populations of older residents and local officials who must try to meet the demand for services for the aging.

For example, providing transportation for the elderly to visit doctors or senior centers can be a major problem for a suburb, said Mary Ellen Walsh, director of the Amherst Center for Senior Services in suburban Buffalo, N.Y., where 17 percent of all residents are senior citizens.

"In the city you have access to public transportation, but in suburbs and rural areas, you don't, and that's a big issue because people are so spread out," Walsh said Tuesday.

Alice Hilliard, director of Eastern Area Adult Services in the Pittsburgh suburb of Wilkinsburg, Pa., said reaching out to older people who live in isolated areas and finding money and volunteers to help care for them are daunting tasks, particularly in eco­nomically depressed areas.

"Sometimes we sit and hold our heads and think, 'How is this all going to come togeth­er?'" Hilliard said.

Many couples moved to the suburbs to raise families in the mid-20th century. When factories closed and the economies of industrial cities declined during the latter decades, younger people moved away.

Many headed South and West, where jobs were more plentiful. And once their par­ents reached retirement age, many of them sought warmer weather and a better quality of life. They also moved South and West, to places like Sarasota, Fla., Phoenix and Las Vegas.

About 35 million people 65 and older now live in America, roughly 12 percent of the pop­ulation. But nearly 30 percent of the people in the suburbs of Sarasota are 65 or over, the highest among the 102 most populous metropolitan areas in the nation, according to a Brookings Institution study of Census Bureau figures being released Wednesday.

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WASHINGTON

Hollywood spurned a high-stakes agreement disclosed Tuesday between leading music and technology companies aiming to protect copyrights on digital movies and music without new government involvement.

The unusual compromise brokered among the music industry and some of the largest computer companies, lists seven "guiding principles" that the companies hope lawmakers will take into account as Congress develops future technology policies.

The agreement attempts to head off government intervention in the rising debate between Hollywood and Silicon Valley over what consumers can do with commercial music or movies they purchase.

Under the agreement, technology lobbyists will argue that record companies should be permitted to use hacker-style tactics to disrupt Internet downloads of pirated music and movies. They will caution that such tactics must not be destructive to networks or to a user's computer data, and must not violate a person's privacy.

They also will argue against efforts in Congress to amend U.S. laws to broaden the rights of consumers, such as explicitly permitting viewers to make backup copies of DVDs for personal use or copy downloaded songs onto handheld listening devices.

In exchange, the Recording Industry Association of America agreed to argue against government requirements to build lockdown controls into future generations of entertainment devices to make it more difficult for consumers to share music and movies. Technology companies have complained that such controls are too expensive and complex.

"What we're saying is, we don't need our heads banged together," said Hilary Rosen, chief executive for the music group. She said the agreement will help stem "needless legislative battles, silly rhetoric about what divides us and continuing disharmony in the public policy arena."

The powerful movie, television and home video industry, represented by the Motion Picture Association of America, spurned the agreement. The MPAA has aggressively supported new government requirements for built-in locking controls on new devices, such as DVD recorders.

It is the primary supporter of a bill by Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., that would prohibit the manufacture or distribution of "digital media devices" — such as handheld music players — unless they include government-approved copy restrictions technology. The passage of Hollings' bill has been in doubt since the 2002 election, because Republican John McCain of Arizona replaced him as chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee when the GOP won the majority in the Senate.

The MPAA said that despite Tuesday's agreement, it was "not prepared to abandon the option of seeking technical protection measures via the Congress or appropriate regulatory agency, when necessary." It criticized the music industry for opposing such controls, saying that "no reasonable alternative course of action should be eliminated from consideration."

The MPAA also complained Tuesday about promises by the music and technology companies to participate in "constructive dialogue." It cited plans by the technology industry to spend $1 million over the next six months on a new organization, the Alliance for Digital Progress.

A bid proposal for public-relations companies said the group's ambition was to "counter Hollywood" on the debate over copyrights.

Technology executives responded that they had sought a six-month "cease-fire" on any lobbying activity during a meeting with Hollywood executives in Chicago in September.

"We thought it would be more productive without the motion-picture industry holding a legislative gun to our head," said Ken Kay of the Computer Systems Policy Project, which represents chief executives at IBM, Dell Computer Corp. and Hewlett-Packard Co., among others.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Palm Inc. will dump its homegrown handwriting software for a system similar to one used on Microsoft handhelds, potentially easing a long-simmering legal dispute and making the machines easier for beginners.

Palm announced Monday that devices shipped later this year will come with a new handwriting recognition system, called "Graffiti 2" powered by Jet.

The Sunnyvale, Calif.-based company developed the new system with programmers at Redwood Shores-based Communication Intelligence Corp. for its PocketPC hand­helds.

Graffiti 2 may get Palm out of a six-year legal battle. Xerox sued Palm in 1997, claiming Palm derived Graffiti from a Xerox patent for computerized handwriting. A federal judge dismissed the case, but Xerox won a reversal. A federal appeals court heard the case Jan. 6 but has not yet issued a ruling.

The lawsuit prompted Palm to seek alternative handwriting systems, but the company picked Graffiti 2 because people in focus groups liked it more than Palm's original, Palm spokeswoman Marlene Somask said.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Yankees Manager Joe Torre welcomes Japanese baseball star Hideki Matsui to New York at a press conference Tuesday. Under his three year contract, Matsui will receive 57 million.

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IN BRIEF

Eli Manning to return to Ole Miss for senior season

Just like his big brother, Eli Manning is going to complete his college career before heading to the NFL.

Manning announced Tuesday he will return for his senior season at Mississippi. Instead of entering the NFL draft.

The 6-foot-4, 215-pound quarterback was expected to be a first-round selection had he made himself available for April’s draft.

Manning’s brother, Peyton, made a similar choice in 1997, when he chose to return to Tennessee for his senior year. Peyton Manning ended up being the first pick in the draft the next year by the Indianapolis Colts.

Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer of Southern California and Marshall’s Byron Leftwich are expected to be the first two quarterbacks taken in this year’s draft.

Manning indicated that he spoke with Peyton and his father, Archie, a star quarterback at Ole Miss from 1968-70, before making his decision.

“I plan to be a good leader, so everybody needs to be ready to go to work,” Manning said Tuesday in a statement released by the university.

The final day for underclassmen to declare for the draft is Wednesday.

The day has been one of the happiest days of my life,” he said. “To be able to come to this beautiful city, New York, and to be able to play for the Yankees, the most beloved team in the city, I am really happy to be here. I want to do everything I can to help the Yankees win the World Series championship.

The 28-year-old Matsui probably will be a left fielder for the Yankees, adding a bat that has produced .304 career average with 332 homers and 889 RBIs in 1,265 games. He has hit .300 or more in four straight seasons with at least 36 homers and 95 RBIs, and he’s walked 100 or more times in four of the last five years, and his addition makes it likely New York will lead the major leagues in runs once again.

But Matsui wants to be more than a ballplayer. “If I could somehow act as an ambassador between the two countries in terms of baseball,” he said. “I would really be honored.”

Torre looks at Matsui and Seibu’s Hideki Suzuki — the 2001 AL MVP — and says the influx of talent from Japan is improving the level of play.

“The game got better in 1997, too, when a guy named Jackie Robinson started changing things,” he said.

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Jacksonville, Fla. A sweep, a crunch. A grab, a tackle. Walks in the rain. The game lay motionless on the Alltel Stadium grass, dragging Notre Dame’s game plan to the ground with him — and 50 minutes of football remained to play.

Almost as soon as North Carolina State defender Charles Burnette leaped into the air after a key left-guarde tackle, Irish backup quarterback Pat Dillingham tugged on his shin straps and headed toward the offensive huddle.

Three interceptions, nine stiches and zero touchdowns later, there was Dillingham, still fleetingly trying to lead the Irish into the Gator Bowl against the second-string Wolfpack defense.

Fittingly, the Irish turned the ball over on the same 2-yard line on which Holiday had fumbled last time he caught that Gator Bowl mark, the position, senior receiver Joey Goshare the fifth Irish record by one kick.

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"To be very honest, I think you're looking more at the eyes of the young man, and I don't think he was trying to go back in," Diedrick said. "I think he would have gone back in, and I think he maybe wanted to, but he wasn't ready to go back in."

That left Dillingham, well acquainted with the fickle- ness of playing Notre Dame quarterback. Replacing an injured Holiday four months ago, he threw a game-win- ning touchdown pass against Michigan State and led the Irish to a victory against Stanford. But a costly mistake against Boston College, where a Dillingham shwell pass was intercepted, returned for the deciding touchdown, tarnished Notre Dame’s unbeaten record and transformed Dillingham from journeyman to Matt LeVelleo II to Matt LeVelleo II. Yet against the Wolfpack, Dillingham came out despite getting humbled behind an offensive line playing without three starters and receiving little help from a rushing attack that only managed 86 yards. He finished the day 19-for-

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Irish quarterback Pat Dillingham is chased from the pocket by Wolfpack defensive end Travis Holloway. Dillingham entered the game to replace the injured Carlyle Holiday. 37 for 166 passing yards — the most passes an Irish quarterback had attempted in a game this season — but failed to touch the Irish to the end zone. That left teammates praising the former walk-on’s grit while wondering why the Irish hadn’t been able to score an offensive touchdown in nine quarters.

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Reality television rises high with strong ratings

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NEW YORK

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Fox's "Joe Millionaire," ABC's "The Bachelorette" and CBS' "Star Search" all impressed television executives with their ratings performances last week.

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"NYPD Blue" is about even. "Joe Millionaire" was most impressive in reality-show ratings. The cruel parody -- in which eligible women woo a construction worker who they mistakenly believe is a millionaire -- drew 18.6 million viewers to its premiere.

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For Matt Frey, the glass is half full

They will help me get the gold in Paralympics in 2004. They keep me going during the tough times and have even given me a customary team nickname.

Yes, I say to myself as I pass the stadium, it is a good morning. I've got to get to practice as fast as I can so I can be cheerful for the team. Hopefully I will do some good by being a smiling face at 5:30 in the morning. I can't overdo it though. I have to remember that it's very early in the morning and there is a clear sense between being friendly and being annoying. I want to do whatever I can, whenever I can. Those guys are so special to me; I just hope they can recognize that. Something tells me they can, though.

I go to all their swim meets and announce at them. Some people even like the way I announce, even though I am incredibly biased towards my Notre Dame friends. But who can blame me? I love those guys and am incredibly proud of them. Hopefully I can make them just as proud of me. My name is Matt "Snappy" Frey, I am the voice of the men's Irish swimming team and I am living a dream.

Adam Cahill is a junior history and American Studies major and can be reached at ac19@nd.edu. On behalf of the swim team he would like to thank Matt for submitting us to his determination, perseverance and total selflessness. He is truly a Notre Dame man and we are very proud of him.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Let the stem cell debate begin

A few weeks back, someone solicited debate on the issue of human embryonic stem cell lines and their use in therapeutic purposes. I'd like to extend this dialogue. A question was posed to me about the responsibility of a Catholic university if they have scientists using human embryonic stem cells in their research. As a Notre Dame alumnus and a part of its extended family, I'd like to offer a few thoughts from a perspective of a concerned molecular biologist.

I think it is imperative that Notre Dame, as a Catholic university, give some thought to these issues, which may already have reared their head. My answer to the question posed was that the use of the allowed 70 or so cell lines, coming from a Catholic perspective, seems, at the outset, benign. We did not isolate the cells, someone else did. The deed is done, we have what we have and may as well make use of it for the good of science. But this University feel this is a decision they can live with.

I believe, though, that we have to be a little more forward-thinking about this. Scientifically speaking (from experts, of course), one may manipulate, cells, run a fairly high risk of creating mutations in the cell lines. These mutations, although appearing silent in your petri dish, may result in trading in one disease for another at the worst, or no cure at the very least when introduced into patients. This problem will also make meaningful characterization of the cell lines pertinent. This cell will change over time in the laboratory, a fact acknowledged by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) committee examining the subject of human stem cell research.

For this reason, 70 cell lines is not enough, and in fact, it is now becoming apparent to the scientists using these cell lines that there are problems. This means we need more cell lines. The question then becomes: Do we want to put ourselves in a position that, although we (or any Catholic university) are in the "clear" on cell isolation, we are, in effect, creating a demand for more cell lines by our continued use? Where will a scientist get more cell lines? How will the need be satisfied? Will we get to a point where the manufacture of embryos will be required for research to go on?

How do we as Catholics view the dignity of human life? Forget about being Catholic for a minute, how do you feel about this as a human being? Are we the equivalent of a scientific consumable? I'm not, are you?

For the detractors in the crowd, I am not unsympathetic to the people who could benefit. I have two immediate family members suffering from multiple sclerosis (MS) and juvenile diabetes who could. I understand the mandate of medicine to cure. But at what cost?

As a scientist, I am all in favor of biomedical progress and encourage it. But in some things, just because we can do not mean we should. If we continue down this road, I fear we as humans will begin to lose our notion of our inherent dignity and value. We will reduce our worth to nothing more than a scientific reagent. Think about it. I urge the University and its in-house ethicists to start this dialogue. It is a moral imperative as a Catholic institution that we begin to inform and hear both sides of the issue because, if it hasn't already, it will touch you.

Technology is moving rapidly and if we start thinking and talking, we won't be caught off guard and agree to something we will regret later simply because we were unprepared and uneducated. Let the debate begin.

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Jan. 1

Disappointing end does not diminish return to glory

Notre Dame prides itself on being a school of great tradition and community. One of the greatest examples of this is something that happens each Saturday in the fall. The seconds tick away and Notre Dame is played. The football team walks towards their classmates with their gold helmets raised, no matter what the outcome, in a gesture of what it means to be part of this community. No other school has greater tradition or a greater sense of respect among classmates.

I remember Coach Willingham saying that no matter where Notre Dame traveled this season, he saw that the "sea of green" followed, and it was no different on New Year's Day in Jacksonville. Although Irish fans, students, and alumni were outnumbered, we cheered loudly and with pride for our school and our football team. The minutes began to wind down and the stands began to empty, yet the student section remained, behind the band chanting "We are ND" as the final seconds ticked away. The alma mater had begun as most of the team walked straight into the locker room.

Just five players came to the corner of the endzone, and among them only one senior, Jeff Faine. Ten minutes later, as the student section had already started to file out, those five players were finally joined by the rest of the team.

It seemed that in a matter of minutes tradition was forgotten and all of the great things that the football team had accomplished were, too. The team should have been proud of everything they did this season. Few expected six wins, let alone 10. From day one, no one expected us to be in a bowl game at all, let alone the BCS hunt. Yet, despite the odds and everything the "experts" had to say before the season, Notre Dame did return to glory. And 60 minutes in January cannot undo that. We are still ND.

Danny Pisanimello
Merrimac MA
Jan. 14
The last month has seen the return of Leonardo DiCaprio in two almost simultaneous films by two of the most acclaimed American film directors. Steven Spielberg and Martin Scorsese have both made names for themselves with countless innovative films over the past several decades. Their newest releases merit a look at what brought them to where they are today.

**Martin Scorsese**

Martin Scorsese has been hailed as one of the most masterful and innovative film directors of his time. Directing acclaimed films such as "Casino," "Taxi Driver," and "Goodfellas," Scorsese has made his name not only through his use of unusual camera and shooting techniques but through intriguing themes of religion and violence in modern society. Scorsese grows up in Flushing, N.Y., in the 1940s. A child of Italian American parents, Scorsese suffered from debilitating asthma. Unable to play sports with other children, Scorsese spent his time in movie theaters, developing an early love for the cinema. Raised as a Catholic, Scorsese originally considered being a priest, but later changed his mind and headed to film school at New York University.

Scorsese made his first directing effort in 1963 with a nine-minute short subject entitled "What's a Nice Girl Like You Doing in a Place Like This?" He made two more short films before directing his first full-length feature, "Who's That Knocking At My Door?" in 1969. After teaching at N.Y.U., Scorsese produced "Street Scenes," a documentary of the 1970 student protests opposing the American invasion of Cambodia. He moved on to several editing projects, including "Woodstock," "Medicine Ball Caravan," and "Elvis on Tour."

Scorsese produced "Mean Streets," his first acknowledged masterpiece, in 1973. The film followed the dilemma of Charlie, a small-time hood in Little Italy too nice to succeed as a bad-debt collector. The movie was the beginning of a running working relationship between Scorsese and Robert DeNiro.

Scorsese's 1974 release "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore" starred actress Ellen Burstyn, who won an Oscar for her role as a woman trying to support herself and her son after her husband's death. In 1974 Scorsese also began work on "Taxi Driver." The famous film starred DeNiro and also Jodie Foster as a young prostitute. The film became both famous and infamous. "Taxi Driver" won the Palme d'Or at the 1976 Cannes Film Festival, bringing Scorsese wide recognition. Five years later, it inspired John Hinckley's assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan. The man had become obsessed not only with the film but with Foster herself.


While many of Scorsese's films were acclaimed for his unique use of unique camera angles, voices and antitax, he produced more commercial hits as well. In 1991 at the request of Universal Pictures Scorsese produced the classic thriller "Cape Fear." "The Age of Innocence" (1993), a sharp contrast, featured Daniel Day-Lewis and Michelle Pfieffer in an adaptation of the Edith Wharton novel. Scorsese's most recent contributions to the world of film include "Bringing Out the Dead" (1999) and "Gangs of New York" (2002). The films Nicholas Cage as a mentally exhausted paramedic. "Gangs of New York" re-introduces actor Leonardo DiCaprio in another role of New York violence, also featuring Daniel Day-Lewis in another starring role.

Scorsese initially gained fame for his innovative filming techniques. Like all truly famous directors, he has maintained his reputation through the continued quality of his films. His characters have a reality and intensity only made possible through his introspective film techniques. For example, his use of voiceovers in "Goodfellas" lets viewers see not only the events but also what goes through each character's head at crucial moments.

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Steven Spielberg

In Hollywood, Steven Spielberg's name is synonymous with directing and producing big budget, highly acclaimed movies.

His eclectic resume as a director, producer, screenwriter and actor has influenced all genres of the film industry from comedy to horror and science fiction to drama. Yet who could imagine that the spectacular true-life tale that takes place during the Holocaust was the first film he directed? Spielberg was 22 at the time, the forlorn situation of Jimmy Stewart's "It's a Wonderful Life" character, George Bailey? "Before I go off and direct a movie I always look at four films. They tend to be: Seven Samurai, "Lawrence of Arabia," "It's a Wonderful Life," and "The Searchers,"" said Spielberg.

Spielberg's copies of those four movies have probably been replaced numerous times due to the wear and tear of constant viewing, given Spielberg's extensive directing career. Born Dec. 18, 1946, Spielberg made "Amblin," his first short feature film, in 1969. He first earned respect as a director in 1969 as "Nicht Gallery," his television debut, "Duel" (1971), his first feature length film made for television, secured him the reputation of a man with unlimited potential.

In 1974, Spielberg permanently graduated to feature films with "The Sugar Land Express." His next effort in 1975 changed the film industry. "Jaws" established the summer months as the most lucrative period of the year and began the shift toward big budget summer blockbusters.

Spielberg is well known for his films that use impressive special effects, such as "E.T." (1982), "Back to the Future" (1985) and "Jurassic Park." (1993). Early critics of Spielberg pointed out that his films, even the dramatic, "The Color Purple" (1985), demonstrated his craftsmanship and enormous skills on screen, but failed to merge substance with style. Many pointed out that his films, though visually beautiful, were hollow at the center.

Spielberg silenced these critics in 1993 with his masterpiece "Schindler's List." This powerful true-life tale that takes place during the Holocaust was the first film Spielberg, an American Jew, had dealt with his ethnicity on screen. The dark and wrenching film earned Spielberg his greatest accolades and two Academy Awards for Best Picture and Best Director.

While many are familiar with Spielberg's latest and most stunning movies, few realize that Spielberg has been behind what the children of the 80s would call "the classics." He either directed or produced "Gremlins," "American Tail," "Harry and the Hendersons," "The Land Before Time," "Honey I Shrunk the Kids," and perhaps one of the favorites of all 20-somethings, "The Goonies.


In the midst of compilation of some of Spielberg's most memorable films, one cannot help but leave space for interesting and not completely pertinent trivia.

Spielberg does his best work behind the camera, but does not limit himself in terms of acting. Perhaps some would recognize the man in the electric wheelchair in "Gremlins" as Spielberg himself, though he remained uncredited for the appearance.

He also featured as "Cook County Clerk" in "Blues Brothers," and "The Popcorn Eating Man" in "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" (1997). One of his latest cameos shows him directing what becomes the musical biography of Austin Powers in "Goldmember" (2001).

Spielberg's trademarks include the absent, reluctant or irresponsible father, constant references to World War II or Disney, and repeated shots of shooting stars. He has an affinity for animation that lead to the production of "Pinke and the Brain" and "Shrek." He claims Richard Dreyfuss as his alter ego, and is Drew Barrymore's godfather. The Democrat donated $100,000 to his political party in 1998. Spielberg is also an Eagle Scout. Spielberg himself seems to be as multi-faceted as the films he has produced and directed in the past four decades.

Spielberg works with Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks in his latest release, "Catch Me If You Can."
New Raptors silence Jordan, Wizards magic

Associated Press

A couple of pickups from the Mobile Revelers and North Charleston Longnecks swarmed Michael Jordan into silence.

Rafer Alston and Damon Brown, both playing on 10-day contracts from the National Basketball Development League, scored 13 points apiece, and Alston added 11 assists as the Toronto Raptors upset the Washington Wizards 84-75 Tuesday night.

The injury-ravaged Raptors won their second in a row despite playing just eight players — including 10-day signee Alston from the Revelers, Brown from the Longnecks and Art Long, who was cut this season by Denver. Alston and Long were playing their third game against the Raptors; Brown joined them just a couple of minutes before the Raptors silence Jordan.

"I don't think I've ever been in a position where guys don't even know the tendencies or anything," Alston, who scored just 10 points and was in early foul trouble. "We were drawing up plays as the game went on, and the guys didn't even know the plays. But we stuck together for 48 minutes and came up with a victory,"

Jerome Williams scored 14 points and had a season-high 22 rebounds. Alston had 21 points for the Wizards, who were playing their third game in four nights before beating Minnesota and Washington back to back.

Alston, who made 6-of-10 shots, was hot enough to engage Jordan in some trash talk.

"He's playing in the summertime together, and he would leave me open and I wouldn't hit my shot," Jordan said.
The Lady Vols slowly built a lead and then went on an 18-0 run in the first half. Reserve Brittany Jackson started it with two consecutive 3-pointers. Loree Moore caught a pass behind her, dribbled it around her back and drove to the basket and then Tye'sha Fluker capped the run on a putback that gave Tennessee a 36-10 lead with 5:19 remaining before halftime.

The Lady Vols' lead didn't drop below 19 points the rest of the way. As the last seconds ticked away, the fans rose to their feet and chanted, "800, 800, 800!" When the game ended, Summitt walked over and hugged DePaul coach Doug Bruno then hugged each player as orange and white confetti rained on the court.

Ashley Robinson led Tennessee in scoring with 12 points while Shyra Ely had 11 and Gwen Jackson added 10.

Despite the lopsided score, the Lady Vols didn't hold back. Summitt continued to substitute players and yell out directions and encouragement from the bench.

Summitt was hired as a graduate teaching assistant and women's coach at Tennessee in 1974 at age 22. She earned her first career victory in the team's second game in January 1975. It took Summitt nearly four years to reach her 100th win on Jan. 13, 1979, at North Carolina State.
NHL

Maple Leafs extinguish Flames

Associated Press

TORONTO

The Toronto Maple Leafs aren't bringing their road troubles back home.

Mats Sundin scored the go-ahead goal with 7:59 left in the third period as the Maple Leafs extended their home unbeaten streak to 13 games with a 3-2 victory over the Calgary Flames on Tuesday night.

The Maple Leafs, who managed just one shot in the first period, won despite being outshot for the 10th straight game and 13th in 14. Toronto lost its previous two road games — 6-2 to Boston on Saturday and 5-1 to the New York Rangers on Monday.

"It probably wasn't one of our best games, but a lot of times you struggle in the first part of a home game after a road trip," Sundin said.

Sundin, who had an assist for the Maple Leafs, 12.6-1 at home since losing 2-1 to Detroit on Nov. 16, said: "It was a big win because we had lost two in a row on the road."

Antropov scored for the Flames, who lost their fourth straight game with a pad save in the second and stopped Jarome Iginla on a breakaway late in the third.

"Belfour made some huge stops — absolutely huge — and they came back and got the win," Iginla said.

Craig Berube and Stephane Yelle scored for the Flames, who lost their fourth straight.

Lalime made 17 saves for his third straight shutout streak to a team-record of 139 minutes, 41 seconds set last season, had shutouts in Calgary and Edmonton to close out the trip after allowing six goals before being pulled in a 6-3 loss in Vancouver on Jan. 8.

"It's not just one game that he's been great, he's been pretty good all season and I think he could deserve to play in the All-Star game," Havlat said.

Lalime stopped Vincent Lecavalier on a breakaway in the first period before making a sensational glove save on a slap shot taken by former teammate Andre Roy 5:58 into the second.

"I know Andre pretty well and he likes to shoot high, so I just stuck my glove out," Lalime said.

Toronto Bay is winless in three (0-1-1-1) and has just one win in seven games.

"I think we're pretty embarrassed about our performance tonight," Roy said. "We're not going to be in the playoffs if we show up like this night after night.

Bonk scored his ninth of the season on a power play 3:56 in Chara made it 2-0 with his fourth at 12:15 of the second, and Schastlivy got his ninth with 13.8 seconds remaining in the period to put the Senators up by three.

Sabres 1, Wild 0

Lately, the Buffalo Sabres' only troubles have been on their balance sheets. On the ice, the team looks pretty good.

Denis Hamel got his first point of the season with a third-period goal and rookie Ryan Miller recorded his first shutout Tuesday night to give the Buffalo Sabres a victory over the Minnesota Wild.

The Sabres, improving to 5-1 in 2003, have done an admirable job ignoring their organization's financial troubles. The franchise, which has been under the league's control since June, filed for bankruptcy Monday.

"We can't do anything about it," Miller said. "I'm looking at it as a positive, from the standpoint that there are a lot of financial situations that can be sorted out."

Hamel, called up from Rochester of the AHL the day after Christmas, has played 12 games this season. He scored with 12:24 left in the game when he passed from the corner from Buffalo's leading scorer Miroslav Satan.

"First thing for us is to go out and play hockey," Hamel said.

The Wild, with six straight, coach Lindy Ruff said. "We've really been playing well.

The Wild dropped to 1-3 on a six-game homestand, their longest of the season.

"We needed a goal to get going," Minnesota coach Jacques Lemaire said. "The fans were waiting for that."

They waited quietly. The half Hamel's backhanded shot made against the right crossbar before sailing past Roloson into the net was audible high above the arena.
Wolfed down

North Carolina State's 21-point second quarter too much for Notre Dame to overcome in 28-6 Gator Bowl loss

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - A winter break that started bad ended even worse for Notre Dame with a 28-6 drubbing at the hands of North Carolina State in the Gator Bowl.

The suspension of starting tackles Brennan Carlino and Jordan Black, the season-ending injury of starting linebacker Courtney Day and the Jacksonville arrest of special teams player Chad DeBolt left the Irish with holes and an injured knee before the team took the field at Jacksonville's Alltel Stadium.

And then there was the game. North Carolina State put up 21 second-quarter points and Wolfpack quarterback Philip Rivers went 23-for-37 for 228 yards and two touchdowns in leading his team to a 28-6 victory over a listless Irish squad.

"Their defense was very talented, and they played very hard," Irish center Jeff Faine said. "They just didn't get it done, we kept shooting ourselves in the foot."

As Faine put it, self-inflicted mistakes held the Irish back all afternoon. Notre Dame committed nine penalties for 90 yards, including four personal fouls, turned the ball over three times and suffered injuries to quarterback Carlyle Holiday, tight end Gary Godsey and linebacker Mike Goolsby.

"We didn't play our style of football in the first half," All-American corner back Shane Walton said. "We lost our cool, and it showed. It felt like we were on our heels a little bit in the first half."

Before the wheels came off in a three-touchdown second quarter, it was actually the Irish who were in the driver's seat. After holding North Carolina State to three-and-out on its first possession, the Irish moved the ball all the way to the Wolfpack 2-yard line.

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"That's huge now. They have to play three quarters of the game and more without their starting quarterback, who had just improved and gotten better and better as the season went on," Notre Dame would have to settle for a 23-yard Nicholas Setta field goal to end the 12-play, 52-yard drive.

On their next possession, the Wolfpack drove 96 yards on 12 plays, capped by a two-yard T. A. McLendon touchdown run for the 7-3 North Carolina State lead.

The Wolfpack would never look back. North Carolina State scored touchdowns on each of its next two possessions, the first coming on a 2-yard McLendon run and the second on a 9-yard pass from Rivers to receiver Jerrehi Cockey.

Rivers, who won MVP honors in the game, was 13-for-15 passing for 166 yards, 30 rushes for 105 yards and two touchdowns on each of its next two possessions, the first coming on a 2-yard McLendon run and the second on a 9-yard pass from Rivers to receiver Jerrehi Cockey.

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"We just had to go forward," Faine said. "We had a quality backup in Pat Dillingham, and you have to give credit to Pat, he kept his chin up."

Dillingham finished the day 19-of-37 passing for 166 yards, but with three costly interceptions. The 19-for-37 passing for 166 yards, but with three costly interceptions.

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quarterbacks: After Holiday was injured, the Irish offense was stymied. The grind showed by Dillingham to remain in the game under heavy fire was admirable.

running backs: The Irish running backs did nothing to distinguish themselves, but that is largely because the Irish were playing catch-up through most of the game.

receivers: Battle had another solid day with 10 catches for 84 yards. Six different receivers made catches for the Irish, as the team threw more passes than it had all year.

offensive line: A porous offensive line playing without three starters left one Irish quarterback with 9 stitches in his chin and caused another to be knocked out of the game. There was also little space for Irish backs to run.

defensive line: The Irish contained the Wolfpack running game, but only had one sack as Rivers often had ample time to deliver his passes.

linebackers: Hoyte led the Irish in tackles as Watson's replacement. Gooby's injury in the fourth quarter left the wounded Irish corps further depleted.

defensive backs: The Irish secondary had making big plays when the time was right as it so often did in those first eight games.

coaching: The Irish were unprepared for North Carolina State's offense, as Notre Dame was defeated for the second consecutive game by a team to be more enthused and better prepared.

overall: Notre Dame dropped its sixth straight bowl game, and the Irish looked unimpressive for their second consecutive game.

You gotta have heart

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — If Tony Bennett left his heart in San Francisco, the Irish must have forgotten theirs in Los Angeles after their 44-13 loss to USC. Not long after the soon-to-be Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer and the Trojans picked apart a listless Notre Dame defense for a school record 425 yards passing and 610 yards of total offense, Irish players began auditioning for their part as the Timnas in the Wizard of Oz.

The one-handed defeat relegated the Irish to the Gator Bowl, shattering their dreams of finishing their Cinderella season with a BCS bowl berth. But after the game, it was obvious the loss had sucked the wind out of the Irish like a solid right to the gut.

It was obvious in the way the disheartened players sulked out of the Los Angeles Coliseum locker room. It was obvious in their half-hearted post game comments.

And, most importantly, it was obvious in the way that an up-and-coming North Carolina State squad outshushed and outplayed the Irish in the Wolfpack's 28-6 victory, marking Notre Dame's sixth consecutive bowl loss.

It was obvious the Wolfpack wanted it more than the lame Irish squad that merely appeared happy to be in Jacksonville for a New Year's holiday.

It was obvious in the way North Carolina State stormed onto the field just before kickoff. It was obvious in the way the Wolfpack played off their N.C. State fans, who filled nearly three-fourths of Alltel Stadium to witness what Wolfpack coach Chuck Amato later described as "one of the biggest victories in North Carolina State history" — no small claim for a coach who beat his former team and national power Florida State just the game before.

It was obvious in the way the North Carolina State players appeared to be having the time of their lives running Amato's sandlot offense complete with trick plays and all, while the Irish appeared once again to be going through the motions on offense and laying back, waiting for big plays to happen on defense.

But mainly, it was obvious in the 21 consecutive points the Wolfpack scored in the second quarter that all but ripped whatever remained of the hearts from the Irish chests. The Irish team that reported to Jacksonville for the Gator Bowl was not the same one that started the season 8-0, defeated such highly ranked teams as Michigan and Florida State and sparked talks of the program's 12th national championship.

It was not the same offense that had always managed to find that important score to secure the victory as it so often did in those first eight games.

In the post-game press conference, Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham tried to pinpoint the cause of his team's tentative play.

"The most disappointing thing is the loss, but I am mostly concerned with the manner in which we played," the first-year Irish coach said after the Gator Bowl. "We didn't start the half-game as aggressively as I felt like we have to. You can't be a great football team if you're on your heels, and that's how we started."

It didn't seem like it was their heels that was the problem. It was the heart.

You gotta have heart.

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WOMENS SWIMMING

Irish top Kansas in Acapulco fiesta

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame womens swimming team capped off a week of training in Acapulco, Mexico with a 129-69 victory over Kansas on Jan. 6. Winning eight of 10 events, the team captured its third straight victory in dual meet competition. The Irish overall record increases to 4-1-1.

Freshman Christel Bouvron, a 2000 Singapore Olympian, continued to impress with victories in the 200 freestyle (2:08.04) and the 100 butterfly (1:03.62).

"They are one of the four top teams in our conference."

At Trees Pool, Meghan Perry-Eaton won both the one-meter and three-meter diving events with scores of 260.33 and 250.80, respectively. Garcia won the 200 butterfly (2:02.93) and 100 butterfly (55.95). Bouvron took second behind teammates Sarah Alwen and Garcia in the 200 freestyle (1:53.91) and 100 butterfly (57.72), respectively. The freshman would win in the match against Kansas.

"Some of their kids had been shaved and rested since Thanksgiving to make cuts for the Big East," said Weathers. "When you give teams rest it usually gives you problems, but our girls did a good job not letting it bother them."

Against Pittsburgh, the 400 freestyle medley relay team of Sarah Alwen, Danielle Hulick, Katie Eckholt and Heidi Hendrick also took first. In addition, Alwen won the 200 freestyle (1:53.38), Hulick took the 100 backstroke (57.30), and Hendrick won the 100 freestyle (52.22) with Eckholt finishing a close second (52.49).

Junior Lisa Garcia, who has been a top performer this season, won the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:22.12. Sophomore Kelly Barton won the 400 freestyle (4:39.12).

"When you have a deep team, it's easy to sit back and expect someone else will get the job done," said head coach Bailey Weathers. "But one thing that's great about this team is every swimmer wants to be the one to get the job done for us. Laurie and Christel gave two outstanding individual efforts against Kansas."

The win in Acapulco was refreshing for the Irish, who left for winter break on a positive note by defeating Big East opponent Pittsburgh at Trees Pool, 195-105, Dec. 7. "We expected Pittsburgh to be tougher," said Weathers.
Belles looking to sting Hornets once again

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN and TREY WILLIAMS

Sports Writers

Kalamazoo will come into Wednesday's game against Saint Mary's looking for revenge against the underdog Belles. Kalamazoo was left with a bitter taste in its mouth last time it visited South Bend, as they were upset by a fired-up Saint Mary's squad that was honoring its seniors in the regular season home finale.

"We know that every single conference game is important, but we need to win all our games at home," Bellina said. "The game against Kalamazoo is huge because we beat them last year on our Senior Day, and they will want revenge."

Kalamazoo, usually one of the perennial conference contenders, is having a down year. Despite starting 7-5, the Hornets are only 1-1 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association after losing to Alma. Kalamazoo felt the effects of graduation, as they lost last year's MIAA Most Valuable Player Niki Grubb. However, she remains on the Kalamazoo bench as an assistant coach.

In her place, Amanda Weishuhn has stepped up nicely, scoring her 1,000th career point last week. Also, Lindsay Basler has played well, earning MIAA Player of the Week honors earlier this season.

However, the Hornets will be in for a battle against the well-balanced Belles. Saint Mary's is led by senior Shaun Russell (7 points per game in conference games), and sophomores Maureen Bush (12 points per game), and Katie Boyce (11 points per game). Sophomore Emily Creachbaum looks to be back to full strength after an illness limited her minutes the last two games.

"Going on break was good for our team," coach Suzanne Bellina said. "In our tournament, we saw some [National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics] teams, and they were of higher caliber. Playing against them has helped to prepare us for conference play."

The Belles look to improve upon their 5-8 overall record, and 1-1 record in conference play. They beat Olivet on the road, but lost to Hope at home on Jan. 11. The Belles place special emphasis on today's game, as they know that the Hornets will be hungry for a win.

In action over the winter break, Saint Mary's had a limited taste of holiday joy, as they struggled through five tough games including a tournament and two conference match ups. The Belles started on a positive note at the Saint Xavier Tournament, with a 67-47 win over Calumet College of St. Joseph. They came on strong from the start, leading 36-15 at the end of the first half.

Part of Saint Mary's impressive scoring was the result of contribution from all positions. "Everybody on the team came ready to play from the start," said freshman guard Bridget Boyce. "Each player helped out in their own way, whether it was scoring, rebounds or defense."

Bridget Boyce was among the contributors, scoring 13 points and gathering four rebounds. Her scoring was second only to Creachbaum's 14 points. Freshman Anne Hogan strengthened the already relentless Belle game with 12 points and five rebounds.

Saint Mary's hit a kink in day two of the tournament with a 71-54 loss to St. Xavier. The unbeatable scoring from the day before was stopped cold early in the first half, as Creachbaum was taken out of the game after suffering from heat exhaustion. Bush filled the gap left by Creachbaum, putting up a team high 11 points and going 5-for-8 from the line.

"We played with same intensity," said Boyce. "We just came up short."

A broken Belle team took another defeat to St. Ambrose 66-52 in the final day of the tournament. The Belles ended the holidays with a win and a loss in conference play.

Saint Mary's used their versatility on the court to accumulate their signature numbers in a 64-53 win over Olivet College. The Belles' defense was strong, only to suffer a disheartening 90-73 loss to Hope College.

The Belles hope to strengthen their weak defense in practice to point their stronger situation like that of the Hope College match in which their rebounds were outnumbered 14-47.

Saint Mary's and Kalamazoo tip off tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Angela Athletic Facility.

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Chris Markwood loved Notre Dame. But he left because he loved basketball more.

Frustrated at his lack of playing time, the backup guard returned to his home state to finish his college career. He transferred last month to the University of Maine.

"I left with no hard feelings," said Torrian Jones, one of Markwood's closest friends on the team. "He made the decision he had to make, and he loves basketball.

Markwood, who couldn't be reached for comment, had apparently been thinking about the decision to transfer for some time. He first confided in Jones a few weeks before final exams, and then made the decision during finals week.

The 6-foot-4, 202-pound junior will have to sit out one full year before he can play again.

Named Mr. Basketball in Maine his senior year of high school, Markwood's career at Notre Dame got off to a rough start. He underwent arthroscopic knee surgery during September of his freshman year and missed the entire season.

Then, during his sophomore season, Markwood spent most of the season backing up freshman Chris Thomas. He only appeared in 18 games, averaging a little over five minutes an appearance, and never scored more than two points in a game.

Things didn't get any better for Markwood this season. Freshman Chris Quinn increased playing time backing up Thomas, meaning Markwood played mostly in mop-up time. He appeared in six games, failed to score and played a total of 10 minutes.

"He loves the team. He loves the coach, he loves everybody here," Jones said. "But he loves basketball and he wasn't really happy. Game days were real rough for him, and he's going somewhere where he's more comfortable."

Markwood is the second Notre Dame player to transfer in coach Mike Brey's three-year tenure. Ivan Kartelo left for Purdue two years ago. His departure leaves the Irish with 10 scholarship players on roster, not counting freshman Omarri Parker, who is expected to sit out the entire season to preserve a year of eligibility.

Before Markwood left, the players took their departing teammate for going away dinner. He still stays in contact with his former teammates, most notably Jones. The two had planned to room together.

"I've talked to him to see how things are going and to try to keep his spirits up," Jones said. "I still try to talk to him, but I don't want to talk to him too much to make him miss this place."

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Irish struggle to find rhythm

By JOE HETTLER

"A tough break wasn’t very mercy for the Notre Dame womens basketball team. The Irish played stiff competition and came out of the break with a 4-3 record that put them at 10-4 overall after a 71-42 blowout win at St. John's Tuesday night.

The Irish were led by Jacqueline Batteast's 24 points, 11 rebounds and five assists, while Teresa Burton and Courtney LeVere had 19 points as the Irish outrebounded the Red Storm 45-29.

"I thought we did a nice job on the boards," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I thought we executed our offense pretty well..."

McGraw was also pleased with Notre Dame's free throw shooting. The Irish nailed 19-20 from the line. It was a good way for the Irish to close out a tough break from classes.

The biggest challenge for Notre Dame came against No. 5 Tennessee on Dec. 28. The Volunteers held the Irish to only 30.6 percent shooting from the floor and pressured Notre Dame's guards all game. The loss made Notre Dame 0-15 all-time against Tennessee with the Volunteers average margin of victory being 22 points.

"Our goal was to come in and compete," McGraw said. "I thought we did that. We didn’t play well, and I think that’s a tribute to their defense."

Volunteer Gwen Jackson led Tennessee with 16 points, while the Irish were paced by Freshman LaVere who had 17 points and 11 rebounds. Notre Dame's top two scorers, Batteast (16.1) and Alcina Batazzi (13.1) were shut down all game, only scoring two and five points respectively as they combined 20-20 shooting.

Notre Dame was able to bounce back with a 75-68 win against Marquette Dec. 31 before facing No. 7 Purdue Jan. 4 on national television. Unfortunately for the Irish, they didn’t play to their capabilities in a 71-34 loss at home.

"We didn’t have anyone out there with the exception of Courtney who was saying, ‘Hey, give me the ball and I’ll do something,’" McGraw said. "When you have great leadership, you can get by with younger talented players. We don’t have a great leader and that’s what’s our problem. Most of this is my fault. I need to do a better job of figuring this whole thing out.

"So it turned out Notre Dame used the same formula as Tennessee to win—with shut down Batteast and Batazzi, and make someone else beat them. It worked again as Batteast scored 14, but only four when the game was within reach, while Batazzi was held scoreless.

Once again Lavere led the Irish on offense with 23 points, ten rebounds and three blocks, while La-Tania Sewell added 10 points and six assists.

"We played scared," McGraw said after the game, which marked Notre Dame's 1-13 heart-stopping loss to a top-conference opponent since 1994-95.

Notre Dame then traveled to face West Virginia and used an outstanding second half to beat the Mountaineers 66-59. The Irish trailed by as many as 14 before using an 18-2 run to get back into the game. Severe came up huge for Notre Dame, scoring 21 points, while Batteast added 12.

But the Irish couldn’t use their momentum from the West Virginia when they came back to the Joyce Center to face Miami Jan. 11.

The Hurricanes’ Tamara James scored 27, while teammate Chavonia Rousseau added 16 points and eight rebounds in an 80-70 Miami victory.

Miami won by forcing 29 turnovers and out rebounding Notre Dame 47-39. Teresa Burton’s 13 points led the Irish, while Batteast added 12 points and 11 rebounds.

By the time the first Notre Dame had lost back-to-back home games since the 1994-95 season.

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Johnson finished the year with 9-5 record, a 3.46 ERA and had 86 strikeouts. He also started Notre Dame’s opening game against the Maryland earlier this season.

Johnson said he believes the team will respond in a positive manner to his injury.

"Last year a lot of people got injured and a lot of us were able to step up and play an important role on the team," Johnson said. "People are going to step in my position and we’ll be fine like last year and I have no doubt we’ll do just as well as we did last year."

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Baseball

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led the Irish in minutes played each of the last two seasons. He is expected to keep his role on the team, Johnson said.

"If he would go pro next season, that would be hard to pass up a career-long 51-yard field goal in Notre Dame history. "The NFL would hopefully always be there in case of injuries, but I don't really have to worry about that," Setta said. "So it's basically, ‘Would you like to play another year of college football?'"

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Faine

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led the Irish in minutes played each of the last two seasons. Faine may be leaving, but two other Irish football players still have decision to make.

Notre Dame linebacker and Buckus award finalist Courtney Watson said he intended to play a second season between the NFL or another year at Notre Dame.

Watson could not be reached for comment on whether or not he would go pro next season.

"It’s basically, ‘Would you like to play another year of college football?'" Setta said.

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HOCKEY

Lalonde trades shamrocks for maple leaves

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame forward Alex Lalonde left the team Dec. 20 to play major junior hockey in Canada.

"We wish Alex all the best and we support him in his decision. I know it was a difficult choice for him to make," head coach Dave Poulin said. "In speaking with his family and Alex at length, this was the choice that they made. I appreciate the effort he has given to the program the last year and a half."

The Irish participated in a total of seven contests over the winter break, collecting a 2-3-2 record in those games.

Notre Dame traveled to Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, home of the Stanley Cup champion Red Wings, to take on Wayne State in a match on Dec. 14. Behind two goals by sophomore forward Yan Stastny and the game-winning goal by senior forward Connor Dunlop, the Irish were able to defeat non-conference foe Wayne State by a final score of 3-2.

After losing Lalonde, the Irish traveled to Hanover, N.H. to take part in the Ledyard National Bank Tournament. On Dec. 28, the Irish took on host Dartmouth in a first-round matchup. Despite outshooting the Big Green 42-39 and not allowing a power play goal on three chances, the Irish fell to the home team by a score of 6-4.

Dartmouth took a commanding 4-0 lead in less than 25 minutes, but the Irish battled back to make the score a respectable 5-4 before the Big Green sealed the game with an empty net goal.

Senior forward John Wiegand scored two goals in the game, and junior defenseman Brett Lebda and junior forward Rob Globeke each scored a goal in the losing effort.

The following day, the Irish tied Vermont 3-3 in the tournament's consolation game. Sophomore forward Cory McLean, freshman forward Matt Amado and junior defenseman Tom Galvin each scored in the contest.

Following the three holiday non-conference games, the Irish returned to CCHA play in impressive form, defeating the University of Nebraska-Omaha 5-3 in Omaha on Friday, Jan. 3.

The Irish leapt ahead to a 3-0 lead on a goal by Stastny and two goals by CCHA-leading goal scorer Globke. Two goals by UNO in the second period and a goal by Irish defenseman Galvin made the lead 4-2 heading into the third period.

Sophomore Irish goaltender Morgan Cey came up large in the third period, as the Mavericks 17-3, only giving up one goal in that flurry. Outshot Notre Dame, senior forward John Wroblewski put the game away with a late empty net goal.

The Mavericks were able to exact revenge on the Irish the following day, as Notre Dame lost by a count of 5-3. The Irish got on the scoreboard with two goals by Stastny and one by Wiegand.

The Irish continued its long road trip, traveling to Big Rapids, Mich. to take on CCHA leader Ferris State. The 15th-ranked Bulldogs handled the Irish 6-3 on Jan. 10.

Wroblewski scored two goals in the loss, and junior forward Aaron Gill added a tally for the Irish.

Notre Dame was able to exact some revenge the following day, achieving a 4-4 tie against Ferris State. Stastny, Dunlop, Wroblewski and McLean all scored for the visiting Irish, and goaltender Cey made 34 saves as Notre Dame was outshot 38-28.

Notre Dame returns to action Friday at home against Yale, before traveling to Chicago to face the Bulldogs again Saturday.

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**Horoscope**

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Happy Birthday: Clear up whatever matters are holding you back this year and prepare to start anew. You will be more open to socializing, especially if it will help you get ahead in your chosen field. This is the year to mix business with pleasure. Your numbers are 4, 23, 27, 35, 41, 46.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Choose your friends wisely today. Don't wonder about things -- be blunt and ask questions. Someone you respect will have good solutions to any emotional troubles you have. 

Taurus (April 20-May 20): To make a financial decision based on your emotional state will only lead to regret. You will have what it takes to complete what you start, so focus on your work.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Talk is cheap, but if you say the wrong things you may find yourself in trouble with someone you care about. It's probably best to hold your tongue, say little and only if necessary. 

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Check out some different lifestyles today. You may discover that you are not ready for a change. Moving in a new direction will lift your spirits and give you added enthusiasm.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You have to decide if you want to change. If you change something, begin it right now. If you don't, then you commit to your present life.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22): Check out some different lifestyles today. You may discover that you are not ready for a change. Moving in a new direction will lift your spirits and give you added enthusiasm.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22): Get involved in debate and competition today. You are beginning to change your image in the eyes of others and your confidence is growing.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Social activities will lead to meeting someone special. Your intellectual approach to life will fascinate those you encounter. Making a decision will give you a better emotional outlook.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't look with both eyes at what is happening. Someone you respect will have

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on your priorities. Don't hesitate to back away from a deal that appears to be faulty. An opportunity to find out valuable information is forthcoming.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look for ways to make yourself the best you can be both physically and mentally. You will raise your popularity if you speak up. Your ideas are much better than you give yourself credit for.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Take a closer look at who you are and what you are doing. Stick to your own business today.

Birthday Baby: You will merge with others with your expansive views and your ability to have a concept and blow it up into something worthwhile. You will set the pace and others will follow your lead.


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Irish Basketball

Irish win 12th straight at home

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

The last time Notre Dame lost a basketball game, they reeled off eight straight wins.
The way they’ve played since a loss to Pittsburgh, they appear on pace to win another eight.
Playing in front of the student section for the first time since semester break, the Irish pulled away from Rutgers in the final 10 minutes to win their second straight game, 66-57.
Jordan Cornette provided the defensive spark that galvanized the Irish late in the second half. Starting his second consecutive game, Cornette tallied eight points, seven rebounds and eight blocks in 33 minutes.
"I’m speechless," said Matt Carroll, who finished with a game-high 25 points. "He was unbelievable. He would come in and steal the ball, block the shots."

FOOTBALL

Irish center chooses NFL draft

By JOE HETTLER
Sport Editor

Jeff Faine could have returned for a fifth year at Notre Dame, but after weighing his options, the Irish center just couldn’t risk returning for another year.
"It was a tough decision to make," Faine said, "It was tough to leave my teammates, it was tough to leave this program, especially the way it’s moving now and it’s tough to leave the coaches. But I think all things weighing, the risk was just too much higher than the reward." Faine sent a letter to the NFL asking where he would be projected to go in the April draft. After receiving the letter back, which told him he could be a second-round pick, Faine made his final decision. Had the letter told him he would be a third-round pick or lower, Faine said he would have stayed at Notre Dame.
The Sanford, Fla. native received several accolades before and after the 2002 season. He was a semifinalist for the Lombardi Award and a finalist for the Rimington Award. He started his last 34 games and was just too much higher than the reward.

BASEBALL

Johnson out for season

By JOE HETTLER
Sport Editor

Pitcher Grant Johnson was one only the biggest reasons why Notre Dame’s baseball team reached the College World Series last season. But this season, the Irish will need someone else to help lead them back to Omaha.
Johnson underwent shoulder surgery Dec. 30 and will not pitch for Notre Dame during the upcoming season. He will be in a sling for four weeks before starting to throw lightly for the rest of the season.
Doctors did say the sophomore should make a full recovery from the surgery.
"My first and foremost feelings are for Grant. My heart is broken for the kid," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "Talking to our medical people, I am absolutely so confident that he’ll be able to make a full recovery and not only a full recovery but return to pitching at the level that he’s use to, if not better.
Johnson said he is looking at his situation as something that can be overcome.
"You just have to look at it as one of those things that’s going to be a career-ending thing."
Johnson was named a Preseason All-American and Preseason Big East Conference pitcher of the year by College Baseball magazine. He was supposed to anchor the Irish pitching staff that returned almost everyone from last year.
"[Last season] he was one of the top pitchers in the entire country," Mainieri said. "What he did last year for us was nothing short of remarkable. So it’s a big blow to us, but it’s not a devastating blow.
Mainieri knows that his team has faced injuries in the past, particularly last season when the Irish lost several key players. That experience with adversity should help Notre Dame maintain its excellence again this season.

SMC SWIMMING

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Kalamazoo

The Irish won eight of ten events on their way to victory.

WOMENS SWIMMING

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The Irish swam to victory over Kansas.