1,150 applicants admitted early to ND

Total applications down three percent from last year; University boosts international recruiting efforts

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

14,000 applicants  
- Second largest in history
4,288 Early Action applications  
1,510 admitted  
- High school rank-in-class of top 3%  
- 1,452 SAT (reading and math) and 33 ACT  
- More ethnic minority and international students admitted

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Actor from London visit ND for the week

Members will perform 'The Taming of the Shrew'

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

After 33 years touring nationwide, the Actors From the London Stage will be returning to Notre Dame this week to perform "The Taming of the Shrew." The company, which is based in London, tours American colleges and universities through the patronage of the Dell'Arte Center for the Performing Arts. The University initially established the partnership in 2000, company manager Amy Atkinson said.

The University administrates the program throughout the United States, serving as the company's American home and the touch point for the actors as they move around touring. ACC said.

"Faculty members request actors to come into their classrooms and the actors then determine who among them is best suited for each class," she said.

STUDENT SENATE

Brown delivers final Senate address

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

Fifteen students will have their Notre Dame cinematic debut as the 19th annual Notre Dame Film Festival begins tonight in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. The films will be screened for University and general audiences.

Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) professor Ted Mandell said this year's selection of films is an especially creative and entertaining group.

"Many years we don't have the opportunity to screen projects from the Intro class because of time constraints due to the number and length of advanced projects," Mandell said. "This year we were able to get a few of those in there.

"They add a unique energy to the festival. It's great for students just starting out to see their work shown to a large audience.

The three-day festival will feature films created entirely by students in their FTT classes. Most of the films are produced in groups of two to three students and are the result of a semester's worth of work. Mandell said.

This year, the festival will screen 15 films — two more than last year — due to the short length of several.

STUDENTS VOLUNTEER ON GULF COAST

Service trip sponsored by ACE, focuses on local Catholic schools

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Nearly two and a half years after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast, residents are still working to rebuild. During winter break, 12 Notre Dame students traveled south to aid their cause.

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Question of the Day: What movie/actor should have been nominated for an Oscar?

Christie Mistrucci  
Kerry Hutton  
Mary Aldred  
Nella McOsker  
Ryan Simmons

For Best Supporting Actress: Julia Roberts in "Charlie Wilson's War" because she's Julia Roberts.
For Best Picture: A late entry from "P.S. I Love You," because costar from 'Grey's Anatomy' isn't in it.
For Best Feature Length Documentary: "Transformers."
For Best Actor: Heath Ledger in that one movie where he kills himself...what, too soon?

In Brief

The Notre Dame Post Office will open next Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On this day only, no appointment will be necessary to apply for a passport. Applicants should bring proof of U.S. citizenship, proof of identity and two recent photos.

Acts From The London Stage will present "The Taming of the Shrew" tonight, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Student tickets are available for $12.

Prints from the Sante Museum of Art's collection that focus on artistic subjects from the 17th century will be displayed Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit, "Rembrandt and the Art of Printmaking in Holland," will highlight the golden age of Dutch art, depictions of landscapes, portraits of animals and individuals in non-aristocratic social and economic classes, and scenes of their everyday life.

There will be a men's and women's indoor track invitational Friday at 5 p.m. at the Joyce Center. For tickets, call 631-7356.

The Harlem Globetrotters will be playing Friday at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center. For tickets, call 631-7356.

Men's hockey will play Bowling Green Friday at 7:35 p.m. at the Joyce Center ice rink.

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

LOCAL WEATHER

TODAY: HIGH 78 LOW 58  
TONIGHT: HIGH 73 LOW 53  
FRIDAY: HIGH 79 LOW 56  
SATURDAY: HIGH 78 LOW 54  
SUNDAY: HIGH 75 LOW 52  
MONDAY: HIGH 75 LOW 52

Atlanta: 46 / 33  Boston: 43 / 26  Chicago: 23 / 10  Denver: 34 / 20  Houston: 68 / 42  Los Angeles: 60 / 43  Minneapolis: 10 / 5

Correction

Due to a reporting error in the Jan. 23 article, "SWE, panel announce election day," Saint Mary's Student Body President elections were stated as being held on Tuesday. They will be Monday.

Contact Bill Brink at w brink@nd.edu

The Observer regrets this error.

Inside Column

Sexy Stuff

The following passage can be found in dollar. Notre Dame's student handbook, on page 105. "Because a genuine and complete expression of love through sex requires a commitment to a total living and sharing together of two persons in marriage, the University believes that sexual union should occur only in marriage." Students found in violation of this policy should be subject to disciplinary suspension or permanent dismissal.

In 2008, this may seem slightly comical, but because we attend a Catholic institution, the rules mirror Catholic tradition. An attempt to apply the contradiction has since become apparent.

Inside my history notebook, which I purchased at the Notre Dame bookstore, I found an advertisement offering to save me up to 93 percent on magazine subscriptions. The first magazine advertised was Cosmopolitan. On the cover, next to Gray's Anatomy's Katherine Heigl, are the headlines: "Naughty Sex: 9 Hot New Positions We've Never Published Before," and "The Sexiest Things To Do After Sex," Below that, Glamour magazine, with a headline reading "'90s Finery Should Know About Sex By Age 30."" In summary: By no means am I acquainted with naughty sex, nor do I particularly care whether magazine descriptions of it are advertised in my notebook or not. But it made me think about the fact that a university that bans sex on its campus would allow these advertisements in notebooks bearing its name. Remembering this, the university that ordered Pangburn Hall to change a sign because it "took the Christ out of Christmas." Maybe I'm reading too much into this. An issue of Disney Channel Weekly, with a picture of the Soprano family, is also advertised. I don't think the University means to advertise the acceptability of organized crime. Maybe the University figured it would gain more money from the advertisement than it would lose in donations from radical Catholic donors who took offense.

Maybe the University never saw the advertisements before it went in the notebook. Maybe the University just doesn't care what Cosmo thinks about apres-sex antics.

But it got me thinking.

I don't think this will cause the University to go against its sexless and non-worship campaign, nor do I think it will repeal parietals and edit dada. I didn't want it to either. Does the University care? Should I care? If you're wondering, I don't. I am all for Cosmo and it's feminine secrets. It's an invaluable book. Maybe the University just doesn't think it will repeal parietals and edit dada. I didn't want it to either. Does the University care? Should I care? If you're wondering, I don't. I am all for Cosmo and it's feminine secrets. It's an invaluable book. Maybe the University just doesn't think it will repeal parietals and edit dada. I didn't want it to either. Does the University care? Should I care? If you're wondering, I don't. I am all for Cosmo and it's feminine secrets. It's an invaluable book. Maybe the University just doesn't think it will repeal parietals and edit dada. I didn't want it to either. Does the University care? Should I care? If you're wondering, I don't. I am all for Cosmo and it's feminine secrets. It's an invaluable book.
Gaining club status made easier

Club Coordination Council moves to Internet-based applications

By BECCA LALONDE

Money not only makes the world go around, but it also makes the club world turn at Notre Dame.

The Club Coordination Council (CCC), which oversees the allocation of student activities fees to the 223 undergraduate clubs at the University, is undergoing changes that make gaining club status easier. CCC president Paul Robbins said, "In the past, clubs have had to fill out lengthy budget forms on paper, have them signed by their club advisor and handed in before spring break. This year, the group will use an online budget form."

Paul Robbins

CCC president

The role of the CCC is often overlooked, Robbins said. "We hard-lined 33 percent of the activities fees last year; that turned out to be about $3,000,000," Robbins said. "Throughout the year we also review appeals to three different funds that are available for unplanned club expenses."

Funds under the umbrella of the CCC include the Contingency Fund, for a single club seeking additional funds; Club Collaboration Fund, for two or more clubs seeking funding for an event; and the Council of Representatives Collaboration Fund. Each club and another student body organization also seeking funding, Robbins said.

"In the past, clubs had to have their advisors able to sign their budget request online," Robbins said. "This is all in an effort to make things easier and more efficient for clubs."

The switch to online is a move to streamline the fund allocation process in several ways: reducing paperwork, allowing for better and more efficient allocations, and providing clubs with an electronic copy of their budget to help guide their spending through the year. "In the future we will be able to make things even easier for clubs by having their advisors able to sign their budget request online," Robbins said. "This is all in an effort to make things easier and more efficient for clubs."

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Cardinal George to speak at conference

Special to The Observer

A theological conference specifically designed for undergraduate students will bring Cardinal Francis George of Chicago and other speakers to Notre Dame on March 31.

The conference, "Christ is Risen: So Now What?" has been organized by the Center for Liturgy and the Notre Dame Vocation Initiative (NDVision), which held a similar conference on vocations for undergraduates last year.

"We thought it important to assist and encourage theological discussion of issues of personal concern to undergraduates," said David W. Fagerberg, director of the Center for Liturgy and one of the conference organizers. "In this conference, which will take place a few days after Easter, we want to address what appears to be a false dichotomy between those who pray and those who act—that is, between the student drawn to a contemplative retreat and the student more inclined toward service and pursuing justice. We wish to show that both these demands of Christian discipleship have their source in the empty tomb."

The conference will consist of three presentations, all in the ballroom of the LaFontaine Student Center.

Cardinal George will speak on "Easter: The Font of Prayer and Service" at 9:30 a.m. A native of Chicago, he oversees the second largest Catholic archdiocese, after Los Angeles, in the nation. Recently elected president of the American bishops conference, Cardinal George has taught in several seminaries and served as vicar general of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Joan Neal, executive vice president of U.S. operations for Catholic Relief Services (CRS), will speak on "A Life of Service" at 4 p.m. A graduate of Loyola University in Chicago, Neal holds a master's degree in pastoral studies and a certificate in biblical spirituality from Catholic Theological Union.

An expert in CRS domestic programs and advocacy, she oversees six regional offices across the country and working in partnership with dioceses, parishes, colleges, universities and other Catholic organizations.

Before joining CRS in 2002, she was president of her own management consulting firm whose clients included Catholic agencies, dioceses, organizations and parishes in the Midwest.

Rev. Cyprian Consiglio will speak on "A Life of Prayer" at 7 p.m. Father Consiglio is a musician, composer, author, teacher and monk of the Camaldolese Congregation. For 10 years, he lived at New Camaldoli Hermitage near Big Sur, Calif., serving as liturgist, choir director and teacher. Deeply interested in comparative religion, he frequently visits India to study and teach. He divides his time evenly between his home in Santa Cruz, Calif, and travel for performing, teaching and leading retreats.

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DUELING PIANOS

Friday
Jan. 25
10 PM

Bhangra Nightclub

DJ Interpal

FRIDAY JAN. 25
MIDNIGHT

Peggaeton

Saturdays, Jan. 29 @ Midnight
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Al of the films. The total running time for all 15 films is 110 min­
utes.

In choosing what films to screen, the CJBS faculty considered a combination of writing, shooting, editing and acting — all the ele­ments that make up a strong pro­duction, Mundell said.

"We spend a lot of time in class discussing ideas, working on scripts, analyzing rough cuts, and polishing dialogue," he said. "The final film is the result of both cre­ative collaboration among stu­dents as well as the battle to beat the deadline, which lurches at the end of the semester. Film making takes much more time and labor than most people think."

Juliette Bill DiPiero, who co­directed the film "Raided" with sophomores Michael Rohman, found production for his film took a great deal of time.

"The filming process was a bit tedious because we did multiple takes of each shot," DiPiero said. "I actually thought this whole shoot took twice in its entirety after the first time but lighting issues were not up to our standards."

DiPiero and Rohman's film is "The Tree," a short film that leads to a not-so-orchestrated encounter between a boy and girl and looking for love.

Junior Mark Weber, who co­directed the film "The White Tree" with senior Julian Owyong, said the greatest challenge in making his film was the actual filming process because their sensors produced a large crop.

"With a large crop, we had to complete most of the shooting in one day in only a few short hours," Weber said. "We had to be very efficient with both our actors and our crew to get every­thing done." The "White Tree" is based on real events that occurred at Jen A High School in September 2008, where racial tensions erupted in the Louisiana high school.

"The events at Jena High framed a powerful story which I wanted to tell," Weber said. "We hoped students who will see this film will understand the importance of not to ignore the issues we face in our society today, and it is up to us to change that."

The festival's other films come from several genres including documentaries, informative, informative, informative and informative, entertaining.

Tickets for the festival are $3 for students, $5 for Notre Dame faculty and staff, and $6 for the general public, and can be pur­chased in advance at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts or at www.filmarchive.nd.edu. The festival will run three consecutive nights for three nights at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

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volunteers to schools that both sustained major damage from the hurricane and are currently employ ACE teachers.

"ACE wanted to serve the community as a whole and help Katrina and give an oppor­tunity for our students' eyes to what had happened," said Greg Robinson, a sophomore who works for the ACE program and participated in the trip.

The students first traveled to Jackson, Miss., and went to dif­ferent Catholic schools to help out with the school day outside while meeting teachers and students who lived through the catastro­pher.

"We would wake up, have a quick breakfast, and then drive to the grade school where we would do jobs for them. They had a shed that needed to be cleared out for storage. They didn't have the manpower to do it," Robinson said. "Later in the day, the students interacted with the children. "We helped them with their homework, read books to them, and played games with them," he said. The kids were very happy to have the kids there. They are excited to show you how good they are at sports with big num­bers. We also played games of tag, and some of us dug into a game of touch football.

The day-to-day routine con­tinued as the students traveled along the Gulf Coast.

"We did odd jobs. We painted benches, cleaned a lot of windows, and, again, in the after­noon we were working with the kids," Robinson said.

The volunteers traveled as far as 40 miles outside to help. "We got three vans to drive down, and ate a lot of peanut butter and bread. Throughout the trip we would stay in high school gyms, which I imagine didn't cost us money. The ACE program has good relations with schools in the area," Robinson said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Congo leaders sign peace agreement
GOMA, Congo — Years of fighting in Congo's restive east ended — on paper at least — Wednesday when armed militia fighters signed a long-awaited peace accord with the government of this huge Central African country.

The deal commits all sides to an immediate cease-fire, followed by a pullback of fighters from key areas that will become a U.N.-patrolled buffer zone, said Vital Kamerhe, a government spokesman for the talks.

Observers praised the deal but said fulfilling it would be long and difficult work, with many details yet undecided.

At least 17 dead in Iraqi bombing
BAGHDAD — A car bomb struck a crowd of Thursday

suffering from the "wildfire" of terrorism engulfing his region, agrim message for a meeting of world leaders already fretting over the threat of global recession.

Formally opening the World Economic Forum, Hamid Karzai gave a sobering rundown of recent attacks attributed to hard-line extremists — among them the assassination of Benazir Bhutto and bombings in Afghanistan and Pakistan that have killed hundreds, including many children.

"We're in Round 1 or 2. This is a 15-round fight," said Guillermo Ortiz, governor of the Central Bank of Mexico, suggesting the worst might yet be coming.

Billionaire George Soros called for a radical cure — the imposition of heavy regulation and oversight over financial markets whose participants he accused of using "excessive" freedom to create "not a normal crisis but the end of an era."

Authorities ought to go in and examine the books" of financial institutions, and provide assurance that "they will rescue and even take over banks that become insolvent," Soros said.

New technique improves organ transplants

LOS ANGELES — In what's being called a major advance in organ transplants, doctors say they have developed a technique that could free many patients from having to take anti-rejection drugs for the rest of their lives.

Since the world's first transplant more than 50 years ago, scientists have searched for ways to trick the body to accept a foreign organ as its own. Immune-suppressing drugs that prevent organ rejection came into wide use in the 1980s. But they raise the risk of cancer, kidney failure and many other problems. And they have unpleasant side effects such as excessive hair growth, bloating and tremors.

ELIMINATING THE NEED FOR ANTI-REJECTION DRUGS IS "A HUGE ADVANCE," said Dr. Suzanne Hidtad, a University of Louisville immunology specialist who

had no role in the work.

"It still needs some fine-tuning so that everyone who gets treated gets the same consistent outcome ... It's not the holy grail of tolerance yet," she cautioned.

The results do not mean that it is safe for current transplant patients to go off their medicines. Doing so could lead to organ rejection and even death, doctors warn. And Sachs said the treatment will not solve the country's organ shortage.

In the 1990s, Sachs showed the treatment could work in a kidney recipient who was a good genetic match. The woman, who had an organ and marrow transplant in 1998, has not needed anti-rejection drugs for a decade.
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tant, provost for undergraduate admissions, said, adding that overall applications submitted for consideration is down the percent to 14,000 from last year’s total count of 14,500. "In previous numbers, though we are down, the total pool in applications and overall diversity will be greater than ever before," he said. "And we’ve never had the opportunity that these changes present to us."

A favored system

The University has long-endorsed a non-binding, non- restrictive Early Action program which allows applicants to submit an application for consideration Nov. 1, an earlier date than the Dec. 31 regular admission deadline that the majority of applicants choose to meet.

The Early Action program, candidates are notified by mid-December of an admissions decision of either admit, defer or deny. Deferred applicants have their files re-evaluated in the regular decision admissions process and are notified along with the regular decision applicants at the end of March. Students denied under any admission program may not reapply within the same academic year.

Notre Dame’s Early Action is unique from other schools in that it is designed to give prospective applicants a clear admissions decision in time for them to explore many options to make the right college selection. Saracino said he and his counselors have always "praised" the admissions procedure the University offers.

Prospective high school students are favored this component of the admissions process at Notre Dame because it helps them prepare well for the havoc of college applications in general. Henry Hodes, an early-action admit from Rockhurst High School in Kansas City, Mo., said Notre Dame’s early admissions process made applying to colleges, "a lot easier."

"For college admissions process is so crazy and complex, and we are always being advertised via e-mails and notifications," he said. "Notre Dame is very clear when to apply even when it’s your number one choice, the online application is very friendly and easier to use."

Hodes praised the non-binding nature of Early Action, which allowed him to consider University acceptances at peer institutions such as Boston College and Georgetown just in case he felt his needs could be satisfied at those universities. "Still, I’ve known that Notre Dame has always been my number one choice," he said. "While those schools have much to offer. I have realized that Notre Dame fits my needs the best, academically, socially and spiritually."

Reaching out

The University is reaching out further than ever to prospective students, in order to compile a diverse and talented class, Saracino said. "We have undergraduate calling and e-mailing students, draws from various colleges contacting students, as well as setting up chat rooms and chat times for admissions and First Year of Studies representatives to give information about things like FYS and financial aid," he said.

All admitted students and parents are invited to on campus programs, which will be held on Feb. 21, as well as April 10, 17 and 24. In addition, select students will be invited to attend special programs to learn more about the University. One well-known program is the Spring Visitation Programs for ethnic minority students. There will be three offered this year from Feb. 21-24, April 3-6, and April 17-20.

Two Reily Visitation Weekends will be held March 27-30 and April 10-13 for the most academically-talented students. There will also be one science and engineering program Feb. 7-10.

This year, however, admissions established a program that allows international students to explore the University to a greater degree. The program, known as the Hesburgh International Scholars program, was a recommendation of the Notre Dame Alumni Association's International Committee. The program will spring and will invite students from Latin America to visit campus.

"The program was created in honor of Father Hesburgh’s long-term commitment to the internationalization of Notre Dame," said Ruben Medina, assistant director of Undergraduate Admissions.

"In this day and age of globalization, it is imperative that we create world leaders that will make a positive impact when they return to their home countries."

Ruben Medina, assistant director of Undergraduate Admissions

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**MARKET RECAP**

**Wall Street pulls off comeback**

**Potentially massive decline avoided by largest turnaround in over 5 years**

**Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday where another early decline was followed by a stunning Wall Street comeback:**

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — Wall Street pulled off a stunning comeback Wednesday, surging higher on high-interest rate trading and wiping out what looked to be yet another massive decline. The Dow Jones industrials, down more than 323 points in earlier trading, ended the day with an advance of just under 300 points.

Such volatility has become a hallmark of Wall Street’s performance in recent months amid the ongoing housing and credit crisis and growing fears of recession. And, after five straight days of pullbacks, the rebound was to be expected. But analysts’ positive sentiment in the day’s trading:

"The Federal Reserve’s decision Tuesday to lower its benchmark federal funds rate to 1 percent, the lowest point in 3½ years, was a belated reaction to what the Fed did this week, compounded by hopes for the Fed to do more next week,” said Steve Bartlett, chief economist at Avalon Partners. Traders who bet on the Fed’s target fed funds rate were pricing in on Wednesday a 100 percent chance of a 0.5 percent-point cut by the central bank, which is next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Rate cuts are designed to stimulate borrowing and, in turn, business activity and the economy. They also will eventually boost profit margins for banks and other lenders, who have been working to lower costs to raise cash levels through layoffs and stock sales after having lost billions in losses and mortgage-related investments. Those companies—including Citigroup Inc., Washington Mutual Inc. and Merrill Lynch—were the big winners Wednesday.

"The early leaders in a market recovery tend to be banks, REITs (real estate investment trusts) and homebuilders, as these are the groups that typically would benefit first from a turnaround. And those have been the market leaders this week,” said Steve Goldman, chief market strategist at Wedded & Co.

"What has happened is the Fed is flooding the system with liquidity and eventually we should see some traction in the economy. And stocks tend to respond first.”

Still, analysts were mindful that in the past months, Wall Street has been known to sober one day and succumb the next, and that there are still many economic unknowns for the market to weather. And, given that stocks are so badly beaten down, bargain hunting played a part in Wednesday’s turnaround.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 1.338.76, or 2.50 percent, to 52.98.98, or 2.85 percent, to 12.50.17, having fallen as much as 323.29 earlier.

Before Wednesday’s session, the Dow had fallen nearly 10 percent since the start of the year, and it was down more than 15 percent since its record close of 14,564.53 on Oct. 9.

Wednesday’s swing, from negative to positive territory of 631.86 points is the largest point swing since July 24, 2002, according to Dow Jones Indexes. The largest intraday point swing, a metric that Dow started calculating in July 1995, was a 721-point swing on April 14, 2000.

**In Brief**

**eBay CEO to step down in March**

SAN FRANCISCO — Meg Whitman will soon step down as chief executive of eBay Inc., the online auction company that went from wobbly startup to multimillion-dollar household name in her 10-year tenure. Whitman, 51, had been plotting to move out of Wall Street and back to the Bay Area, spending more time with her family and her children. But it was her second year of after-care, following an early decline was followed by a stunning Wall Street comeback.

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Whitman will remain on eBay’s board of directors.

"With humor, smarts and unflagging determination, Meg took a small, barely known online auction site and helped it become an integral part of our lives," said Pierre Omidyar, eBay’s founder and chairman. "We’re all enormously grateful to Meg dedicated herself to stewarding eBay through its 10 most formative years.”

**GM and Toyota even in global sales**

DETROIT — General Motors, a symbol of American industrial might and the world’s top seller of motor vehicles since Herbert Hoover was president, has finally been caught by a foreign rival.

GM conceded Wednesday that Toyota Motor Corp. pulled even last year, each of them selling about 9.37 million vehicles, in another sign that the balance of corporate power is shifting from West to East.

"The GM has been anything other than the exclusive global sales leader since 1931. The figure of 9,369,524 vehicles sold around the world was a 3 percent increase from 2006 for GM. But Toyota’s strong sales growth in the United States in recent years — and declining sales for GM in its own backyard — finally closed the gap.

Earlier this month, Toyota reported global sales of about 9.37 million vehicles for 2007. The Japanese automaker said Wednesday it would not release more precise figures, so who’s No. 1 remains unclear.

**High oil prices concern energy secretary**

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"The goal of those would be to stimulate the economy when they reach $100 a barrel. For example, if we saw oil prices fall back to $65 to $70, that would be a much bigger impact than the current $3 to $14 a barrel decline. T he overall economy. They would benefit first from a turnaround. And those have been the market leaders this week,” said Steve Goldman, chief market strategist at Wedded & Co.

"What has happened is the Fed is flooding the system with liquidity and eventually we should see some traction in the economy. And stocks tend to respond first.”

Still, analysts were mindful that in the past months, Wall Street has been known to sober one day and succumb the next, and that there are still many economic unknowns for the market to weather. And, given that stocks are so badly beaten down, bargain hunting played a part in Wednesday’s turnaround.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 1.338.76, or 2.50 percent, to 52.98.98, or 2.85 percent, to 12.50.17, having fallen as much as 323.29 earlier.

Before Wednesday’s session, the Dow had fallen nearly 10 percent since the start of the year, and it was down more than 15 percent since its record close of 14,564.53 on Oct. 9.

Wednesday’s swing, from negative to positive territory of 631.86 points is the largest point swing since July 24, 2002, according to Dow Jones Indexes. The largest intraday point swing, a metric that Dow started calculating in July 1995, was a 721-point swing on April 14, 2000.
Domer dating: Man up

Man up! While reading Aristotle in La Fun the other day (the only place lively enough to keep me awake to power through the Politics), I couldn’t help but overhear a single girl talking to her best guy friend about her frustration with Domer dating for lack there, oh. I am so tired of hearing students complain about how screwed up gender relations are at Notre Dame.

This is not to say that gender relations are normal; they’re not. It’s true that there is a lack of dating culture at Notre Dame, but this deficiency is self-inflicted. People like to blame our abhorrent gender relations on everything from the Notre Dame family mentality to the cold weather keeping everyone in hibernation for winter. Girls always complain that guys never ask them out on dates but are far too suspicious of any guy who may try to strike up a conversation (especially if he is less than attractive). Guys, on the other hand, insist that all the cute girls already have boyfriends and that Notre Dame simply doesn’t attract the same “talent” other schools do. Since I am a guy, I’ll speak to the guys. Guys, there are far more girls here than guys (especially if you include the all-girls school across the street). There are many single, cute girls just dying to be asked out. A girl is willing to simply take them out on a date. Stop giving excuses, man up, and ask the girl out for coffee, lunch or even dinner. She might say no, but she might say yes. You might go on a second date, or you might not. You might end up with a girlfriend, or you might end up with a new friend.

As much as people complain about dating here, it’s a lot harder out in the real world. Don’t go your entire college career never having gone on a date. Man up, fellass. This girl wasn’t looking for a long-term boyfriend that would come through winter and ring-bear at the end of senior year. All she wanted was a date. I hope she gets one.

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Assistant
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

If Hillary had left Bill when he didn’t have sexual relations with that woman, I could have suggested a pretty good husband.

Buck in 1998, he was 51 years young, wealthy, and good-looking. He was a politically ambitious liberal. He and Hillary would have made great bedfellows.

Who is contestant number one? Willard Mitt Romney.

Of course, since 1998, a few things have changed. Today, Hillary and Mitt couldn’t be much farther apart. While Hillary whines about the “Republican attack machine,” Romney invokes “HillaryCare” as the best for the big book of universal health care plans that heMutles. But — at least, in political terms — Romney and Clinton would still look pretty good together.

After all, both would do just about anything to become president of the United States. And both are fighting back challenges from maverick, anti-establishment candidates with terrifically similar, disastrous, tactical maneuvering. It’s pretty easy to get the impression that Mitt continues to trot out whatever messengers he believes is most politically expedient at the time.

In Michigan, where he sounded almost Edwardsian as he asserted, “I’m going to fight for every single job. I’m going to rebuild the economy. I’m going to take burdens off the back of the auto industry.”

Please. As Romney asserted that he would “fight for every single job,” he blamed only higher emissions standards and government inspections instead of war.

Even her emotions seem disingenuous and calculated. She’s become notorious (thanks, of course, to Jon Stewart and YouTube) for an overdone laugh that suggests that she’s gained a reputation for embracing Romney-like cal- culative ness.

Does anybody doubt that Hillary would do anything to be president of the United States?

In their rhetorical Hillary stands for nothing and Mitt stands for everything. The Clinton campaign is like a high school cheerleader, seemingly to revel in the tautest and most popular slogan — she called it “the fun part” at a debate earlier this year. If Hillary’s the cheerleader, Mitt is the insecure kid who’s anything to be seen cool.

She rocks in being liked, no matter what he needs to do. Together, they reflect the worst in American politics.

If you get the kind of looseness with the facts that Senator Clinton’s displayed and you’re willing to say anything to get a political or tactical advantage — that erodes people’s trust in government.

“Makes them cynical. It’s part of the perpetual campaign that is how Washington so often operates these days and it keeps us from solving problems.”

There lies the problem with a Clinton candidacy. People are already convinced of Hillary as a do-say-anything tactician — her ideas are, by and large, discredited with vitriolic personal vilification. She is the best presidential primary has again revealed the Clinton penchant for shameless twisting of facts and phrases. It’s not, as some would have you believe, her experience that keeps her from being an effective candidate. It’s her reputation — long recognized by Republicans, and increasingly by Democrats — as someone who stands in a chauvinistic stance. Unless, of course, her opponent is Mitt Romney.

The truth is, there is a very specific difference between the two. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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You’re becoming a priest!"

He had been reading the Gospels.

Father Lou DelPra

"Faithpoint"

Thursday, January 24, 2008

The Gospels are not about keeping the status quo. We forget that they are almost as frequent as the Gospels. But perhaps we fail to acknowledge how difficult a reality this is. Most of us reasonably crave stability and predictability, including and especially in our relationships.

But the first pages of the Gospels serve as fair warning that all bets about predictable outcomes are off. In them we hear the story of the baptism of Jesus, during which the heavens open, the Spirit descend upon him. And I did not know him."

"What is John talking about? How can be possibly say he does not know Jesus? Of course John knew him. In fact, outside of Mary and Joseph, maybe nobody knew Jesus, and all that Jesus was to become, better than his cousin, John the Baptist.

For this reason John was born to prepare the way of the Lord. It was John who jumped in Elizabeth’s womb when Mary arrived pregnant with Jesus. (So John knew Jesus before Jesus knew John.) It was John who pointed to his disciples, while Jesus was but a silhouette in the morning horizon. "There is the one we have been waiting for!" Yet, even the eruption of the awesome power of the Gospel into John’s life could not convince John occasionally to overcome: "I did not really know him."

Think about any significant relationship you are in, or have been in. The deeper the relationship, the better. Think about how the relationship first began. The other person was interesting to you in some way. And so you began to spend time together — all the while coming to know the other person more fully. If so, you could imagine that perhaps come close to being able to say: "I know you. I’ve come to know who you are." You come to know their family. Their most deeply held convictions. What they think about God. Where their wounds and sorrows are. It’s one of the most beautiful things we experience as humans—to come to know another person like this.

And then, one day—it happens. The person you know, almost inexplicably, does something, says something, implies something, and you stop dead in your tracks, and say, "Where did that come from?"

Sometimes, it’s a good change the person surprises us with. Sometimes, it’s a hurtful change. Sometimes, it’s a sudden change. Sometimes, the change has been developing for months or even years, and finally one day, it becomes manifest.

And sometimes, the person you are watching all this happen to is you.

So, such moments, we must admit, are often threatening, for we prefer security and comfort. But John challenges us, as people of faith, to realize that grace is constantly transforming each one of us— including our best friends, our roommates, the people we encounter so frequently that it becomes hard to see them anew—into new creations.

Each one of us lives under a sky that is continually opening above us, trying to persuade us of our deepest identity: "You are my beloved child." This is no small calling. It has the power to carry us down paths of freedom and challenge that we have not imagined. So be generous— with yourself and others. Who knows where Jesus is leading you and them?

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CONTRACEPTION DOESN'T EQUAL ABDUCTION

First, I’d like to say that the Catholic Church promotes using family planning as a method of birth control acknowledging that a couple is still open to life. How is that any different from other forms of birth control? I’m not saying it justifies abortion, but what I am saying is that currently, couples do decide when to create life and when not to. By being absentminded, you are deciding not to create life, and even having sex while using any form of contraception, the possibility of life is always there. So say, "If you claim the right to decide when life begins you will predictably claim the right to decide when it ends, as in abortion and euthanasia," is still just “predictably.” It doesn’t mean someone is right to make such a jump, but we also live in a world where we mix pro-life with anti-abortion. Pro-life is pro-helping foster children, anti-death penalty, pro-improving the adoption system, pro-economic justice, and pro-social justice.

The truth is that our world is becoming increasingly small due to improvements in health care and technology. One result is that you can not tell everyone to just pop out kids all the time because then you’d only have kids five percent of the time. That, however, deprives us of our sexual being, and in fact, simplifying sexuality down to sex to down to reproduction deprives us of our sexual being.

Did God not create the clitoris? Does sex not feel great? Is there no pleasure involved? Well, there is, and to deny that the importance of pleasure in building a relationship with another person and God is to deny a piece of us that is God-given. Contraception only ignores, literally, God’s way of doing things for the betterment of life. Now, abortion, that clearly ends life, and I am anti-abortion due to abortion being done out of love for our neighbors as Jesus loves his neighbors. The point I’m trying to make is that the Catholic Church could do a world of good if it considered just for a moment that contraception doesn’t equal abortion. Their form of contraception, family planning, has the same results as others—that it prevents pregnancy from occurring more than the time—but people can still get pregnant.

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In this year's film festival, the students “threw everything in the film” because they wanted to make sure their films were as creative as possible, according to Mandell. Additionally, it’s an opportunity for the filmmakers to see their own work in front of an audience.

Ring By Spring

The films range from the humorous to the dramatic, and some have sparked controversy throughout the years. Mandell remembers one such controversial film, entitled “The Woman’s Guide to the Penis,” which featured a significant amount of male nudity. The film was usually made, he said, but not everyone in the audience warmed to the content.

The film festival usually features a few Notre Dame-themed films that reflect on various aspects of life at Notre Dame. “If it’s a good film and it has an ND flavor, it makes it so much more exciting,” Mandell said.

In this year’s Notre Dame-themed films, focus on the “Ring by Spring” tradition, an obsession with the class ring and a wedding ring. The film was smartly made, he said, but not every­one in the audience warmed to the content.

The festival encountered some odd marketing gimmicks, including a likable street corner dancer dressed like Uncle Sam, whose friendly wave and infectious smile turns a mundane job into a daily public performance.

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“My Dinner With Zibby” (Nich DeCapio, John Lowe, Doxtader)

A young woman searches for the key to bringing back her dear friend.

“LuvPod” (Bill DiPiero, Michael Holman)

A stolen iPod leads to a wacky, not-so-chance encounter.

“The White Tree” (Mark Weber, Julian Owyong)

“A racist high school clique confronts the new kid in town.”

“Banana Who?” (Justin Mack, Jake Grishaw)

Orange you glad this guy’s not your roommate?

“Weak” (Matt Degnan, Brian Dostaler)

A cup of coffee and a mysterious female fatale launch a nightmarish nightmare for a street businessman.

“The Deal” (Hank Vogel)

A rubber deal goes foul in this quick-witted shortie.

“The Reimann Hypothesis” (Dan Milan, Josh Talley)

A troubled high school teacher gets a surprise from a not-so-privileged pupil.

“The Smoke of Torment” (Ian Cutney, Joe Piarulli)

Apparitions and revelations haunt a young man during his daily trip to school.

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FILM FESTIVAL SPOTLIGHT

By TAE ANDREWS
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"A Convenient Truth," Rama Gottumukkala and Dan Moore

Why document when you can "mockument?"

"A Convenient Truth" was actually not our first attempt at a documentary," Rama Gottumukkala said.

Working alongside his friend and fellow filmmakers Dan Moore, Gottumukkala — a former Observer assistant managing editor — and company had originally planned on shooting an "art imitating art" project centered on the work of local South Bend filmmakers, both amateur and professional. When that idea fell through, the Gott Moore? duo began scrambling for a replacement.

In a polar opposite to Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth," a sobering documentary about the damaging effects of global warming, "A Convenient Truth" takes quite a different angle.

"What really sold us on the basic premise was稿的第一段

"Wake Up," Brian Doxtader and Matt Degnan

Appropriately enough, Brian Doxtader and Matt Degnan's stark and dark film noir, "Wake Up," revolves around a cup of coffee. That, and a plot including a femme fatale and black-and-white film — two staple features of the genre.

Degnan brooked up the original idea for "Wake Up."

"He had the basic premise in mind and we sort of took it from there," said Doxtader, a former Observer Scene editor. "I've always loved film noir as a genre and was really enthused about the possibility of making one, which was really helpful and creative."

Degnan and Doxtader collaborated on the script, which consists almost entirely of action given that "Wake Up" is silent film. Degnan then created a storyboard from Doxtader's shot list.

One of the most defining features of film noir as a genre is its distinctive look.

Doxtader said the experience of planning, shooting and editing a film helped shed some light on the challenges of the film industry, for good and for bad.

"You are essentially your own writer, director, cinematographer and editor, and that allowed us to fully control every aspect of the process," he said, although he also noted that assistance from classmates helped him complete his film.

"One thing that's really great about the FTT department's approach to production is that it is extremely hands-on and collaborative. Everyone worked on everyone else's picture, which allowed us to really gel a feel for filmmaking. Thefact that all the members of the class were really helpful and creative."
Belles come up short to conference rival Calvin

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI
Sports Writer

Despite another solid night from their starters, the Belles’ recent luck in close games finally ran out as they fell on the road at Calvin 66-62.

Saint Mary’s (8-5, 4-4 MIAA) came into Wednesday night’s game in Grand Rapids riding a two-game conference winning streak. In both games, the Belles trailed by double-digits for a significant period but managed to create some energy against the Moravian in the first half and stay within 10 points with five minutes left, perked up by Delanois’s three-pointer from long range.

Saint Mary’s scored the opening basket of the game and never trailed. The Belles, on the other hand, were 5-of-22 from the field in the first half, including 3-of-16 from three-point territory.

In the second half, the Belles found some momentum, closing the gap to within 50-46 on a three-pointer by sophomore guard Maricia Harris with just over six minutes remaining. Harris’s basket was one of four in the second half for the Belles, on six-of-12 attempts overall.

Saint Mary’s senior guard Allison Kessler capped off a 20-point night by hitting two free-throws with 1.11 left to close the deficit to 63-46. It looked like Saint Mary’s might pull out yet another close win.

But Calvin junior guard Marcia Harris had other plans. Harris’s two free-throws with four seconds left iced the game for Calvin and prolonged the Belles’ eleven-year drought against the Knights.

Saint Mary’s squared off against the team that beat them in last season’s first round of the MIAA Tournament. The Belles’ defense also had a relatively successful night, Harris, who finished with 23 points, was the only Knight to score in double figures.

Saint Mary’s will look to rebound from this loss when they host Hope Saturday afternoon at the Angela Athletic Center.

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Senior guard Allison Kessler looks for an open pass to her teammates during the Belles 82-68 win over Tri-State on Jan. 19.

NFL

Struggling Falcons select rookie as head coach

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Falcons have picked a rookie head coach to lead a struggling team that might benefit from a draft rookie replacement for Michael Vick.

Jacksonville defensive coordinator Mike Smith was offered the job by general manager Thomas Dimitroff, another rookie, and owner Arthur Blank, a person familiar with the search said Wednesday.

The person requested anonymity because contract talks between the Falcons and Smith had not been completed as of late Wednesday afternoon.

Smith’s hire is expected to be announced on Thursday.

Smith, the Jaguars’ defensive coordinator since 2003, had his second interview with the team Friday. He has never been an NFL head coach.

The Falcons were the only team in the NFL that had eight players leave via free agency this season, and they had the league’s 32nd-ranked defense.

Jacksonville hired defensive coordinator Eric Studesville as Smith’s replacement.

“I’ve played against his defense more than anybody in the world,” Leftwich said. “I did it every day in practice for four years. I think he’s a great guy for the job.”

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Byron Leftwich
Falcons quarterback

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“A lot of people might not know his name, but I’ve seen the work he puts in every game, how tough guys were so prepared on Sundays that they knew exactly what teams were going to do.”

Smith, a former defensive assistant with Baltimore, had the league’s No. 12 defense with Jacksonville this season after ranking second in 2006 and sixth in 2005.

Leftwich said Smith would do a great job because he understands the league and its practice plans.

“We always said Smitty would be a great head coach because the time he put in and the way he interacted with players and how seriously he took his job.”

Smith and Del Rio did not return phone messages on Wednesday.

The Falcons were mostly woeful in their 4-12 season, but most of the few bright spots were on defense, where Smith and coach Lovie Smith had several established or rising stars: John Abraham, Rod Coleman, Keith Brooking, DeAngelo Hall, Lawyer Milloy and Michael Vick.

Even before hiring Dimitroff, Blank’s search focused on defensive coaches. The Falcons may try to build a strong defense around those established players while rebuilding an offense devastated by the exit of Vick, the star quarterback who was the face of the franchise before his guilty plea to federal dogfighting charges.

Vick is serving a 23-month sentence. He is also under an indefinite suspension by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell.

A key early decision by Smith and Dimitroff will be whether to choose a new quarterback with the Falcons’ first pick, as high as No. 3 overall, in April’s NFL draft.

The Falcons tried three starting quarterbacks in 2007, but Leftwich, Joey Harrington and Chris Redman are not seen as long-term answers at the position.

The loss of Vick was too much for first-year coach Bobby Petrino to overcome. Petrino quit with a 3-10 record to take a job at Arkansas, leaving secondary coach Emmitt Thomas to finish out the 4-12 season as the interim head coach.

Smith will be Atlanta’s sixth coach since December 2003. Before Petrino quit, Dan Reeves and Jim Mora were fired. Wade Phillips and Thomas worked three games each as interim replacements.

Smith first interviewed with Blank before the Jaguars lost to the New England Patriots in a divisional playoff game. His second meeting with the team was his first opportunity to meet Dimitroff.

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**Around the Nation**

**Australian Open**

Switzerland's Roger Federer reacts while playing American James Blake in his men's singles quarterfinal match Wednesday at the Australian Open in Melbourne. Federer advances to the semifinals Friday.

**Federer joins young trio in Australian Semis**

Associated Press

**Melbourne** — It's fine for Roger Federer to talk about the tension and nerves players feel before a Grand Slam semifinal. He is about to play in his 15th in a row, after all.

But while it might reassure Novak Djokovic, to hear that the man he'll be facing in his first Australian Open semifinal experience some nerves too, he'd better be wary of the rhetoric.

"I remember when I made my first Grand Slam semifinals or my finals, I was so nervous," Federer said in an almost confusing tone, after beating James Blake 7-5, 7-6 (3), 6-4 on Wednesday. "Now it's been so many that it's almost become some sort of a routine. That's helped me a great deal being able to cope with those moments.

Federer has a brilliant conversion rate, reaching the last 10 Grand Slam finals and winning 12 of the last 18 dating to his first at Wimbledon in 2003.

The momentum and experience gives Federer the edge, he says. "Maybe they blink a little bit in those important moments, whereas maybe usually they wouldn't."

At 26, Federer is the oldest of the men's semifinalists, and will meet the youngest in 20-year-old Djokovic on Friday.

The third-ranked Djokovic beat No. 5 David Ferrer of Spain 6-0, 6-3, 7-5 to complete a run to the semifinals at all four majors.

Rafael Nadal, who will play unseeded Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the other semifinal, is the longest-serving No. 2 in tennis history, and he's only 21.

Nadal knows something about catching Federer on a bad day in a Grand Slam, though, after beating the Swiss star in the last two French Open finals.

Still, Federer prefers to see the No. 2 and No. 3 players as potential rivals at the end of each major.

"It's great that Rafa made it through, as well, with Novak. It's good for tennis," he said. "It's not just one guy, but it's a few guys now who have been playing very well."

"It's going to be interesting to see. I'm excited playing against Novak, no doubt."

Djokovic has two fellow Serbians in the women's semifinals.

No. 3 Jelena Jankovic ousted defending champion Serena Williams, and No. 4 Ana Ivanovic beat Venus Williams 7-6 (3), 6-4.

It's the second time in four majors that the Serbian trio has made it to the semis, repeating their run at the last French Open, and gives the end of the women's draw a distinctly eastern European accent.

**In Brief**

**Ravens hire Cam Cameron as new offensive coordinator**

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Cam Cameron, coming off a 1-15 season as head coach of the Dolphins, was hired Wednesday as offensive coordinator of the Baltimore Ravens.

Cameron, 46, was fired by Miami earlier this month. His only victory came against the Ravens. He's the first assistant hired by new Ravens coach John Harbaugh.

Cameron was the San Diego Chargers' offensive coordinator for five seasons before his one-year stint in Miami. In 2006, the Chargers led the NFL in scoring with 492 points. The Dolphins finished near the bottom of the league in yards and points last season, and Cameron was fired Jan. 2 by new Dolphins executives Bill Parcells and Jeff Ireland.

The Ravens went through several offensive coordinators under former coach Brian Billick, who was fired Dec. 31.

**Rockies give SS Tulowitzki six-year, $31 million deal**

DENVER — Troy Tulowitzki went into spring training last season just hoping to secure a spot on the Colorado Rockies' roster.

That won't be a concern this season. Tulowitzki and the NL champions finalized a $31 million, six-year contract on Wednesday that includes a club option for the 2014 season.

"It's surreal," Tulowitzki said. "It's awesome."

The 23-year-old short-fielding shortstop showed up for his news conference wearing a black suit, white shirt and purple tie, and was flanked by teammates Matt Holliday and Garrett Atkins.

Tulowitzki said he's just getting over the sting of being swept by the Boston Red Sox in the World Series. However, the team's success played a big role in committing to a long-term deal.

**Subpoena of former All-Star Knoblauch still not served**

WASHINGTON — Former major league pitcher Chuck Knoblauch had not been tracked down as of early Wednesday evening by federal marshals trying to serve him a subpoena from a House panel investigating steroids in baseball.

A committee staffer told The Associated Press that the person spoke on condition of anonymity because staffer were not authorized to make public comments on the matter.

Knoblauch, a four-time All-Star who played for the Yankees, Twins and Royals from 1991-02, originally was asked to appear Thursday for what was supposed to be the first of five depositions or transcribed interviews scheduled by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

Those sessions are in preparation for a hearing Feb. 13, when the witnesses are scheduled to include seven-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens.

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opponent's home venue. The result often is a contest against a lower
rejection team, commonly called a "body-bag game."

Notre Dame will have to schedule several "one-off" games to fulfill
Athletic Director Kevin White's goal of seven home games, four road
games and one neutral site game
each season.

"This is part of our commitment to play more games in South Bend," Heisler said.
This time, at least, Notre Dame jumped at the chance to play in
South Bend.

"Our football program and fans deserve this type of matchup," South Florida Athletic Director Doug Woolard said in a statement. "It fea­
tures one of the most storied pro­
gress in college football history against a young program that has risen to prominence at a record pace."

Besides South Florida's strong showing in the 2007 season, the
Bulls have a major recruiting advantage that should help them
build future competitive teams.

Central and south Florida are hotbeds of high school talent, and
the opportunity to play and live in the temperate climate of Tampa can
woo players averse to colder weath­
er.

The agreement between the two
schools appears to have been in
place for some time, but South
Florida and Notre Dame only openly
acknowledged it after the Tampa
Tribune's report. On Wednesday,
Heisler could not confirm the date of
the game because his files on Notre
Dame's future schedules were "in
boxes" stored away.

Still, neither side is rushing to sign
an official contract, which would
include all financial and broadcast
terms of the deal.

"We frankly have not been wor­
ried about signing contracts for a
game down the road to a great
extent because so many of the
media things and language in the
contract become [obsolete]," Heisler
said. "For instance, the creation of
the Big Ten Network and the Big
Ten's latest agreement with ABC,
ESPN and the Big Ten Network cre­
tains a whole new set of rules related
to footage, Web sites [and] coaches'
shows."

Heisler said the use of video on
new media platforms, which are
changing rapidly, creates a particu­
ar problem when trying to sign a
contract three years before a game.

"All that's just gotten way more
complicated. Web sites in particular
are a huge item to use of footage," Heisler said. "Part of this is getting
NBC involved on any of these rela­
tionships so that there's a complete
understanding of when an institu­
tion comes to South Bend what can
they do."

NBC owns the broadcast rights to
all Notre Dame home football
games.

As for the Big East, Heisler said
Notre Dame has yet to plan exactly
how it will fulfill its goal of playing
three teams each year.

"All that has not completely been
put in place," he said. ". . . I don't
know that there's a school in the
conference that we haven't had con­
versations with."

Notre Dame will have some
return games against Big East
opponents, but there are likely to be
more home-only games announced in
the future.

"We'll end up with some home­
and-home situations, but we can't
do that with everyone in the league
probably," Heisler said.

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Notre Dame begins its season Sunday with an exhibition at home against Robert Morris. The Irish will open the regular-season Feb. 16 at Loyola.

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before I got back, he used to stand up in the bathtub," Appleby said. "Watching him grow up in pictures sucked more than anything. Those were days when we had mail calls, and I used to hate it."

He talked to Betsy on the phone as often as he could, and she put up pictures of their son on MySpace for him to see. He also found a better way to keep track of his beloved Notre Dame hockey team than just watching the GameTracker that he said "sucked, it was so slow."

Appleby had conversations with Irish players Dave Brown, Dan VeNard, Christian Hanson and more on AOL. Instant Messenger. VeNard said over the summer Appleby asked him how their lifts and training were going.

"I'd ask him about, not necessarily the details, but getting an understanding of what he's doing over there," VeNard said. "We talked a lot about where he'd come home and stuff, looking forward to the future and stuff.

"It was a nice relationship we developed." Hanson said he didn't know Appleby was going to Iraq. but one day Appleby sent him a message explaining who he was, that he was in Iraq and that he was a huge Irish hockey fan. The two talked about the season in general every week or two.

"It takes guts for him to go over and do what he did," Hanson said. "He left a wife and a newborn to go over and serve our country, and that takes guts.

Appleby even scheduled his rest and relaxation trip back to the U.S. to coincide with the senior game last February against Ferris State. He brought a MasterCard-style sign that read "Watching Dave Brown play hockey."

"After the game, Brown saw the sign and gave his stick to Appleby before talking and taking pictures with him.

"To have a fan that's as dedicated as we are to this team is incredible," VeNard said. "It's nice that we put on a good show for him, and for the few hours in the middle of the night over in Iraq, that he can just rest and have no worries about what else is going on."

**Discovering hockey**

Appleby didn't know that Notre Dame had a hockey team until a little more than two years ago.

He grew up with a love of everything Notre Dame in his hometown of New Castle, Ind., about 50 miles east of Indianapolis, but never had a chance to visit campus. He attended Vincennes University after high school and met his future wife, Betsy, who was a student at Indiana University-South Bend.

"I told [Betsy] that if she ever took me to see Notre Dame, I'd marry her," Appleby said. Betsy Appleby took Kory to visit campus in December 2004, and Kory was true to his word. He discovered another important part of his life that day, however.

The couple was visiting the merchandise store attached to the hockey dome when Kory heard the banging sticks and pucks of the practice going on nearby. Intrigued by what was going on, he stayed for practice and talked to backup goalie Rory Walsh.

"It's a sport that you can actually get into as a fan," Appleby said. "I know [Irish coach Jeff Jackson] encourages fans to hit the glass if an opponent gets smashed into it. That makes it kind of fun, the atmosphere of it. The guys, while they might be by four or five goals or whatever, they're still going to come out and talk to you and sign autographs."

By the middle of that 2002-06 season, he and his wife were season ticket holders and have been since. They brought signs to the senior game at the end of that season with "Rey for President" written on them that they smuggled past the turnstile attendants and usher.

When he flashed the sign to Walsh at the end of the game, the third-string goalie gave him his stick. The stick still hangs on a wall of his apartment, next to Brown's stick and other Notre Dame memorabilia that hockey and baseball players have given him or autographed for him. His son Keating's name was taken from the middle name of Irish relief pitcher Jedd Stewart, who he met at a baseball dinner during his weekend home from Iraq last year.

Appleby said he chose to make a sign for Walsh because no one knew who he was, which started a tradition, now in its third year, for Appleby and his wife to honor one player a season.

The year after, when he was in Iraq, Appleby said he decided to choose Brown because he wanted to stick with a goalie. This year, however, Appleby finished his tour in Iraq and made it back to Indiana on Sept. 26, a few weeks before the hockey season started.

**'Venard Nation'**

With his player-selecting tradition, Appleby wanted to go back to its roots and choose a lesser-known player. He picked senior defenseman and alternate captain Rory Walsh and out of the lineup with injuries over his career. To honor VeNard, Appleby made navy blue banded sweaters for himself and his wife that say "VeNard Nation" on the front with a monogram ND. The back read, "He'll puck you up."

"Betsy Appleby came up with the design, and the two wear them in their season ticket seats along the glass if an opponent gets smashed into it. That makes it kind of fun, the atmosphere of it. The guys, while they might be by four or five goals or whatever, they're still going to come out and talk to you and sign autographs."

"I think it's hilarious, it is a riot," VeNard said. "The whole thing is a joke because you could do a sweatshirt of Mark [Van Guilder] or Brock [Bshon], the little more high-profile guys. Doing a plug myself, it's pretty funny."

Appleby gave the sweater to VeNard during the season kickoff dinner. When he did, Hanson joked that maybe people did love VeNard after all.

Appleby and his wife wait after home games this year to talk to VeNard, his parents and all the other Irish players. When he was in Iraq, the players would make a trip to Iraq, risking his life for something.

"We're just out here playing a game and having fun in college, and this guy's over there fighting a war in Iraq, risking his life for ours," Hanson said. "It means something."

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United States Army soldier Kory Appleby salutes a commanding officer during a tour of duty in Ramadi, Iraq.**
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13 Afternoon fare
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15 Powerful friend
16 Construction beam
17 "Timex" or "star Ven
18 Bun packed by a mountain climber
19 "I can’t believe it Deutsch. In a German lunch...
20 I got locked out of my room... the R.A. bits back
21 Silly whistler
22 Heh...
23 Baking powder
24 One leg day
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30 "Timecop" star
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33 Baker’s dozen, the
34 One singing woman
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36 End of some addresses
37 PaellaOs
38 Fare entertainer
39 Some wide
40 Rolled the dice
41 Renaissance Down
42 Faustian agreement
43 Earnings
44 "It’s just a test word?"
45 Exclamation at the end of some
46 "I can’t believe it Deutsch. In a German lunch...
47 "I can’t believe it Deutsch. In a German lunch...
48 Journal (legal periodical)
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60 No forwarding needed
61 Device for rotating an item’s free
62 Unbelievable partner
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Down
1 sheet
2 Jacopo
3 Has no number
4 Miracle on 34th Street name
5 Engage in a bit of smartplay
6 Chopsticks, e.g.
7 ... it’s gloves catch a mouse
8 Tha Dophine
9 "It’s Caro"
singer, 1959
10 Provided unbeatable service
11 Swig
12 Duchofs, or Smith of the W.B.A.
13 Afternoon fare
14 Sleep
15 Powerful friend
16 Construction beam
17 "Timex" or "star Ven
18 Bun packed by a mountain climber

WILL SHORTZ

Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Tim Allen, 51; Nicholas Cage, 45; Minka Kelly, 34; Tia Mowry-Hardrict, 34. Happy Birthday: Things will start to fall into place and you will begin to realize what you want out of life. Everything is starting to make sense now. You can now say goodbye and the build up of the past can put to an end. You can turn past mistakes into future gains. Your numbers are 8, 14, 21, 26, 29, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Onala show whatever it is in order to top your life. Love is in the air and travel, entertainment and trying new things should all be fine for you. An emotional issue can be dealt with in the next few weeks. 3 stars

TIGER (April 20-May 20): Think before you do or say anything that may hang in the future. It won’t be worth it to let your emotional lead the way. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): This is your day to accomplish no matter whether it is at home, work or in school. So pick up the slack and get ahead. In the end you will feel better, do better and position yourself for success. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stick to what you know and never want you to do. You have to be true to yourself if you are going to do a good job. You may like things to remain the same but it is good to be open-minded. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Freedom and starting a new job can be made but only if you take care of your own money transactions. Nothing is likely to get done if you don’t do it yourself. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will come up with some interesting concepts that are going to draw attention. You will be positioned well for making money or getting your plans onto. Your energy and the things you do will lead to your success. 5 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don’t do too much because you don’t want to hurt someone’s feelings. Do what’s best. Focus on taking charge, moving forward fast and putting whatever needs to be done before your. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): Emotional matters will rise to the surface, so deal with them head-on. This can be a particularly passionate time for you if you address personal issues and build a solid and secure love-long relationship. 3 stars

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**FOOTBALL**

Team adds Big East’s South Florida to 2011 schedule

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

The Bulls will run in South Bend in 2011.

Notre Dame and South Florida have agreed to play a game at Notre Dame Stadium that fall, a decision that will help Notre Dame fill its goal of seven home games.

South Florida, a member of the Big East Conference, stunned college football observers this season with a strong start to the season, including wins over Auburn and West Virginia. The Bulls, who ran a run-first spread offense, climbed as high as No. 2 in the Associated Press poll before finishing the season 9-4 with a loss to Oregon in the Sun Bowl. Heidel said the game is not necessarily part of Notre Dame’s plan to play three Big East teams each year. There will be no return trip to Tampa, but South Florida officials expressed great pleasure in having the opportunity to play at Notre Dame Stadium.

“I’m humbled and excited about adding Notre Dame to our schedule,” South Florida coach Jim Leavitt said in a statement. “Games like this are what you work so hard for; they help further the image of this program and they present a great opportunity for our fans and players.”

Traditional powerhouse teams often have trouble scheduling home games against quality opponents without agreeing to a game at the other school’s home site.

**HOCKEY**

National Guardsman supported team while posted in Ramadi, Iraq

By KYLIE CASSELY
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Kory Appleby woke up before dawn in the desert around Ramadi, Iraq, almost every day, Saturday and Sunday last winter.

The 21-year-old 50-caliber machine gunner in the Indiana National Guard sacrificed rest in between two to five days in the troubled capital of the Al-Anbar province to power up his computer at 4 a.m. In only a few hours, Appleby would have to get back to fighting a war, but sitting in front of the computer, he could forget about Iraq and the pain of having to leave his wife and newborn son.

Appleby followed every Notre Dame hockey game except one last season live on the play-by-play GameTracker, not caring about the eight-hour time difference between Ramadi and South Bend. He called his wife, Betsy, who sat in the front row next to the Irish bench every game, for the starting lineups before he settled in to watch the game statistics flash onto his computer screen.

“It gave you a break. You do your job everyday, you see stuff that is just ridiculous,” Appleby said. “You see Humvees being blown up and parts of Humvees that have been blown up. That was your time to get away.”

Shipping off

Appleby shipped to Iraq on Oct. 1, 2006 for a one-year tour of duty. His son, Keating, was born on the same day, but his military duty prevented him from being there.

“I missed the birth of my little boy. He started taking his steps in front of the computer,” Appleby said in a statement. “Games like this are what you work so hard for; they help further the image of this program and they present a great opportunity for our fans and players.”

**MEN’S LACROSSE**

Squad looks to build on last season’s success

By MICHAEL BRYAN
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Returning most of the starters on a powerful offense and the toughest defense in program history, Notre Dame will try to use its mix of talent and experience to make another championship run this season.

The Irish return seven starters from last year’s 11-4 campaign. After losing three of its first five games last season, Notre Dame finished strong—non-conference opponents, Notre Dame reeled off eight straight wins to close the regular season.

The streak included a perfect 5-0 record in Great Western Lacrosse League tournaments, earning the Irish their 10th GWLL title. The Irish advanced to the NCAA Tournament with a No. 8 ranking, but fell in overtime to eventual national champions Johns Hopkins in the first round.

Notre Dame enters the season with high expectations, ranked fifth in the Lacrosse Magazine preseason poll.

“Our guys have very high aspirations,” Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. “We return a lot of experience on a strong offense and defense.”

Returning in net for the Irish is senior captain Joey Kemp, a preseason All-American selection and the 2007 GWLL player of the year. A four-year starter for Notre Dame, Kemp has a 26-11 record and 7.43 goals-against average for his career.

Senior Sean Dougherty, another preseason All-American, anchors an Irish defense that gave up a program-best 6.66 goals per game last season.

Two-sport athlete Will Yeatman, the 2007 LaxPower rookie of the year, will return as the leader of a young Irish attack. Yeatman, who also plays tight end on the football team, led Notre Dame in points as a freshman with 21

**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Irish set to tank their roots

Hoopsters looking forward to Ireland trip this summer

By CHRIS HINE
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Part of being an athlete at Notre Dame means sacrificing the possibility of spending a semester abroad, but this August, coach Mike Brey will give his squad a taste of overseas travel when it heads to Ireland to participate in the Inaugural Emerald Hoops Program.

The Irish will compete in a tournament Aug. 13-25 against the national teams from Ireland and Poland while the coaching staff will take part in clinics set up by the Basketball Federation of Ireland, which developed the program. Under NCAA rules, each program is permitted to take one foreign trip every four years.

“We were in the rotation for a foreign tour and we said, ‘Where do we want to go?’” Brey said. “To me, always, the Fighting Irish and Ireland was a natural fit and it just so happened the Basketball Federation was looking to kick off a few things with this event.”

For some on the team, like junior forward Zach Hillesland, the trip represents the first opportunity in their lives to know their roots.

“Coach Brey was like, ‘You guys are probably going to be like rock stars over there,’ and I think we’ll get a lot of that with (junior guard) Kyle (McAlarney) with that Irish name, and overall it should be a good experience,” Hillesland said.

McAlarney, who felt the need to clarify that he is of Irish descent, said he was excited to explore Ireland in his spare time.

“I just want to walk around, enjoy the sights. I heard it’s beautiful over there,” McAlarney said. “Eat some Irish food, visit some Catholic churches, and take the time out to just enjoy it.”

Brey said he also wants the