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New policies help applicants
Affirmative action is a high priority
By CLAIRE HEININGER Assistant News Editor

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

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University sees jump in number of early-action applications
By CLAIRE HEININGER Assistant News Editor

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

The University received 2,983 early action applications for the class of 2008, a slightly decrease from last year’s total of almost 3,100, but a much higher total than that of previous years, director of admissions operations Robert Mundy said Thursday.

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

Notre Dame’s sustained commitment to early action, which gives exceptional students the opportunity to apply in October and receive a decision by December, has paid off in an era when colleges who use binding early decision have come under critical attack. Unlike early action, which allows students to apply to more than one school and to make their college choices up until May, early decision forces applicants to apply to only one school, and, if admitted, obligates them to immediate enrollment.

Colleges that practice binding early decision have been accused of using the process to increase their own rankings, rather than for student benefit. Early decision has also been said to favor students from more elite high schools and to discriminate against financial aid applicants who can’t afford to commit to one school before comparing all scholarship offers. These criticisms — coming from students, parents, guidance counselors, and publications alike — prompted Yale, Stanford, the

Saint Mary’s students

Boat Club: One year downstream

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Happy anniversary**

Happy anniversary. That's right, it's been exactly one year since 230 of my underaged drinking buddies and I heard the music cut out, saw the lights come on, and felt our irrevocable little worlds come crashing down. For the first anniversary, it's tradition to give your significant other some form of paper. But after the snarledged blue Minion in a T-shirt tickets, the tauntingly rosy court summons, the emblem-stamped white ResLife let­
ting wait for passbacks and oh­so­shy sit­es in the back door. Happy anniversary to whoever invented watered­down dollar pitchers and made inducing the white boys to go upstairs and dance so affordable. Happy anniversary to the crowd that packed the usual sweat­soaked double­door double­door ­door ­­door before we called the orbs, descended the stairs, and skidded in Main Circle in a euphoria of Cam’Ron, Madonna and Sis­.

Happy anniversary to my mom, whose tone on the other end of the phone line the next morning I will never forget. Happy anniversary to my dad, whose insistence that I pay every penny of every fine was some­how less upsetting than the look on his face when we met the lawyer on the last day of finals week. Happy anniversary to Ashley, my best friend and partner in crime who gleefully drank kamikazes with me that night, jokingly posed for “mug shots” with me throughout the night, and said grudgingly but realistically accompa­nying me on our 40 hours of community service that April.

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

Greenbacks.

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

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

- **Juan Stamos** Sophomore
  - **Sloppy Joe... extra sloppy.**

- **Michael Torres** Freshman
  - **Roast beef sandwich with extra cheese.**

- **Seth Erwin** Senior
  - **I’d be a ribwich.**

- **Catherine O’Boyle** Senior
  - **I feel like a beer­soaked brat.**

- **Patrick Ross** Junior
  - **A manwich.**

- **Chris Ban** Junior
  - **I’d like to be a six foot long sub and I wouldn’t attack Jared for killing my Subway brethren.”

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**IN BRIEF**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**CORRECTIONS**

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Controversial oven mitt giveaway revised

By JOE HETTLER
News Writer

A controversial marketing promotion for an upcoming men's basketball game has been changed, but not in response to a recent Sports Illustrated reference that mocked the promotion, a spokesperson for the athletic department said Thursday. The original promotion included distributing potholders to the first 1,000 women fans at the Feb. 14 game between Seton Hall and Notre Dame, but has been changed to now include men, said Monica Cundiff, director of events and promotions. The giveaway was referenced in the Dec. 15 "Sign of the Apocalypse" section of Sports Illustrated, where unusual quotes or facts are brought to readers' attention. Cundiff said the sports promotions department changed the promotion several months ago, and not in response to the Sports Illustrated mention. She has received only three e-mails concerning the original promotion since its adjustment. "We had received a couple of calls, but already internally we said, 'Maybe people are going to look at this and it's not the right idea or sexism.' However, that wasn't our idea to leave out men or even to say that the women are the only cooks," Cundiff said. "Our idea was simply that it's Valentine's Day and women like to receive gifts on Valentine's Day. That's what we're going at." The sponsor liked the idea of oven mitts and potholders.

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

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

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Late Night Olympics kick off

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

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

Bill Reagan, RecSports assistant director, said that last year's event featured nearly 1,900 students and brought in $6,700 through a variety of fundraising events including entrance fees, donations and penny wars. This year's event will also feature a raffle and will include one Master of Business Administration Team. "This is the single largest participatory event that our department puts on," Reagan said. "Bengal Bouts is the largest event in terms of observers, but this is an opportunity to participate." Students will participate in the events with at least one other opposite-sex dorm, forming teams that compete for half of the proceeds earned, which may be used by their respective dorms as seen fit. Dorms from Saint Mary's will also participate, as will a team of graduate students on a one-year trial basis. "This has always been an undergraduate dorm-versus-dorm competition," Reagan said. "We were petitioned by an MBA group and decided if their participation was for all the right reasons." Reagan said that a challenging component to the event is the teamwork required among the student-athletes, which range from dodge ball to kayaking. "It's a good chance for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students to work together — that's the most difficult part. They have to get together and communicate." This is the 18th year the event has been held. Sally Derengoski, the current director of RecSports, congratulated the idea based her experience engaging in a similar event while enrolled as an undergraduate at Indiana University. "I came from IU and they had an event called the Spirit of Sport All-Nighter," she said. "It was just fun to be playing sports — I loved sports — and to be out at all hours of the night running from event to event. I think I enjoyed the craziness of it." Derengoski said that the event at Indiana raised money for Indiana's Special Olympics charity, and her experiences with Special Olympics as well as Notre Dame's history with the organization and its commitment to service made the group an appropriate charity. "This campus and its students really want to be a part of something that is good in the way of charity and volunteerism, so the event fits nicely into the culture of the campus," she said. "I think the No. 1 attraction of Late Night Olympics is the sense of giving back."

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

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

Kate Marcucci, Pasquerilla East representative for Late Night Olympics, said she believes many girls in her dorm are looking forward to the event. "I realized that Late Night Olympics is something that most individuals want to be a part of," she said. "I feel that this is a unique opportunity for me as a freshman to get involved because it puts me in a leadership position that involves the whole campus and affects those beyond the Notre Dame community.

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

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

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Adjusting. Rodriguez was one of four Saint Mary's students in Seville, so it is difficult for her to find people who can relate to her experience. "You go abroad and make great friends where you were at," she said. "You come back and you miss your friends, your professors, and your classes. You want to see them and talk to them." Rodriguez does not talk much about her experience around Saint Mary's friends for fear of creating jealousy or boredom. Reconnecting with these friends after a year apart means every bit as she returned to campus. "It is hard to relate, hard to connect," she said. "Everyone grows and changes in their year apart."
The biggest mistake students make upon returning is not believing feelings, Christiana said. "The biggest mistake students returning from abroad agree with adjustment is to get involved. "Getting involved takes your mind off things," Robbins said. "When I look at Rome pictures, I still get sad. If I keep my mind off things, I am OK." Rodriguez said staying active and keeping a positive attitude are also important. Even after just one week back, she has settled into a routine. "Find a schedule and stick to it," she said. "Keep a positive attitude, be thankful for the memories, and know that one day you will go back." Contact Michelle Eggers at egg2772@saintmarys.edu

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performed nightly in the O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's from Jan. 29 to Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m. It has drawn the ire of some students at Saint Mary's, who say the show's content is demeaning to them. However, in 2001, a school-wide referendum endorsed 67 percent of students surveyed said they supported keeping the show at Saint Mary's. Following that survey, the College's Board of Governance voted unanimously to acknowledge Saint Mary's students' support of the variety show.

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brief, and we'll be doing that within three weeks. When we're complete with our brief, the plaintiff gets to write a reply brief," he said. "When it's fully briefed, it would be with the Court of Appeals, and they can take what time they think is appropriate to examine the case." Sullivan added that the case could be further appealed to the state Supreme Court, though it would be a rare occurrence. "The fact that it's a case of first impression, meaning one like it has never been decided in Indiana, is one of the factors the Supreme Court looks at for accepting transfer of a case," said Sullivan. "However, the Superior Court judge here made an accurate and solid decision, and it should stand."

Neither Boat Club owner Mike McNeff nor Mitchell Heppenheimer, the attorney for Millenium Club, Inc., could be reached for comment. Students affected by the raid admit to being more cautious about when and where they go out, though the incident has not deterred them from drinking altogether. "I took different precautions for a while, but I got another fake ID, and I'm pretty much just being careful. I'm trying not to go somewhere to get busted," said a Dillon sophomore involved in the suit, who spoke only on the condition of anonymity.

"We went to the Boat Club three times a week for most of the first semester and had some best times we've had at Notre Dame. "Of course I would have preferred not to be there that night, but Boat Club was still worth it," the Dillon sophomore continued. "We're actually all going tomorrow night for the anniversary with some of the other freshmen." In the wake of the incident, McNeff implemented security measures aimed at keeping underage drinkers out. Those entering the bar now are given a wristband instead of a stamp to indicate that they are over 21. Patrons must also sign an affidavit stating that they are of legal drinking age.

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WHAT ARE YOU CALLED TO DO?

NOT-FOR PROFIT CAREERS AS VOCATIONS

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

Sunday, January 18
4:00 - 5:30 pm
Center for Social Concerns
Pizza will be served.

Speakers
Julie Hodek '01
Organizer, UNITE Chicago
Chris Nanni '88
Associate principal,
Cristo Rey High School, Chicago
Susan Ranaghan '95
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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Chinese mark New Year holiday**

BEIJING, China — The Year of the Monkey arrived Thursday, casting an eerie holiday calm over China's capital as hundreds of millions of people opt to stay home in their hometowns and hoped for promised prosperity — and a second chance to erase the grim year that saw SARS, terro r and economic dire straits.

**Muslims embark on pilgrimage**

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

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

**Turkish PM to warn Bush on Iraq**

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

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

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Kerry goes for personal touch**

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

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

Within hours, Kerry's campaign had inserted her question to give a speech, Kerry ignored the hissing crowd and patiently heard her out.

**Pentagon defends e-voting system**

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

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

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

**LOCAL NEWS**

**FEMA to give aid for chem disaster**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Federal Emergency Management Agency will provide $2.99 million to two Indiana counties near the Newport Chemical Depot in western Indiana.

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**MARS**

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**Associated Press**

**PASADENA, Calif.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Engineers worked to pin-point the yet-unknown problem.

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

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

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

NASA can fix software from Earth, beaming fixes across more than 100 million miles of space. If the problem lies with the rover's hardware, the situation would be far more grave, Thoisinger said.

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

Spirit has since remained immobile, Cook said.

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

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**Bush to sign $373B spending bill**

WASHINGTON — The Senate overriding House presidential vetoes on Thursday passed Bush an overdue $373 billion bill financing governments. It was unclear whether GOP leaders would replace it with a bare-bones bill that would have financed most of government at last year's levels — about $36 billion less than the stalled legislation.

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

Associated Press

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

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University of North Carolina, and several other institutions to change this year to early action instead.
Mundy said that early action is preferable because it is "more student-friendly." Because there is no binding commitment signed in October, students admitted to Notre Dame still have the chance to visit campus, examine financial aid and consider other schools before making a final decision, he said.
Marilyn McGrath Lewis, director of admissions at Harvard University, agreed that the early action period provides the best early admissions opportunity because it doesn't accelerate the anxiety of students who are unprepared to make a final decision.
"With early action, students don't feel overwhelmed or institutionally pressured," McGrath Lewis said. "We still think of early action as a sort of an exceptional choice — regular action is still a great option for most people.
Harvard, like Notre Dame, has been opting for early action over early decision. However, after a one-year trial period of allowing its early action applicants to apply to an unlimited number of other schools — an experiment that McGrath Lewis called "an extreme example in our history of flexibility" — Harvard reverted to a "single choice" system this year.
"We've returned to the system we liked for many years that is designed for those who are sure of their first choice," she said. "A timely answer from the school choice school still stands as the chief advantage of early admissions at Notre Dame, despite popular misconception that applying early will increase a borderline student's chances. "We always tell students it's a little more competitive," Mundy said. While the admit rate may appear significantly higher for early decision than for regular decision, he said, it is a consequence of a pool of more exceptional students that is "much more qualified."
"Students don't get any extra consideration for applying early," she said. "If anything, we're more selective, because if a student is thinking that I'm not a slam-dunk, they should wait for regular decision."
Kathy Uz, director of guidance at St. Joseph's High School in South Bend, which sends more students to Notre Dame than any other high school in the country, said that she recommends early action to students who prove their qualification.
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most diverse in University history, with 20.4 percent of its enrolled freshmen coming from minority backgrounds. Mundy said that the University hopes to "at least duplicate" that number this year, if not build upon it further.
"Our objective is to simply get better," Mundy said. "We were stuck at 16 to 17 percent figure until last year... so we certainly hope for more improvement.
Mundy emphasized that since the potential for minority enrollment is contingent on recruiting a large minority applicant pool, it is unrealistic to have a specific quota in mind.
"It's tough to force," he said. "It all focuses on the applicant pool — as long as we can generate inquiry and make more contact."
Notre Dame uses various recruiting techniques to encourage contact with minority students, Mundy said. The admissions office often publishes the names of minorities with outstanding SAT scores and mails them invitations to reply and show an interest in the University. They are then quickly rewarded for their curiosity. "We build a pool of inquiry with follow-up e-mails, phone calls, mailings," Mundy said. "If we visit a high school where we see interest from students of color, we'll make an appointment. We do some subtle things, some obvious things."
Minority recruitment and affirmative action came under fire in recent months during the University of Michigan's legal battle over a controversial system that gave an automatic bonus to recruited minority students. While the Supreme Court applaud­ed the school's intent to encourage diversity, it ruled that the point system itself must be changed.
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Notre Dame's policy avoids the point system, as each application is read in its entirety at least twice, given a final review and may even be sent to a committee.
"Once you start to assign points... you come to something that's similar," Mundy cautioned. "At some point that will fail you."
Mundy said that Notre Dame's comprehensive system has been in place since 1975 and is "the University has no plans to change it."
"It makes for some pretty intense times from December to March," Mundy said. "But it has clearly served us well in the past."
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Prison hostage standoff continues
Associated Press
PHOENIX — Since Sunday, two prison guards have been held hostage by a pair of inmates in a three-story, gray-block watchtower flanked by barbed wire, as a group of outlawed Amish and Mennonite sects have locked down a maximum-security facility, sending more students to Notre Dame... in the past."
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"Once you start to assign points... you come to something that's similar," Mundy cautioned. "At some point that will fail you."
Mundy said that Notre Dame's comprehensive system has been in place since 1975 and is "the University has no plans to change it."
"It makes for some pretty intense times from December to March," Mundy said. "But it has clearly served us well in the past."
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Kodak to Cut 15,000 Workers

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

Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Eastman Kodak Co., which turned picture-taking into a major business for the first time in the 20th century, is cutting 12,000 to 15,000 jobs, or close to a quarter of its work force, as it struggles to make the wrenching transition from film to digital photography.

The job cuts, announced Thursday, will be made in Kodak’s traditional film photography businesses and will take place over the next three years, the company said. The total cost for the company’s transition to digital photography is expected to be around $500 million.

Kodak became a symbol of American ingenuity and one of the most recognizable and successful brand names on Earth during the 20th century. But its film business has been on the wane for more than a decade, its decline quickened over the past three years, the company’s total employment down to World War II-era levels of around 90,000.

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Economic number hits new high

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Ex-Enron accountants surrender

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

Internet-related fraud was the subject of 55 percent of the more than 50 million consumer complaints filed in 2003, up from 45 percent a year earlier, the FTC said. But it added that fraud involving personal information for financial gain — was the most common complaint the FTC received for the fourth consecutive year, the agency said. It represented 42 percent of all complaints in 2003, up from 40 percent the year before.

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**Investment adviser accused of fraud**

Associated Press

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

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

Lewis was booked on a single count of fraud, and federal prosecutors in California said more charges were likely.

If convicted on the fraud count, Lewis could face up to 20 years in prison and a $1 million fine, federal prosecutor Michael Kusin said.

Federal authorities allege Lewis, who owned the Orange County, Calif., firm Financial Advisory Consultants, operated a 20-year Ponzi-like scheme, stealing from new investors to pay off older ones.

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

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

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

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

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**Emmy academies reunite**

Associated Press

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

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

Lucille Law, 87; Molly Pollard, 87; and Rossa Chestek, 82, died in the fire Tuesday night at Home Away From Home Inc. retirement center in Maryville, about 15 miles east of Knoxville. Twelve other were injured.

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

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

The building had been licensed as a retirement home since 1988. It lacked a sprinkler system, but state rules do not require them for older facilities.

Pollard said the building had smoke detectors and alarms, but 56-year-old stroke victim Gary Crisp said he never heard an alarm.

Crisp was in bed trying to go to sleep when a woman alerted him. He fled out a back door from his downstairs bedroom.

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

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

**Poll: Public support for Iraq war strong**

Associated Press

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

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**ISRAEL**

**New security for buses introduced**

Associated Press

RAMAT HASHARON — Israel unveiled a new security system Thursday that is designed to keep suicide bombers from buses, one of the deadliest forms of Palestinian attacks. Thirteen times during three years of violence, Palestinians carrying bombs boarded buses and blew themselves up, killing 139 passengers. The attacks have deterred many people from riding buses, Israel's cheapest form of mass transport.

The key element of the new system, displayed Thursday at Israel's slip-hygiene industries outside Tel Aviv, is a simple turnstile. The driver monitors passengers boarding his bus, and if anyone arouses suspicions, he presses a button to lock the turnstile, keeping the person off the bus. However, Palestinian bombers have taken to disguising themselves, some as women, others as Orthodox Jews, to avoid detection.

A more sophisticated version of the system includes electronic sensors to detect explosives up to three feet away, setting off an alarm near the driver. A bomber could still detonate his explosives outside the bus, but there would probably be fewer casualties.

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

"There's no doubt that we have been forced in recent years to deal with terrorist activity that targets buses," Transport Minister Avigdor Lieberman told reporters. Five city buses with the basic version of the system will be on the road next month as part of a pilot project. The buses will also have a turnstile at the rear door to allow passengers to exit and reenter the bus without having to go from the back out of the bus. Armored glass may also be installed beside the driver's seat and at the front of the bus to reduce the impact of an explosion.

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**ITALY**

**Berlusconi reappears in public**

Associated Press

ROME — After weeks out of the public eye, Italy's prime minister, Silvio Berlusconi, reappeared on Thursday at a ceremony at the Carabinieri police headquar­ ters. A day earlier, he pulled out of a planned meet­ing with the Maltese prime min­ister.

"I had expected him to re-appear at a Saturday rally to mark the 10th anniversary since the bil­ lionaire bus­nessmen stepped into politics, founding the Forza Italia party that has become this country's largest," said Rocco Buitiglieri, a former Cabinet minister.

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

"He has come back to Rome on a few occasions, meeting out­side with coalition allies and aides. There had been no published photographs or TV footage of the premier. Berlin's near-disappear­ance prompted speculation that he might be sick. His aides have shrugged off that, saying the premier needed a rest after the six-month EU presidency, and is now at work. He is fine, he looks like my son," said the Cabinet Minister Umberto Bossi before Berlusconi's a ppearance Thursday. "If Berlusconi doesn't appear in public, it is only because he's busy in private."

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

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

The premier's office has not commented on the report.

**UNITED NATIONS**

**Japan seeks to lower UN dues**

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Japan, the second-biggest financier of the United Nations, wants to cut its contributions to the world body, a senior aide to Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi has said Thursday.

The country is not inclined about $263 million to the United Nations general budget in 2003. The sum accounts for nearly one­fifth of the budget, and Japan pays hundreds of millions more for peacekeeping, development and other U.N. programs.

The United Nations is the only country the pays more, giving more than $350 million. Jun Yamazaki, the Japanese U.N. mission's minister for budgets, said he didn't know numbers but confirmed a Japanese media report that Tokyo wants to lower its contributions.

"I think there is an overall sense in Japan that that would like to see its rate of assessments going lower," Yamazaki said.

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**SWITZERLAND**

**ElBaradei: No signs Iran is not complying**

Associated Press

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

"The Iranians reappeared today, unannounced, and came into the International Center," International Atomic Energy Agency Director General Mohamed ElBaradei said Thursday. "It's a regular meeting, but I am sure that it is very important for us to know why Iran did not inform us in advance of their visit.

ElBaradei said earlier that he planned to return to Iran and to press the U.N. Security Council to impose economic sanctions if Iran continues to flout its pledge to suspend uranium enrichment.

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Ceremony deserves better planning

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

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

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

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

LETTER TO EDITOR

Minority voices share opinions

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

Another reason for “Bush-bashing” is that his administration has been unashamedly bold in its policy and demeanor. The so-called “Bush Doctrine” and the mentality that produced it has been fertile ground for those in the marketplace of expressing discontent. As the arena of politics is one in which heated argument is amply available and widely accepted among the general public, the views become intensified. Thus, when combined with such noninteractive, opinion-based communication as a Viewpoint article, it lends itself to more extreme views, as voices go unchallenged and attempts are made to gain attention and support via such methods as “slamming.”

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

Mike Zawahra

EDITORIAL CARTOON

Quote of the Day

“Real knowledge is to know the extent of one’s ignorance.”

Confucius

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

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

The actions of Britney Spears and others do indeed make a mockery of this "moral tradition" but such behavior is not a reason for throwing open the doors of marriage to homosexuals, as Coleman proposes. If anything, it is a reason for tightening the controls of the institution. The sacredness of marriage must be defended on all fronts and just because we may be spirited to imply that someone else is really the mean one. You and your friends will look through his record until your glasses fall off and never find anything at all to support that dumb joke about the indentured Mexican servant. 

No need to let that stop you, though. Republicans are racists, everyone knows that — why let facts and logic get in the way, when you have your own cheap and ready prejudices to protect you from having to think or make a serious argument? All the support Bush got from Hispanics while governor must have been because they were under threat — no way could it be that a Bushapatologist could tell them that blacks are just as good as true Americans.

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

I think it would be a great help to the Notre Dame community for some wise person like Mr. Falco to come up with a definitive list of which stereotypes are acceptable, and which are not. I cannot imagine, after all, seeing in print a parody of a some black figure, playing on ghetto slang and caricature, nor would I want to see one. Yet it seems alright to make fun of conservatives, Texans and southerners in general. Here is a start — mocking Texans for good reasons produced in large part by undocumented workers — and the unfortunately far less numerous group of American voters, would serve themselves well by examining this issue in depth. They might find that the lack of an economic and political repercussions within in the United States. Be that as it may, President Bush's proposal has ensured that an important, complex and sensitive issue will receive serious attention during the coming political election. Such attention is the very first step toward improving current policies.

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

By JONATHAN RETARSHA

Scene Writer

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

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Pomeroy makes Legends a stop on their tour

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

By REBECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Writer

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

Pomeroy has two full length CDs, "Inside the Shine" and "Cocoon Club." Just recently, Pomeroy released a five song EP called "Identity." The band calls this their "first true material yet." The songs are an easy listening, but with a unique sound that helps to separate Pomeroy and make them more than just any other band. Pomeroy is proving to be a favorite in many places and the band puts on a show worthy of seeing. Pomeroy is known as having "that movie-like ability to step onto a new stage as strangers only to close their set with a legion of fans cheering and ninety percent of the audience will be happy to have experienced their pure energy that takes over every room they visit." This sound is more promising than intoxicated students playing volleyball, which is the other campus-sponsored event on Friday.

Just recently Pomeroy has signed a Chicago management team called "Fresh Tracks Music," along with signing on Atlanta power agent, Rodney Stammel of the Metro Talent Group. Matt Marron, the lead guitarist, tells, "We have finally found those missing pieces to the puzzle that were stuck in between the sofa cushions, and we are totally stoked about getting out and touring hard in 2004." Well thankfully South Bend has not been over looked in this tour. Pomeroy has toured all over the Midwest and also in parts of the West Coast. Throughout all of their touring they have played with The Dave Matthews Band, Stone Temple Pilots, 311, Incubus, All American Rejects, The Used, Three Doors Down, Godsmack, Nelly and the St. Lunatics, Christina Aguilera, Sevendust, Smashmouth, Goldfinger, Filter, Fishbone, Reel Big Fish, Groove and Special Sauce, Phunk Junkie, Kottonmouth Kings, the Urge, Zebradump, 2 Skinnie J’s, City High, Bf Naked, Pato Banton and The Reggae Revolution. This Friday they will add Legends to their list and it promises to be a great show. Pomeroy plays a mix of genres in their music and thus makes a concert enjoyable for almost anyone. Add in the element of being a great live band and all that leaves is a great concert for anyone smart enough to experience them. Friday night Legends is hosting a terrific band that promises through reputation to put on a great show.

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Pomeroy guitarist and lead vocalist Matt Marron jams during a recent performance. Pomeroy will play at Legends tonight.
Tampa Bay took a 3-1 lead with a two-goal second period. "We honestly felt we could come back," Lashitter said. "We went out with that in mind. But we can't wait until the third period to do it. It's been too difficult to come back two goals in the third period."

Lecavalier picked up an empty net goal in the third period and slid a backhand shot past Tommy Sato, who had three shots in his previous eight games. The goal, Lecavalier's 14th, came from just behind the net. Earlier, he assisted on Kubina's goal.

Then, with Edmonton enforcer Georges Laraque about to be penalized for roughing Martin Cl Snow, a fateful shot went past Sato. As first, he made it interesting midway through the third when he tipped in a goal-mouth pass from Lashitter to pull the Oilers to 3-2. The goal, Dvorak's eighth, came at 9:49.

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

But the Lightning tied it less than five minutes into the second period. Joseph preserved the lead by stepping out to knock Barntt away with about 10 1/2 minutes left in the second period. But that's when Jason Fritzler mislaid a bouncing puck at the red line and fell backward.

7, Blue Jackets 0
Craig Anderson got a lot of help from his Chicago teammates and a goal from himself as the Blackhawks defeated the Blue Jackets 7-0.

Anderson made 30 saves on a team that had scored just 10 goals in its previous 11 games, was held scoreless for the seventh time this season.

The goalie stuck to basics in what he called "a nearly flawless game." Anderson said he was very happy about his performance, but he wasn't completely satisfied with the win.

"We were ready and played the way we were supposed to play," he said. "But the other guys beat us, you know."

Travis Moen, Bryan Berard, Steve Sullivan, Mark Bell, Tyler Arnason, Igor Korolev and Ryan Vandenbussche scored to help Chicago improve to 8-0-3-1 in its last 11 games and snap a five-game winning streak.

"A couple of guys went in," Chicago coach Brian Sutter. "We were out there playing the same way we did the last couple of games. You'd like to see some of the goals that went in tonight go in the last couple of games." "Definitely getting a win like that showed we can come out and play," Arnason said. "It was a really big game for us." Columbus, 0-4-3 in its last 10 games, was held scoreless for the seventh straight time this season. Columbus backup Fred Brubalke faced 39 shots.

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

Hull ends goal drought in Red Wings' victory over Kings

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

Hull, the third-leading goal scorer in NHL history behind Wayne Gretzky and Gordie Howe, got his 17th of the season, the 78th of his career and a 1-0 lead early in the second. It was his first goal in 21 games since Nov. 11.

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

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

The goalies stuck to basics in the final minutes.

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

"It was a good win for us. We really needed it. The other guys did well, too. They played well for us.""

Brett Hull, now 45, scored his 78th career goal Thursday night against Detroit.

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

Messier is tied with Ray Bourque for the most All-Star assists with 13 and is fourth in points with 18. Five East teammates, Florida goalie Roberto Luongo, defensemen Adrian Aucoin of the New York Islanders, Nick Boynton of Boston, and Montreal’s Sheldon Souray, and Washington forward Robert Lang, were chosen to their first All-Star game.

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Spiders upset Jayhawks, snap streak

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

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

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

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

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

Men's team travels to Illinois to face ranked Northwestern

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

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

"They're the highest-ranked team we've played this year and are filled with excellent frontline swimmers, but they're not as deep as we are," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "We want to limit their stars to as few points as possible and swim tough in our last test on the road before the Big East Championships."

Last weekend, the Irish dropped a 228-123 decision to No. 17 Pittsburgh, but came away with a pair of victories against Maryland and Villanova, 201-146 and 282-51, respectively, in a quadrangular meet at Pittsburgh.

Setting the tone for the meet, junior David Molson, sophomore Jaime Lutkus and freshman Ted Brown swept the top three spots in the 400-meter individual medley and freshman Tim Kegelman kicked in a first-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly to provide the Irish with a sufficient cushion between themselves and both the Terrapins and Wildcats at the end of the first day.

Kegelman continued his heroics on Saturday, winning the 200-yard butterfly and thereby claiming his second event victory in as many days. In addition, Brown won the 500-yard freestyle, Lutkus placed second in the 200-yard individual medley and the 400-yard medley relay team (Kegelman, sophomore Doug Bauman and Tim Randolph and junior Frank Krakowski) also took second as the Irish boasted their dual meet record to 5-4, including a stellar 4-1 in 2004.

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

Welsh recently announced the signing of the first three members of the squad's 2010 class, including Graham Parker of Cherry Hill, N.J., Rob Seery of Garden City, N.Y. and Jay VandenBerg of Beverly Hills, Mich.

Parker owns a trio of New Jersey state championships (200 medley relay, 200 individual medley relay and the 400 freestyle relay) while Seery has garnered All-America honors in both the 200 and 500 freestyle and VandenBerg has recorded national qualifying times in the 800, 1,500 and 1,600 freestyle.

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

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

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Belles hope to knock off Tri-State once more

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

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

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

Suzanne Bellina
Saint Mary's coach

This Saturday the Belles will face Tri-State University (1-16), a non-conference opponent that was the last team that the Belles defeated before their losing streak began.

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

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

After two close losses against Alma and Kalamazoo, the Belles still feel confident that their level of play is high enough to win games. The problem is that playing at a competitive level has made for closer games but not victories. Forward Emily Creachbaum has been the leading scorer for the Belles this season, but overall team scoring has been very spread out. Eight players on the team average more than 20 minutes each game and this depth has been a positive all season.

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

"We are ready to get on and get after it," Belles coach Suzanne Bellina said after Wednesday's 66-61 loss.

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

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Building the rivalry

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

He had to follow John Wooden and UCLA.

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

The passion for defeating UCLA intensified in Phelps’ first game against the Bruins, a 114-56 loss in Los Angeles. That game was the first meeting between the teams since the Irish defeated the Bruins the season before, ending the four-year streak. The Irish had to forget about the Bruins, the pinstripes, Pauley Pavilion is Yankee Stadium.

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"It wasn’t what dismays me, it was the 41-point lead with 11 minutes left," Phelps said. "When you schedule UCLA, you need to forget everyone else, if you don’t get ready for the Irish versus UCLA, you aren’t a basketball player."

The top-ranked Bruins came to the ACC and took the court out of it early, building a 17-point lead in the first half. Their streak appeared to be moving toward 89 straight games as the Bruins were up 70-59 with 3:22 remaining. The place known as the Pavilion is Yankee Stadium. We

They shouldn’t score again.

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

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

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

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

At this time, after Notre Dame had reeled off eight points in less than a minute and a half, Walton looked to the bench at his coach.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UCLA experienced its first loss since Jan. 23, 1971, a 89-82 win by Notre Dame. And the Irish could do what they practiced Friday.

Looking back

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

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

"When you look at that game, we beat all these No. 1 teams, nothing reflects back to that moment,” Phelps said. That shot from his spot in the corner has lived with Clay his entire life and made him legendary in Notre Dame sports history.

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

Shumate was having doubts about coming back for Sunday’s ceremony because of his health. But when his old coach heard about that, he gave Shumate one last tongue-lashing.

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

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

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

Irish remain on the road to face Northern Michigan

By JUSTIN SCHUVER

The Observer • Sports Editor

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

Coming off one of the biggest upsets in the history of Notre Dame hockey, the Irish will look to keep their good play going against Northern Michigan in a key CCHA matchup this Friday and Saturday in Marquette, Mich.

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

The Irish swept the Wildcats at the Joyce Center earlier this season, defeating Northern Michigan on Nov. 28 and 4-2 on Nov. 29. Historically, the Wildcats hold a 14-10-4 advantage in the series, including a 5-3-2 mark in Marquette.

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

Currently, the Irish sit in seventh place overall in the CCHA with 18 points. The league is still relatively close, however, with Notre Dame just three points behind conference-leading Michigan (21-9-1).

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

Three of those five goals came in Notre Dame's earlier win against the Wildcats. Despite being widely outshot by Wisconsin in last weekend's series, Notre Dame's goalies were able to keep the Irish in the game.

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

The Wildcats are led offensively by forward Darin Olver with 20 points (eight goals, 12 assists). Defenseman Nathan Oystwick follows closely behind with 19 points (three goals, 6 assists) and is also the conference's overall leader in assists among defensemen.

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

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FENCING

Irish head to New York for weekend tournament

By MATT MOONEY

Sports Writer

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"The streak is very nice but I don't think about it while I'm fencing," he said. "I just try to keep on winning." In order for the men's team to keep on winning, its bumber crop of freshmen will have to sustain the maturity they displayed in the fall season. Four rookies have already had to step into the starting lineup.

Sabers Patrick Ghattas and Matthew Stearn are joined by foilist Frankie Bontempo and epeeist Aaron Admian as representatives of their class.

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

Some of the fencers on both sides kept their dueling skills sharp by participating in individual tournaments over winter break. At the North American Cup in California, the Irish were well represented as junior foilist Andrea Ament finished third in her division followed up by senior Kerry Walton's fifth place at epee.

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

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

It seems finding that CBS’ Dick Enberg will call Sunday’s game that features the reunion of the 1974 Notre Dame team. Enberg was also court-side at the Joyce Center 30 years ago for Notre Dame’s historic 71-70 win over UCLA. In fact, some college basketball experts considered that game between No. 1 UCLA and No. 2 Notre Dame the game that made college basketball viable for regular season viewing.

Brey and Phelps initially discussed doing something to honor the 30th anniversary of that game last fall. The effort was part of Brey’s desire to connect current Notre Dame basketball to traditions of the past and marked Phelps’ goal to reunite that team. The team will sit in the first few rows of the student section at the north end of the Joyce Center, and at halftime, the final three minutes of the 1974 game between Notre Dame and UCLA will be shown.

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

The Irish are ready to fight back, as they played well on Wednesday night on the road against a tough loss to West Virginia. They gave up only 35 points, a record low given up by the Irish in a Big East road game.

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

Meanwhile, the Wildcats haven’t played since its 62-51 win over Seton Hall Jan. 17. They are lead by all-around player Corey McNamara, who leads the team in rebounds (7.3 per game), assists (4.7 per game), and steals (1.5 per game). She also averages 7.8 points per game and 1.4 blocks per game.

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

Mike Brey head coach

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Happy Birthday: It's time to turn things around by making the necessary changes. You've been on the fence for too long, so make your move. You'll need to be careful if you want to get ahead. The more adaptable you are, the better. Keep your comments to yourself and work hard to ensure that you reach your goals. Your number is 9, 12, 16, 22, 25, 37

ABYES (March 22-April 19): Domestic pursuits will be profitable today. You should be looking into real estate buys or a residential move. Listen to your instincts. Your advice will be quite valuable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't overreact or allow your temper to explode. Work quietly behind the scenes, waiting for the right moment to act. Your lover may take drastic measures to get your attention. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are likely to devote too much or too little of your time. Investments will not be as profitable as they appear. Take a closer look. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will get into arguments with friends or relatives today. Try hard not to naginate unnecessary friction with loved ones or relatives today. Try hard not to naginate unnecessary friction with loved ones. Even the smallest of complications can add up to a fault. Avoid travel if possible. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you tend overbackward to help friends in need, you will endanger your reputation. Your ability to look at situations logically will allow you to make constructive suggestions. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You are likely to develop arguments with friends by dwelling too much on your differences. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You shouldn't be too much on travel or friends. Opportunities to meet new and exciting individuals will develop through educational pursuits. Sign up for lectures or courses. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Unexpected visitors will be a welcome change. Visitors may drop by, resulting in friction between you and your mate. Try hard to keep your calm, or the situation will go from bad to worse.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Instant romance will not be lasting. Take precautions if you wish to spare your heart. You are more likely to fall for members and those who need help to enhance their reputation. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You should spend time with those who can help lift your depression. You need material validation. Don't let yourself interfere with your plans. They may not be able to help you when you need it. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Concentrate on your hobbies. Don't let anyone take advantage of your generosity. You will experience financial loss if you are careless with your wallet or your investments. ***

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

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

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

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

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

With the way 9-5 Notre Dame has played at home lately, the Irish will welcome any help they can get. The Irish are only 4-4 at home this year, including an RPI-damaging loss to Central Michigan in December, and will return to the Joyce Center for the first time since they suffered their worst home loss in the Mike Brey era against Syracuse Saturday.

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

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

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

ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Wildcats planning to spoil winning streak.

Irish women must defend a 12-game home win streak

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

After splitting a pair of road games, Notre Dame returns home Saturday to face No. 23 Villanova (13-3, 3-2 Big East).

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

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

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

“They’ve been incredible.”

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

Last year was no different. In then-freshman Megan Duffy’s first start at Notre Dame, the Irish knocked off Villanova, 68-65, after splitting a pair of road games. In addition to its four losses this season, the Irish dropped its last two of the 2002-03 campaign.

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